

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

I hope that you are all safe and well and have managed another good week at home. We have now been in lockdown for 6 weeks! The same amount of time that we would be on our school summer holidays – in fact longer than we had off last summer. Isn't that crazy?!



I don't know about you, but I have found that time has been a very strange phenomenon during lockdown. On one hand it seems that we have been doing this forever and on the other hand, the days fly by and before I know it another teatime has come around! I think that because everyday has followed a very similar pattern for a long time now, time passes differently.

This week we launched OCJS's new way of completing some work using the online forms created by your teachers. How have you found this way of working? I hope you liked it and all the tasks that your teachers set you. I know that they have been thrilled to receive work back from you and have really enjoyed thinking about setting you fun tasks to keep you busy and get you thinking. Well done to all of you for having a go and trying your best. We are so proud of you for working hard and adapting to different ways of learning – you are doing a fabulous job. Next week there will be new tasks set for you on the website, in your class folders. Have a go and submit your work online to your teachers. I know they will be eager to see what you can do.



We have also added some new material to the website for you this week which you may like to look at and try. Miss Cooper is going to be coming up with regular Art and DT tasks for you to make at home and a Lego challenge too! For those of you who like getting creative these will be brilliant fun. There are two tasks already on the website for you. Miss Norton and Miss Emrick have been working on some PSHE and Citizenship tasks for you. The Citizenship tasks are already on the website and there are some great ideas about how you can

contribute to your communities, families and the environment. The PSHE tasks will be coming soon – so please keep checking the website and watch this space!

On the subject of you all being fantastic – I stumbled upon this quote this week, while having a look through Twitter. Every Thursday the country claps for all our NHS staff and keyworkers and rightly so. It is a weekly coming together of communities to show our gratitude and respect for all of those people working so hard to keep us safe, well and the country running. But... what about you? You – the children of the country are heroes too.

Shout out to the KIDS.

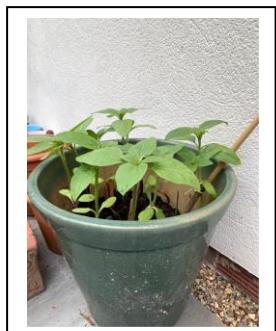
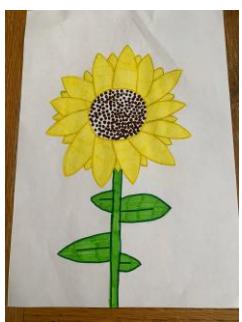
Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All these rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

I think this sums up how I feel about how you are all managing this time. You are resilient, strong and brave. You are dealing with everyday as it comes and managing it so well. So I think we need a clap for all of you too. Next week when we clap on a Thursday evening – let's add you into the people who need to be applauded because you are all heroes in my eyes and I know your parents, carers and teachers would all agree with me.

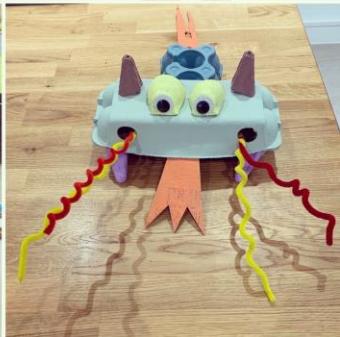
Has anyone made a picture of a sunflower and put it into their window yet? Daisy drew one this week and posted it in her bedroom window. So far we haven't had any sunflowers seeds put in our post box but I'd love to hear



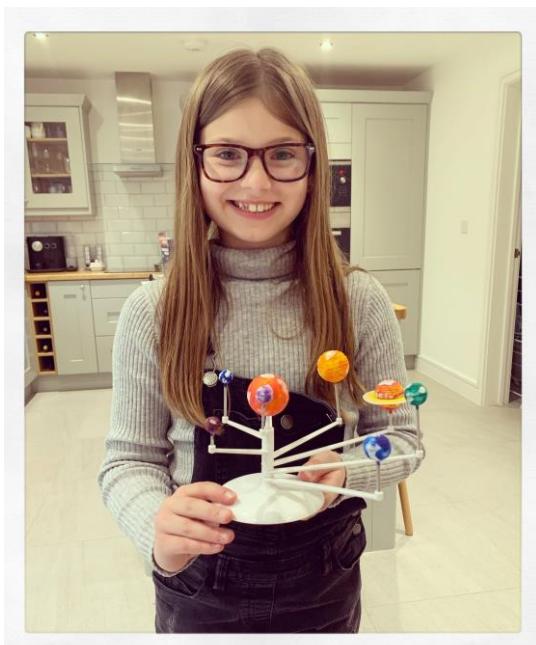
from you if you have! Maybe next week we will get lucky and someone from the Emergency Services will spot Daisy's? I'll let you know next week.



This week Daisy and Freddie have been very creative. Freddie was set a task from his teacher to make an Egg Box Dragon – it is a character from a book that his class are reading. This is his effort – it took ages and involved a lot of paint and glue but I think he's done a very good job!



For Christmas Daisy received a lovely make your own Solar System kit from her Grandparents. It has finished off her project all about space very nicely and because she is older than Freddie – it was a lot less messy too!



I have had a very busy work week this week. Just like you are having to adapt to a totally different way of learning, your teachers and I are having to adapt to a totally different way of working. I'm spending a lot of time working on my laptop. So much screen time can make your head feel quite funny so in order to make sure that I come away from my laptop and screens, I try to have little breaks. It might just be a walk in the garden, making a cup of coffee, or a change of scenery looking outside for a moment. This week I was looking out of my bedroom window and I noticed this...



A rainbow on my hand! Rainbows have come to represent so much in this time and just for a moment, I had my very own – how lucky was that? It made me smile and I thought you'd like to see it.

So as another week comes to an end I want you to all remember...



I hope you have a fun weekend and manage to make it feel different to the week days. Have a lie in, stay in your pjs until midday, step away from the school work and try to rest, relax and have fun. Stay safe and take care everyone.

Mrs Connelly