



Ellingham Primary School

29th April 2020

Celebrating our Ellingham Community

We may not all be together, however, we remain united as a school and we want to continue to use our newsletter in this time as a means of celebrating our community and sharing messages. We are so proud to be part of Ellingham and we are loving seeing your home-learning. Please remember to share your work with us. If you can't share via Google Classroom, please use the year group email addresses to communicate and let teachers know how you are getting on. Teachers will respond to emails and interactions on Google Classroom during their working hours so please help to manage this by communicating during working hours. We look forward to seeing your amazing home-learning examples!

VE Day Celebrations

The 8th May 2020 marks 75 years since the fighting ended in Europe during the Second World War: this day is known as Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) and the May bank holiday was moved to this day in order for us to celebrate it. Unfortunately, we can't celebrate in the usual way but we would like to make this historic topic our theme for this coming week 4th - 8th May to mark the occasion. It is particularly relevant for the time we find ourselves in as we can see many similarities between experiences 75 years ago and today: thankful for heroes who protect our safety.

Usually marked with street parties celebrating freedom and flags raised in memory of those who protected our safety, this national day will be celebrated differently this year. Although we understandably cannot come together to celebrate in street parties as have happened previously, we do come together as a community to learn, remember and give thanks.

Ellingham teachers have created themed learning opportunities across the curriculum which can be found on google classrooms or requested in paper copy from the school.

To mark the occasion in an extra special way, Ellingham staff and other local key workers, have come together virtually and created a video to express our sentiments. To commemorate the day further, we want to invite all pupils to email the school office a photograph of their art challenge (to create a red, white and blue thank you picture), which will be collated to make a pupil video of remembrance and thanks. Please email completed pictures by **Wednesday 7th May**.

We'll meet again, we know where, we don't know when. But we know we'll meet again some sunny day... whilst we cannot continue our pupils learning together in school, we thank our families for continued support in home learning.



Competition Winners!

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Key Stage art competitions. Early Years and Key Stage One were set the challenge of creating a poster honouring our wonderful NHS, whilst KS2 were tasked with designing a board game which incorporated multiplication facts. I am delighted to share the winning entries below. We are aware that these pictures don't show off the fantastic work as well as we would like, so please keep an eye on the newsletter where we will share a selection of competition entries. All winners should look out for a book-based prize which will be winging its way to you shortly!



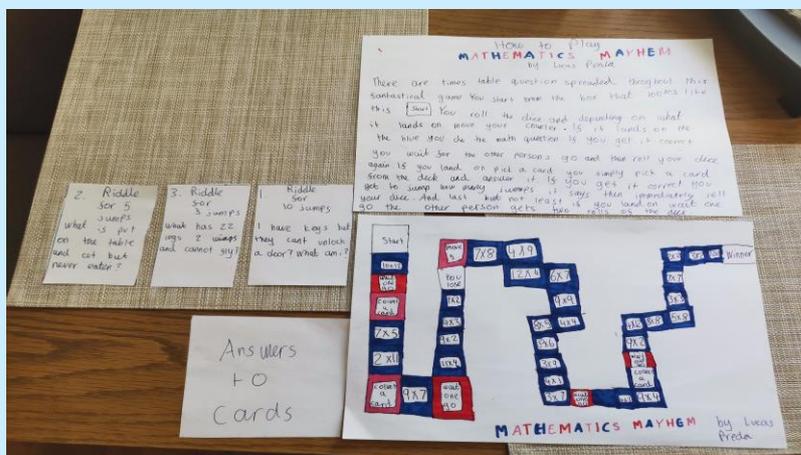
EYFS:

Well done to Amelie in Owl Class. What a bright and positive message of thanks to the NHS!



KS1:

We love the way Connie in Year 2 has combined words, pictures and colours in her celebration of the NHS.



KS2:

Well done to Lucas P in year 6. His game not only relies on good knowledge of multiplication facts, but also encourages fitness!

Useful websites and info:

Achieving for Children - The AfCinfo website is being constantly updated with information and resources to support children, young people and families during the Coronavirus pandemic: www.afcinfo.org.uk/kr-covid19

Local Support Services - Kingston and Richmond Councils have dedicated sections on their websites about services to support local people. They are also issuing regular email newsletters which you can subscribe to:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200287/health_and_wellbeing/1748/covid-19_coronavirus/2

Guidance on use of A and E - Please see the attached poster