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Dear all,

We all remain rightly concerned about the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation, and it is clear that this is the worst public health crisis for a generation. Our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has been decisive and has a clear plan, and at all stages we continue to be guided by the science. It is important that we do the right thing at the right time, and I do understand that this involves a degree of self-sacrifice on the part of each and every one of us.

The immediate challenge that faces all of us is that we must change and adapt to the circumstances of this virus and it is incumbent upon us all to keep up to date with the latest Government guidance.

Coronavirus will test our collective strength as individuals, as communities, and indeed as a nation, but it's important to work together, look out for each other and follow the guidance. We will get through this together.

I would particularly like to thank everyone who is working in our NHS and the incredible work they are doing on our behalf. At the same time I applaud our key workers in Pelsall and right across Aldridge-Brownhills who are keeping our essential services open. Also the staff of Ryders Hayes School whose work is helping to keep our key workers on the frontline.

Whilst we are still at the outset of this pandemic and there will be further difficult days ahead for the vast majority of us, the greatest contribution we can make to overcoming Coronavirus is to – Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives.

Yours,

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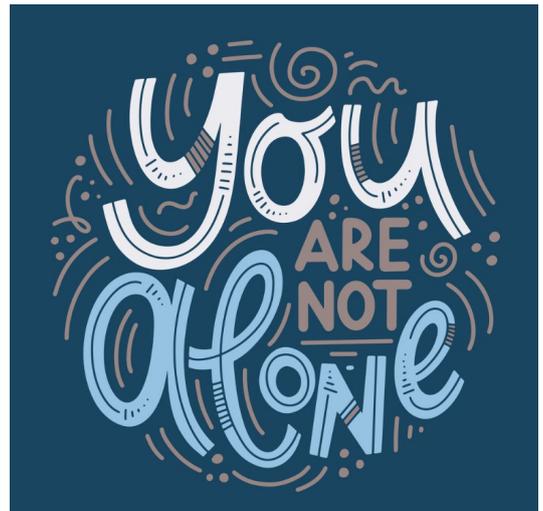
Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)



Every Mind Matters



<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more. There are simple things we can all do to look after our mental health and wellbeing – take our quiz to get started today with a free plan, expert advice and practical tips.

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Message from the Chair of Governors;

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. On behalf of the governing body, I want to say a big thank you for the way you have worked with our senior leaders, in order to ensure that we are all keeping safe in these very difficult times.

I am sure you will agree, having seen your comments, that as always our staff are highly professional, working under pressurised timelines, with daily advice updates to address, in order to ensure that all of your needs are met. I continue to thank them all for their hard work and dedication.

I understand that remote learning is working well alongside those children continuing to attend school. A big thank you also goes to our children who are working hard and we continue to be very proud of their work!

I have set up a 'Crisis Governor Group' in order to address our immediate duties and support fully senior leaders. All governors have been kept updated and continue to make offers of support. The Covid-19 folder on the school website is highly informative and will continue to be updated as needed.

I understand that many schools have already closed but as you would expect we are determined to keep our school open for as long as is possible.

It is great to see that all of us are showing our thanks for frontline workers who are putting themselves at risk each day, in order to protect the NHS and save lives!

Wishing you well over the Easter break.

Regards

Connie Beirne

Chair of Governors

Helping the local community:

Elsie and Albert's daily walk had a different approach last night., They decided they wanted to do a walking litter pick. Along the 2 miles they walked they collected 1 bin bag full of plastic and rubbish. That's Ryders Hayes Fields a little bit cleaner.

Well done and thank you!



A few SHOUT-OUTS

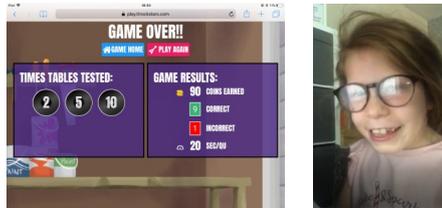
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Well done to everyone, from their teachers, who has been on Seesaw this week – so proud of each and everyone!

Mrs Salt: Louie for going above and beyond with his learning at home every day



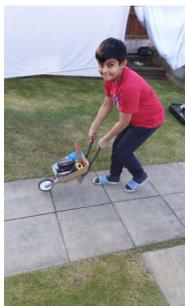
Mrs Pearce: I have to say that Ava has been a superstar this week. She has sent me emails this week of her writing full and complete sentences, practising her times tables and using Time Tables Rockstars as well as videoing herself practising her common exception words. This is all work she has completed in addition to those set by the teachers. Her video shows her trying hard, not giving up and having fun whilst learning.



Mrs Raxworthy-Cooper: Olivia for her DT creation and excellent work all round



Mrs Raxworthy-Cooper: Arjan for a fantastic wheelbarrow DT project.



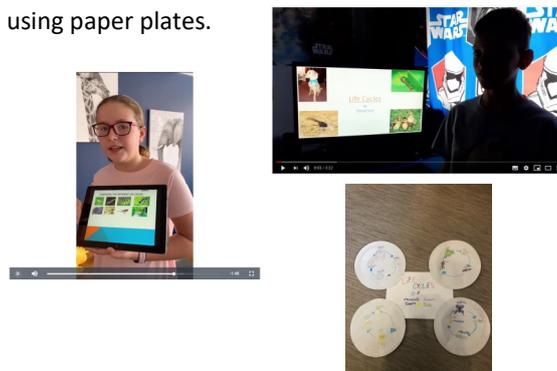
you're doing great!
I know you're trying very hard.



Keep up the good work!

Mrs Flynn: I would like to give a shout out to everyone in Year 5 who has undertaken research and created their own project that compares the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. They have all worked incredibly hard and should be extremely proud of themselves!

In particular, Thomas in 5S and Lucie in 5R for creating outstanding video presentations that show how well they have researched and compared - if only we could print the videos so you could all see! Also to Erin and Sophie in 5R for an innovative way of illustrating the similarities and differences using paper plates.



Mr Britton: Year 2 have created some wonderful Easter cards. They have thought carefully about how to show the true meaning of Easter and have decorated them with care. These are just some of our fantastic cards.



Mystery Star of the Year Group

Nursery



For super home learning and his 'Dinoschoolosaurus Land' he has created at home.



Reception



For being so creative and resourceful with her frog life cycle model.

Year 1



For going above and beyond during home learning this week, creating some fantastically creative projects.

Year 2



For her amazing home learning story about 'The Pirates Next Door'

Year 3



For putting in so much effort to all his home learning—a great role model as always!

Year 4



For giving his best in all areas of remote learning—what a great role model!

Year 5



For embracing home learning opportunities, excellent presentation of work and creative ways to keep busy (indoor golf!).

Year 6



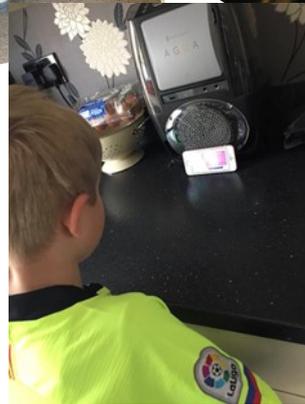
For completing fantastic work this week and his diary keeping—an honest reflection of what life is currently like!

Tuesday's Singing Assembly

14 Health Benefits of Singing



1. Reduces stress
2. Improves mood
3. Lowers blood pressure
4. Improves breathing
5. Reduces perceived pain
6. Boosts immune system
7. Improves sense of rhythm
8. Promotes learning in children
9. Forges comforting memories
10. Promotes communal bonding
11. Provides comfort
12. Motivates
13. Empowers people
14. Promotes well-being



..... the
only thing
 better than singing
 is
more singing
 Ella Fitzgerald



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Remember to tune in to 'TheSingingSchwartzes' YouTube channel every Tuesday in term time at 3pm

Life Skills

A selection of some of the cooking and baking that has been taking place by the children at home this week

“No one is born a great cook, one learns by doing.”
~ Julia Child



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