

Dair House Newsletter

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to find new things to occupy your family time?

After the Prime Minister's announcement on Wednesday that schools won't return fully until after 8th March, I have to say that I was very disappointed. It is clear that the children need to be in school for so many more reasons other than their learning. Whilst another five weeks of remote learning and key worker care is not ideal, we need to dig deep, re-focus and think how best we can tackle these tricky weeks. To help, I have found three quotes which may provide some inspiration:

'We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope'- Martin Luther King.

'Learn from yesterday; live for today; hope for tomorrow'. - Albert Einstein.

'People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing everyday'- Winnie the Pooh.

Last week I wrote about participating in the RSPB Birdwatch weekend from 29th January to 31st January. This week I received my pack through the post and I must say I am looking forward to sitting in my garden, counting and observing.

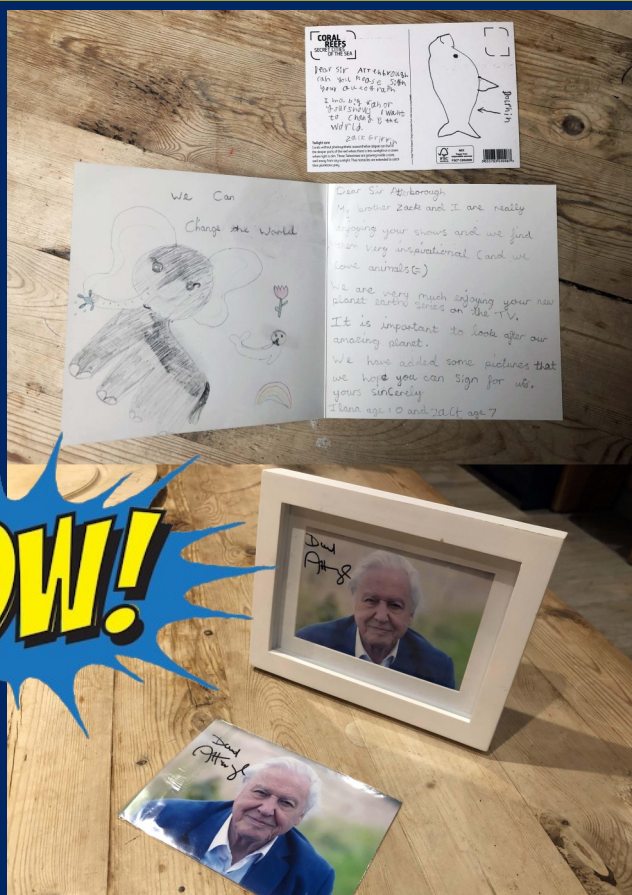
I also mentioned that the snowdrops are coming up here at school. I can now add the positive news that the birds are doing their thing as the dawn chorus once again serenaded me on my walk to my car.

As I am writing this on Thursday, I am very optimistic that tomorrow we will all have brought some colours to our days by dressing as brightly as possible for our google meets! It is just good to bring a bit of cheer to us all at the moment.

Last weekend brought lots of smiles to all of our faces as the snow which fell was perfect for snowperson building and snow balls! This weekend also brings a bit more happiness for my family as my 92 year old mother will receive her first vaccination. The sooner people are vaccinated, the sooner life will return to normal and school will start properly again.

Please keep to the rules and inform us immediately about any health issues related to Covid 19.

With best wishes,



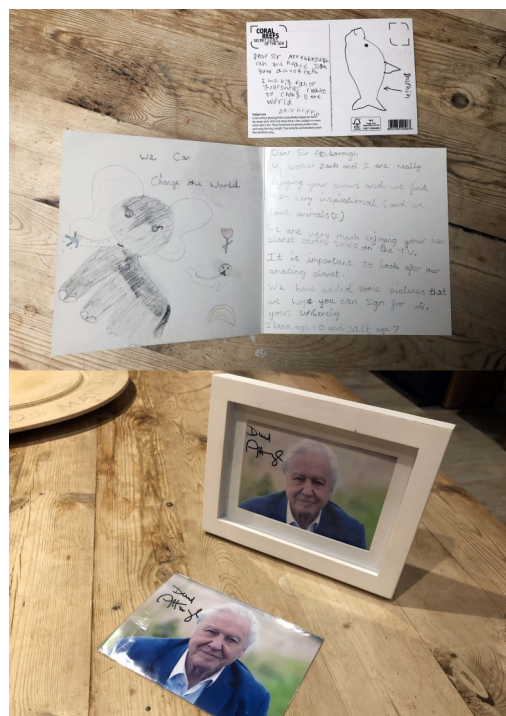
Keep going.



A message from Sir David Attenborough

You may have spotted on the picture page a photograph of Sir David Attenborough. Ilana and Zack were both delighted to receive a signed photo back from our national treasure earlier this week, after sending him cards of appreciation a couple weeks ago.

This is certainly something to treasure Ilana and Zack!



1st—St David

2nd—St Andrew

3rd — St Patrick

4th— St George

This week the
Kindness Cup goes
to...

Deeyan



Deeyan in Year 6 has shown great kindness and leadership at School. She did this by encouraging all the children in the group to build a snowman. She allocated jobs and praised each child for the great job that they were doing. on the computer.

PTA Update

Dear Parents,

We are working hard on bringing you some fun events soon. Watch this space!

Best wishes,

The PTA



Our Talented Children

Rosie in Year 2 wrote a fantastic story called "Bubbles" after Mrs Woodhall set her the task of listening to the story, then re-creating it. Mrs Woodhall said "She has used fantastic description and retold the whole story completely and also shown great skills using the 2Create program. Well done Rosie!"

Year 6 have been producing some incredible work this week on animals and their habitats.

Xavi, Year 6 produced a great piece of work on 'How have animals adapted' which gave us some great information on how Leopard Seals, Orcas, Krill and Emperor Penguins have all adapted to certain environments.

Deeyan Year 6 created a colourful presentation on 'Desert Animals'. This showed us different habitats, eats, lifespan and adaptations. How cool!

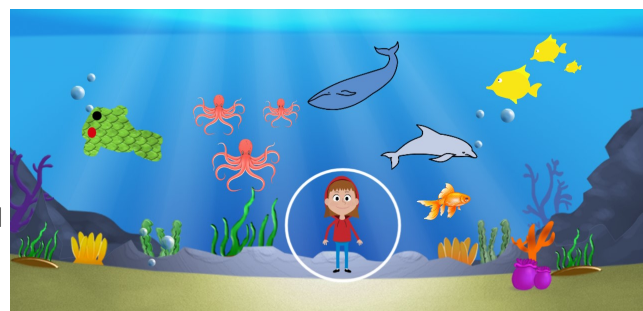
Uma in Year 6 created a great piece on 'The Camel'. There was a very descriptive diagram and detailed facts on the adaptation and habitat. It was very easy and clear to read.

Saasha Year 6 produced a presentation on 'Polar Animals- How have they adapted to their environment?' Her presentation was very professional, clear to read and interesting.

Year 3 have been learning about Golf and Miss Miall set them the task of completing their own trick shot at home and wow you did not disappoint! You can see here a few still shots of Year 3 and their super cool set up at home.

Outside of School Georgie in Year 2 was awarded 'Star of the Week' in her tap/modern dance class last week. Georgie's teacher has praised her for doing so well and dancing so beautifully!

Well done everyone- you have been amazing, keep it up!



When she went down in a bubble under the water and saw loads of pretty fishes!

Animal	Adaptation	How does this help them survive?
Emperor penguin	A thick layer of blubber to keep them warm in the water.	They don't have to hide from wolves so keep warm.
Seal	big to keep them safe from other seals. They have a sun pale and chatch food.	Seals have to swim fast for food.
Krill	Small so penguins can't see them.	It's hard to pretend to be them so they get eaten.
Leopard penguin	big back to keep them safe from other seals and to chatch food.	They have a back to chatch food.

Fennec fox

Habitat: deserts in Morocco, Algeria and northern Sudan.

Eats: small mammals, lizards, birds, eggs, insects and plants. It is an omnivore.

Life span: can live up to 11 years.

Adaptations: The huge ears help pick up the sound of insects scurrying. Is a light colour to stop the heat.

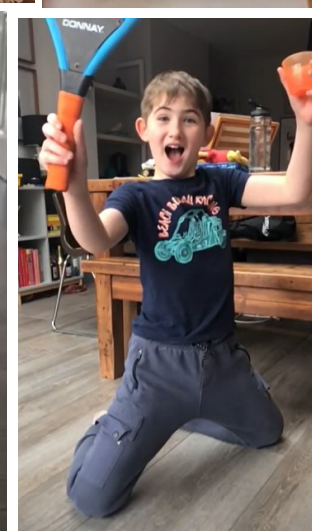
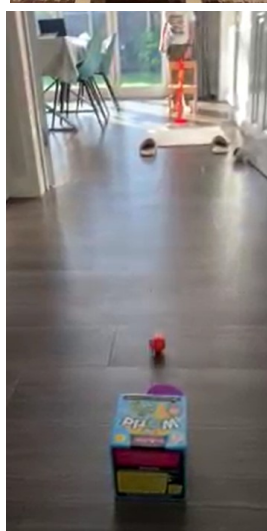
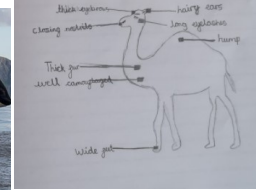


WELL DONE!



Orca

- Thick layer of blubber to keep them warm while swimming in freezing water.
- Streamline shaped body for swimming.



Thank you for your Feedback

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“Thank you once again for the weekly newsletter.
I do enjoy keeping up to date with school life. Looking back I have been associated with Dair House for forty three years. During those years there have been many changes and hurdles to overcome. However I feel the last year has been the greatest challenge of all. I am so thankful and proud of Mr Wintle and his team you are all doing a magnificent job!”

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-School Governor



Miles for Miall

Miss Miall has been counting up all of your miles that you and your family have racked up over the last week.

Well done to St David House for walking 267.3 miles... you are already approaching Paris.

Collectively as a School we are in Italy. In the words of Miss Miall “That is MEGA!”

This could all change though, keep up that walking!



	GRAND TOTAL (miles)
St David	267.3
St Andrew	228
St George	203.6
St Patrick	154.4