

OLD CATTON NEWSLETTER



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Dear Children,

I hope that you have all had a great week, either in school, at home or a bit of both! Once again we are so proud of you for working so hard and for managing the new ways we are teaching you. We know that it's not easy but I do think that the more you engage with the live lessons and the work submissions, the easier it will all become. Mastering something new takes practice so the best way to feel more confident is to keep trying and you will then start to understand it more and find that it becomes your new normal.

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Even though we didn't have snow last week, it was so icy and cold at the weekend, which made it difficult to get out for a long walk. Daisy and Freddie were disappointed that they couldn't build another snowman and weren't delighted by the idea of me making them walk miles in the freezing temperatures so instead we compromised and went for a short walk before baking! Freddie wanted to make a Victoria sponge cake, Daisy wanted to bake cookies and we also made some sausage rolls.



Once we started we couldn't stop – we have been able to enjoy all the goodies we made during the week. Daisy and Freddie were both brilliant in the kitchen. They can follow the recipes pretty much independently now and just need me or Rob to be on hand for the tricky bits and to make sure they are safe with the cooker. They did really well and everything they made was delicious! I wonder if you have been baking at home? If you have I'd love to see your creations. You can always send in a photo of what you've been up to so that we can see.



Online Safety Competition

As part of our focus on online safety, we would like you all to take part in an online safety superhero competition for primary schools. Over the next few weeks your teachers will be delivering a live lesson, as part of your timetabled online lessons, linked to the competition. They will then show you how to take part and enter the competition.

The project is being run by the Breck Foundation and a chance for us to re-visit work we have done and



continue to do on keeping safe online. This is more important than ever at the moment as you are all sending so much time using your devices and accessing the internet.

The internet is an amazing resource but it is also important and necessary for you to understand the potential dangers that lurk in cyberspace.

You have until 30th March to send in your creations. There are two age categories: 4-7 and 8-11. There will be a national winner in each category, who will receive a £50 online voucher. The ultimate winning design will also be turned into the Breck Foundation's new mascot, to be featured in their presentations and communications across the UK.

We really hope that many of you will take the opportunity to enter the competition – imagine if someone from OCJS won – that would be so exciting! Please wait for your teachers to introduce the lesson to you and then get designing!

<https://www.breckfoundation.org/competition>



During this lockdown we wanted to keep our Stars of the Week going strong. You are all coming to your live lessons, submitting your work and some of you are coming to school and are present in the classrooms. It is

just as important as ever that we continue to recognise all your hard work and huge efforts. This week your teachers have been especially impressed by the following children:

Well done to all our amazing Stars of the Week!

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Ivor Teeuw

For working really hard when he is in school and at home. He has engaged in lessons enthusiastically and has a positive attitude. He has done some lovely pieces of writing full of great ideas, as well as wowing us with his artwork.

Emilia Bentley

For working really hard online and always making efforts to contribute to discussion. She has lots of thoughtful ideas and has handed in some great pieces of work. Keep up the good work!

3E

Daisy Rushton

For engaging with all the online lessons and producing a stunning standard of work day after day whilst working at home. Her work is thoughtful, neat and beautifully presented with lots of detail and finishing touches.

Genevieve Block

For superb behaviour working in school. She has a positive attitude and works hard. She makes positive contributions in lessons and produces beautiful, carefully presented work. Her smile brightens up the classroom!

4C

Miri Wiltshire

For your positive attitude towards all of your lessons this week. Particularly in maths where you have worked to a consistently high standard and encouraged others.

Willow Gent

For engaging and contributing in all of your online learning this week. Especially the answers you have been providing in maths which have encouraged discussion in class and online.

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Charlotte Day

Charlotte has impressed me immensely with the incredible effort she has been putting into her English work. Every single piece has been completed to an extremely high standard and her attention to detail is phenomenal. It has been great to see Charlotte challenge herself every day! Well done!

Sabina Gherciu

Sabina's amazing positive attitude has ensured she has been a true delight to teach every day. She is exceptionally hard working and faces every challenge with a serene smile and fantastic desire to impress. Thank you for being a super star, Sabina!

5GS

Regan Rowell

For his wonderful poem based on Odysseus's trip to the Underworld. It was amazing and it helped the entire class to come together and make edits and

improvements - even though it was almost perfect to start with.

Lola Gilman

Lola has been giving her absolute all to every single maths session. She always comes back to the call for help if she needs it and challenges herself with trickier questions when she feels up to the task. It has been fantastic to see her striving to better herself every day. Keep it up!

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Kiera Sadd

Kiera has been working incredibly hard on every assignment. She has put her heart and soul into online learning and making great progress, especially in English.

Isobella Chapman

Isobella has been working so hard in Maths and although we've been covering fractions, decimals and percentages for the first time she hasn't let that stand in her way! Fantastic work!

6KR

Oresti Papa

For brilliant online learning submissions, each and every day. Oresti has gone above and beyond in his work and I am really proud of his accomplishments.

Elliot Curmi

For an excellent mood-contrasting poem in English. Elliot wrote with lots of description and created two brilliant atmospheres that really drew you in.

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Isaac Kiddell

For the fantastic work you have been submitting for your online learning tasks, especially in English. Your guided reading answers are well considered and Miss Richardson has been so impressed with your submissions. You are setting a brilliant example to other pupils, showing that online learning can be as great as the work you produce in school. Keep up the hard work Isaac.

Rufus Teeuw

For going above and beyond with the online learning tasks. Not only have you been contributing well to lessons and completing your work to a high standard, you have shown us your creativity and flair for film by creating some brilliant videos to extend your learning. Your lego animation of Kensuke's Kingdom was excellent and your public service broadcast for your Varmints work was fantastic. I've loved being able to see even more of your creative side, well done Rufus.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Connelly