



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter

Thursday 7th May 2020



'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'

'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of governors: Mr Stephen Clancy

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr



House 'dojo' point totals

Week ending: 1st May 2020

St Matthew	St Mark	St Luke	St John
1006	1138	1007	1182

Highest totals in each year group

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4

Rosanna Ewan Hollie Isla.C Jessica

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4

Rosanna

Fletcher

Hollie

Leo

Jessica

Headteacher's Home Learning Award

Reception	Lili for working very hard on her Maths learning this week.
Year 1	Ewan for doing lots of reading at home!
Year 2	Molly for enjoying her learning so much and trying some really creative ideas to learn her phonics.
Year 3	Neve for enjoying this week's text and posting her work on see-saw including an excellent song she wrote herself.
Year 4	Jessica for continued hard work since the school closed.

Well done to you and families. Keep working hard everyone. Your teachers and I are very proud of you!





There are lots of ideas for you to celebrate VE day on our school website;

<https://www.stleonardsfirstschoolipstones.com/ve-day-celebrations>

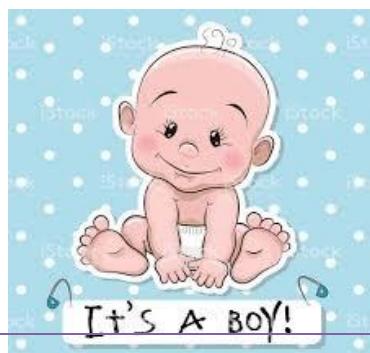
We would love to see your pictures of your VE day celebrations. Please feel free to send them in!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Hollie, Alfie and their family on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby boy.

Welcome to the world Oakley!



What is VE Day?

On 7th May 1945, after six long years of war, Germany surrendered to the Allies and the war in Europe was over. King George VI announced victory in Europe at 9pm over the radio and declared that the following day would be a national holiday. Many people didn't wait until the following day to begin celebrating! Street parties erupted all over London, church bells rang out all over the country, bonfires were lit and colourful bunting was strung up all over the streets as soon as the radio announcement was made!

The German surrender was not a surprise. People across Britain had been on standby waiting for the celebrations for some time. Winston Churchill himself had waited for assurances from the Ministry of Food that beer was in good supply before announcing the national holiday. Luckily for everyone, it was! Commemorative items were produced in time for the celebrations, including VE Day mugs.

On 8th May, huge crowds gathered in London as King George VI, Queen Elizabeth (our current Queen's mother) and Winston Churchill stood on the balcony of Buckingham Palace to wave and celebrate. The Royal Family came out to the balcony eight times during the day!



Princess Elizabeth (the current Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister, Princess Margaret, were allowed to wonder through the crowds incognito to enjoy the celebrations! Princess Elizabeth later remembered standing in the crowd shouting "We want the King!" with the excited crowd, describing it as "the most exciting night of [her] life." She said, "I remember lines of unknown people linking arms and walking down Whitehall, and all of us were swept along by tides of happiness and relief."

An estimated 50,000 people partied in Piccadilly Circus until late in the night! All across the county, pubs and dance halls extended their open hours later than normal.

St Paul's Cathedral in London held 10 services in a row to celebrate the peace. Each was attended by thousands of people.

Although the war against Germany had ended, the war against Japan went on until August that year. World War II wasn't finally over until 15th August 1945.

At 9pm the Queen will address the nation - at the same time as her father announced victory in Europe 75 years ago.



Year 4 transition

The year 4 transition packs have been sent out electronically to parents.

If you have any problems accessing it please let us know and Churnet View will send out a paper copy.

The completed packs can be posted directly to:

Churnet View Middle School,

Churnet View,

Leek,

Staffordshire

ST13 6PU

They can also be dropped off as the school is open for key worker children.

If we open before September you can of course bring in to St Leonard's and these will be passed on accordingly.

If we are not back before September the children can take their packs in to Churnet View with them when they start their new school.

If completing the data electronically please submit by May 22nd.

National Online Safety

How to maintain good mental health during isolation.

In times like these we can often forget how important it is to try to maintain our own happiness and wellbeing. It's not only important for ourselves, but also our family, friends, colleagues and many of those who depend on us.

Staying positive and trying to implement little things like physical exercise, a healthy diet or getting a good night's sleep can have big results. That's why we've created this guide to help everyone think about some positive steps they can take to establish and keep good mental wellbeing.

HOW TO MAINTAIN GOOD MENTAL WELLBEING DURING ISOLATION

TOP TIPS FOR ALL

- MINI SET & THOUGHTS**
- KEEP PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**
- GOOD QUALITY SLEEP**
- EAT WELL**
- ACCEPTING HELP**
- DOING GOOD DOES YOU GOOD**
- STAYING CONNECTED**
- MEET OUR EXPERT**

9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

- ACTIVITY PLANNING**
- WORRY TIME**
- TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS**
- THOUGHT CHALLENGING**
- BEST PRESENT**
- GOOD THINGS**
- THOUGHT TESTING**
- WELLBEING**
- IMAGERY**

On 25th May from 10.30am to 3.30pm "My mental health rocks" are hosting a wellbeing carnival for kids. The online carnival will be a day of activities, fun and laughter - all supporting the well-being of your family!

<https://www.mymentalhealthrocks.com/united-kingdom>

How to create a Covid-19 time capsule for kids

One day we'll look back in history on the coronavirus pandemic wondering what it was all about and how we filled those long lockdown days. Until then, why not pass some time by creating a COVID-19 time capsule with the kids.

Here's how ...

As we know, parenting involves a lot of challenges, but keeping the kids entertained during a national lockdown was one we never thought we'd have to face!

The coronavirus outbreak will go down not only in UK history, but the world's history, so why not get the kids to store their memories of it, ready for them and others to look back on one day?

Creating a COVID-19 time capsule will not only keep them busy, it's also a great way to collect bits and memorable things from this tricky time.

Then, stash it away somewhere safe or buried and when they're older, you can rediscover it and remember what lockdown was like all those years ago.

Ideas for what to put in a time capsule

The kids can include other items such as:

- Photos of what you all look like now.
- Photos of rainbow trails.
- Newspaper and magazine clippings of the biggest coronavirus stories and most memorable headlines, including the positive ones!
- Letters or cards they might've received from family members they haven't been able to see.
- A journal or diary, documenting their thoughts and feelings at the moment, including what they've been doing in homeschool and to have fun.
- A list of what their favourite things are at the time, such as their favourite food, colour, TV show or game.
- A note of who their best friends are at the moment and what they want to be when they're older.
- Painted handprints, a note of how tall they are and how old they are.

There are some free downloadable work sheets here;

<https://www.kiddycharts.com/printables/free-covid-19-time-capsule-worksheets/>

Happy birthday

Happy birthday to Rosanna who celebrated her birthday this week.

We hope you had a fabulous time!



Wonderful work

Here is what your children have been up to this week;

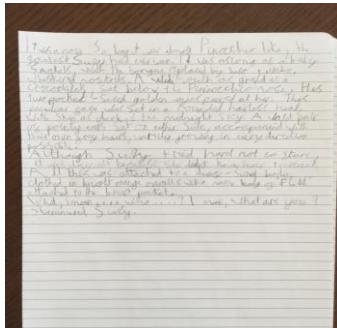
Poppy with her VE day flag and her diary of a Victorian child



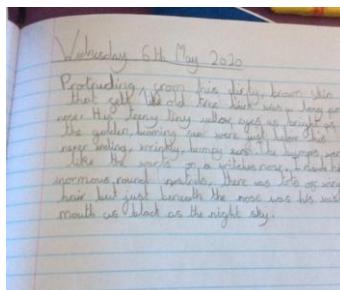
Jessica has done some science experiments using milk and food colouring, she has been planting vegetables, doing jigsaws with the one in the picture being Europe, going some lovely walks and decorated our drive for the NHS.



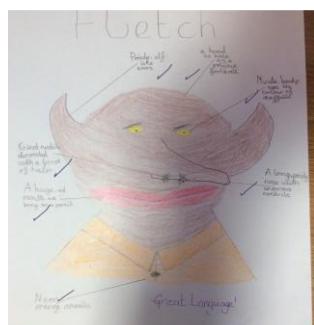
Lottie's description of Fletch from The Train to impossible Places.



Isla C's description of Fletch

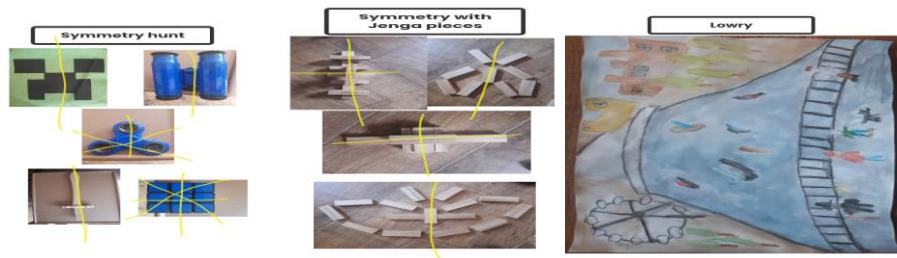


Aoife's drawing and language about a character from our class book.

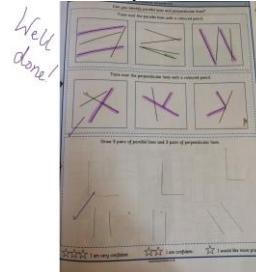


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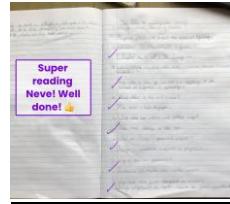
Leo's symmetry hunt and Lowry painting



Isla B's Maths work about parallel and perpendicular lines.



Neve's reading questions for The Train to Impossible Places.



Ewan and Brea's Lowry colours seascape art.



Jack and Alice's Lowry paintings



Henry, Oscar and Jack designed and built a bridge



Wonderful work continued;

Oscar's Lowry painting



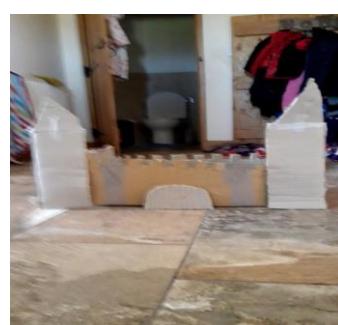
Ewan's outdoor maths



Vienna's map



Polly built a castle



Stay home, stay safe.

