

Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders: Check your email for updates from Mrs Humphriss and the school office.

Latest Government Advice: The current levels of lockdown have been extended until at least 8th May.

Only go outside for food, health reasons or to work if you cannot work from home.

Stay 2 metres away from other people. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Welcome to the month of May. How many of you got up early to see the sunrise this morning? It is a bit of a soggy start to a new month but vital for the plants and wildlife in our country. I think my ferns on my patio were beginning to think they had been forgotten. A bit of rain brings freshness and of course when the sun shines at the same time, a rainbow as a beacon of hope.

Yesterday I was able to finally get back to joining our keyworker children and it was lovely to see people and look at the great work that has been going on in our school garden. Thank you as well for all the bunting we have been receiving ready for VE day next Friday. We are looking forward to celebrating that in school with a tea party and can't wait to see all your celebrations too.

What amazing achievements there were for the 2.6 challenge last week. As a school we have raised at least £200 for local charities. Our community is certainly keeping their spirits up and joining in so many different initiatives. Keep sharing your stories with us.

Selected children joined me for my first live assembly on Monday. They were really excited and joined in our discussion on what our world will look like in the future and also had a good sing together. I received a few 10/10! Another live assembly will be planned soon. Y2 and Y6 have both held live class meetings this week and Miss Bradburn and I dropped into both to greet the children and see how they were going. The teaching assistants have really embraced this new technology and I know lots of reading sessions and group teaching sessions are now taking place. Having a bit of live chat time between the staff and the children has definitely lifted spirits and refocussed them on their distance learning. We hope this new approach to teaching is supporting you too with your home-schooling.

Did you sing happy birthday to Captain Tom yesterday? What an amazing achievement at 100 to raise so much money. It was also incredible to see the rows and rows of birthday cards. A truly inspirational human being.

Keep sending us your messages, telephoning us, emailing us. We love to hear from you and of course are here to help. Have a good weekend and when the sun shines get out into the fresh air.

REMEMBER:

'You are the gold at the end of the rainbow'

Keep safe and keep well.

Mrs Humphriss

Olympic Gardening

Our Keyworker children are rapidly becoming

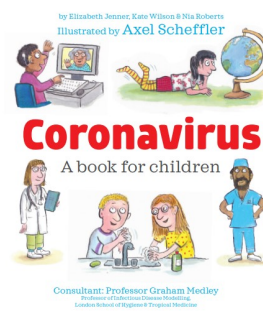
gardening experts! Lots of hard work going on preparing the school gardens with an Olympic theme.



Top Tips for Year 1 - from Miss White

It is a very strange time at the moment and I know a lot of us are missing the normality of life and seeing our friends and family. Here are some resources and tips that you may find useful:

- A book has been written to help explain to children what the coronavirus is. It is very child friendly and has been illustrated by Axel Scheffler.



- Every time your child thinks of an activity they miss write it down and put it in a special box for them to look forward to. When we are out of lockdown and you are able to your child can pick an activity out of the box to do.

- Have some fun and play silly games with your child. When our stress hormones go up, our oxytocin (feel good hormones) go down. To give ourselves a oxytocin boost give each other a hug, eat your favourite food, play your favourite upbeat songs and have a dance, or play a silly game like not showing your teeth while talking.

Home Learning with Reception



Parent Reminder

Please log on to eSchools each day so that you can keep up to date with work being set and communication from your child's teacher.

Upload some pictures of work they are doing and keep in contact via eSchools and the school office on admin2042@welearn365.com

Contact us if you need help or support with anything.

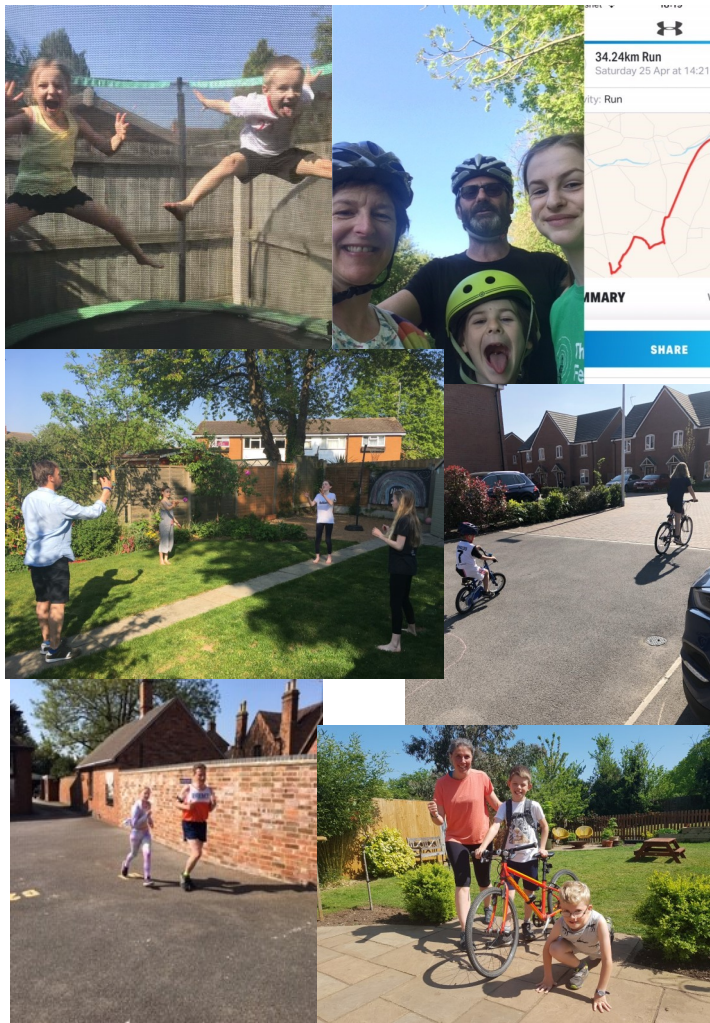
Year 1 Earth Day

Our new topic this half term is 'Our Endangered Earth' so we celebrated Earth Day (22nd April) with different activities about our planet and how we can help it. Miss White set a range of activities to choose from. We could create signs to help us to remember to turn the light off and to not leave the tap running, create a poster, make a 3D model of the Earth or having a go at baking a 'dirt' cake. One of the challenges was to change an invention to make it more eco-friendly. Kip's idea was to change a washing machine so that is powered by cycling and uses rain water, Sara changed plastic coffee pods to reusable pods, Cameron created a magna heat powered car and Ryan designed a mobile phone charger that uses solar power.

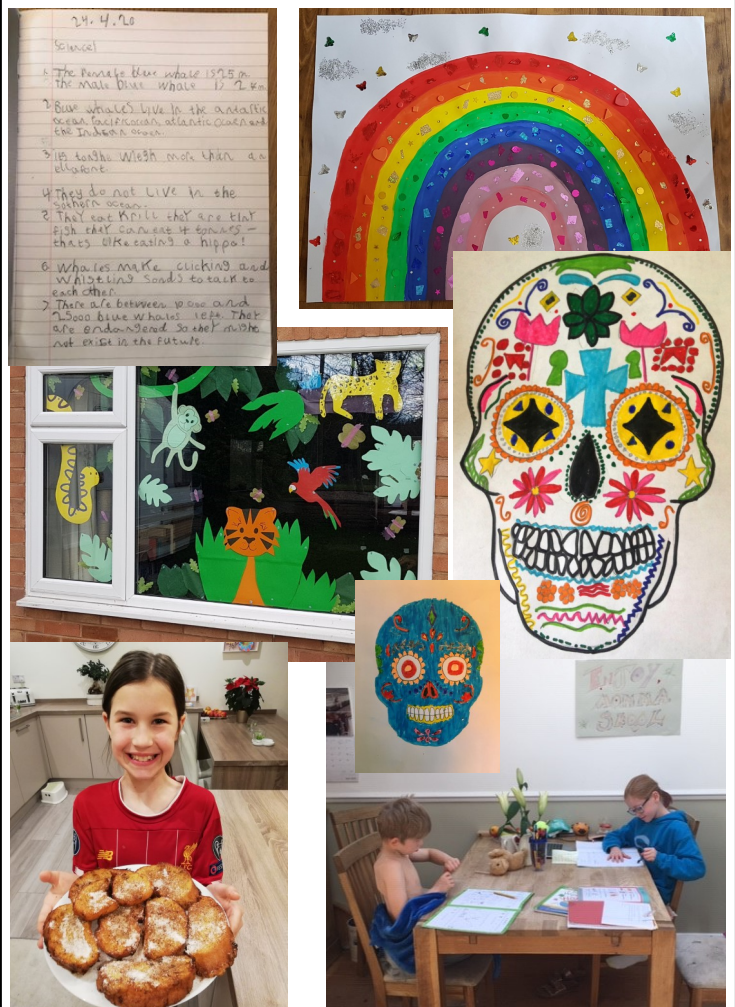


2.6 Challenge

It was great to see all the pictures coming through of our families taking part in the 2.6 challenge and raising money for charities.



Home Learning



Virtual Music Soiree

Today, 1st May, is the deadline to register interest for our virtual music soiree! Contact Miss Bradburn on bradburn.t@welearn365.com to sign up.