

Dair House Newsletter

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Just a reminder...

- ◆ Please notify the school of any Covid test results.
- ◆ Take regular breaks from the computer.
- ◆ Always call us if there is anything we can help with.
- ◆ Keep going— you are doing great!



Head's Welcome



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed contributing to the RSPB Birdwatch last weekend? I saw a black bird, three sparrows and ten sea gulls in my mother's back garden in the allotted one hour. I do remember that song thrushes were far more common in my childhood. I heard an interesting fact on the radio about birds: 70% of all the birds in the world are chickens!

So, with the days noticeably lengthening by the end of this month, the sunset will be at 5.41pm which is very exciting as we all benefit greatly from vitamin D.

Sadly, Capt Sir Tom Moore died this week. We prayed for him in assembly and thanked God for all his efforts and the positive impact he had on our lives last year. Not only did his amazing efforts raise £33million for NHS charities, but also his words helped us to remain positive during the first lockdown.

Of course we all know his most memorable advice, but I thought it would be good to repeat it here: **'Tomorrow will be a better day.'** We can all take great inspiration from the fact that Capt Sir Tom Moore was in his hundredth year when he undertook this amazing feat!

And so, with the children, parents and staff showing great strength of character during this long period

of remote learning, the rainbow day last Friday brought some much needed colour to us all. It was great to see so many cheerful and colourful adults and children online, I know everyone in school laughed and smiled more during the day. Perhaps we will try another easy theme day next week?



I will leave you with one final quote from Capt Tom which I hope will come true for us both literally and metaphorically: **'The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'**

With best wishes,



Our Talented Children

This week, Reception have been drawing some fantastic pictures of minibeasts, along with learning their shapes, drawing ladybird doubles and understanding parts of the snail. Mrs Haward was so proud at the standard of work coming from her class.

Year 2 have been busy producing some fantastic work too. They have drawn up some great family trees and made bird feeders. Panos also wrote a page on 'Ornithologists' - great work Year 2!

Year 5 have done some amazing presentations on 'Countries of the British Empire' There was some super detailed work here with interesting facts and well written paragraphs.

Across the School there has been great progress in ICT. Year 6 have been making their own games this half term and have made fantastic progress! A few to name are Timur, Zak and Uma.

Similarly, to Year 6, Year 5 have also been looking at making their own games. Last week they focused on de-bugging a piece of code. Fantastic work to Kai who was the first to solve the problem!

In Year 4, we were creating a short piece of code which causes a reaction whenever we click on it. Well done Year 4 !

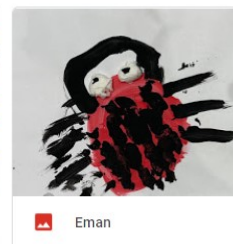
Well done to Year 3, who have started making their code for a reaction monitor! Good job!

Other outstanding pieces of work include a great piece from Deeyan on 'Jane Goodall', Sophie and Uma's piece on 'Underwater' and Deeyan, Hannah and Lucas showed us some wonderful examples of the style of poetry that they have been learning about. The amount of effort and time that they put into these is superb. Well done to Katie in Year 6 too as she completed two pieces of history work lately, when she only had to complete one.

Well done everyone– you are all working so hard!



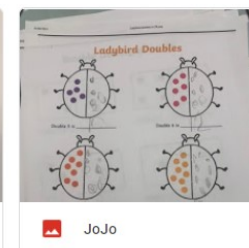
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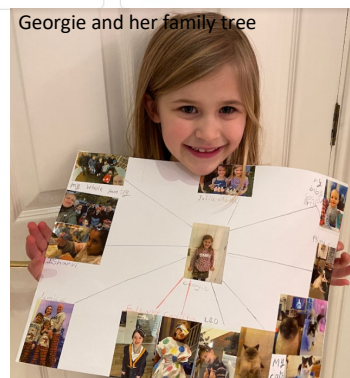


Liyaa



JoJo

George and her family tree



Finding nemo edition

Clown fish known as NEMO

- Clown fish are a sub family made up of 21 different species. Their most distinctive traits are their orange bodies, three white bands with a black outline and black tips around the fins.
- They are small animals.
- Clownfish are hermaphrodites.
- A clownfish is born male and has the ability to change into a female.

Dory: blue tangs

Blue tangs are small fish native to coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific. The animals are easy to spot thanks to their characteristically vibrant colorations of royal blue and canary yellow. The blue tang's notorious color patterns are not as reliable as you might think. Juvenile blue tangs are bright yellow, for instance.



Sophie and Uma's work



Deeyan's work

This week the Kindness Cup goes to...

Maisie

Maisie in Year 5 is always extremely caring towards her friends. This week she has ensured they call all log in to their computer programmes and helped with passwords.

Well done Maisie!



Focus on Nursery

Every single day we welcome a group of smiley children that are always excited to come to Nursery. Here are a few pictures of the exciting things they have been up to lately.



PTA Update

Dear Parents,

We are keen to bring in some fun activities before the Easter break and are planning a Easter fun week for the children, including an Easter egg hunt, fun kids virtual show and an online quiz for the children. We also plan to put on a couple of activities for the adults including a virtual games show.

We will follow up with updates on the details soon

Best

The PTA

