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THE SCOOP

lockdown

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



The latest news that we have is that schools will not be reopening before 8th March, but that we will be given 2 weeks notice when they are going to reopen so I will keep you all informed as soon as I have any further information.

Children's Mental Health Week is next week and comes at a vital time, I feel. Tonight Mrs Johanson and I will be attending (virtually) the Educate Award Ceremony as our school has been shortlisted in a group of 5 schools from across the North West for our work on Mental Health. This is an area which I am immensely proud of within our school. The opening of the 'Alice Nurture Hub', as soon as it is safe for us to do so, will be a fantastic asset and support for the school community and ably lead by Mrs Johanson enriches all of our school.

If you have not already done so, please watch my video for Wellbeing Wednesday - we understand the pressures that parents are under at the moment and wherever we can, we will support you, but please do not worry! There is already enough worry in the world at the moment - we don't want to add anymore!

Have a peaceful and safe weekend!
Mrs McKinnon x

TAKE A PEEK!

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Every week during 'lockdown', we will try to pick a pupil from every class who has been tremendous with their remote learning on Google Classroom. Here are this week's STARS...



CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays this week ...

Max (Y5)
Ava (Rec)
Ethan (Y5)



Nursery - James



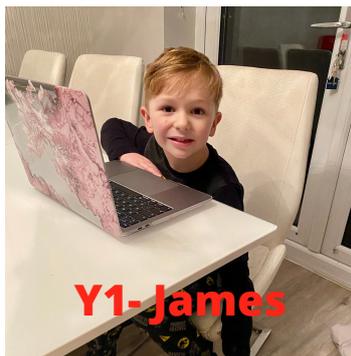
Y2 - Ava



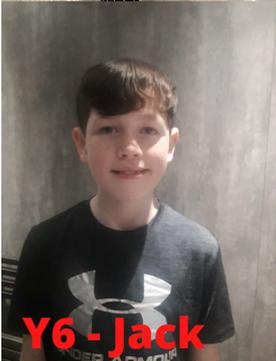
Ms Simpson is our Teacher Star of the Week for her shaving foam work this week and for being a superstar in supporting all of our teachers and pupils on Google Classroom!



Y3 - Archie



Y1- James



Y6 - Jack



Y5 - Amber



Reception - Oliver



Y4 - Sofia

KEYWORKER HUB

Please only use the Keyworker Hub if all adults in the house are critical/key workers and are working on that day/recovering from a night shift.

TT ROCKSTARS



WOW!!!! What a battle this week! We have a superstar in Year 6 who is a bit of a legend on TT Rockstars, but very late in the day, Alex (Y4) pipped him to the post! Well done to our top 5 - The Top 3 have certificates in the post and our winner will also receive an Amazon Giftcard!

A new KS2 tournament starts tomorrow!

REMOTE LEARNING

Staff will be available to answer queries and respond to learning on Google Classroom during their core hours of 9-3, but please bear in mind that they are in school half a day everyday so may not be able to respond immediately.

Marking is an area which is increasingly taking more and more time as children are engaging more and more - this is great but obviously if a teacher is trying to keep on top of the Hub in school, setting the work for pupils at home and marking every piece of work, then the task can become huge. Teachers this week are trialing a more selective approach to marking - they will still see every piece of work and if they feel that a child needs an individual response or guidance then this will continue. Otherwise whole class feedback may be given if appropriate. Please do not feel that if there is no response a teacher has not examined every piece of work. As we have stated previously, this is a learning curve for all of us.

It is great to see how you are all getting on at home so please do share photos with us for the newsletter - via Twitter or to the admin@ourladyofwalsinghamprimary.co.uk email address.

Thank you



THUNKS

From Y3 this week - Would you rather live underwater or in space?



Should people care more about doing the right thing, or doing things right?

Top 5:

Alex Y4	3995 pts
Siluan Y6	2782 pts
Jack Y6	1811 pts
Niall Y4	1747 pts
Thomas Cre Y6	1622 pts



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



5 Day Wellbeing Challenge



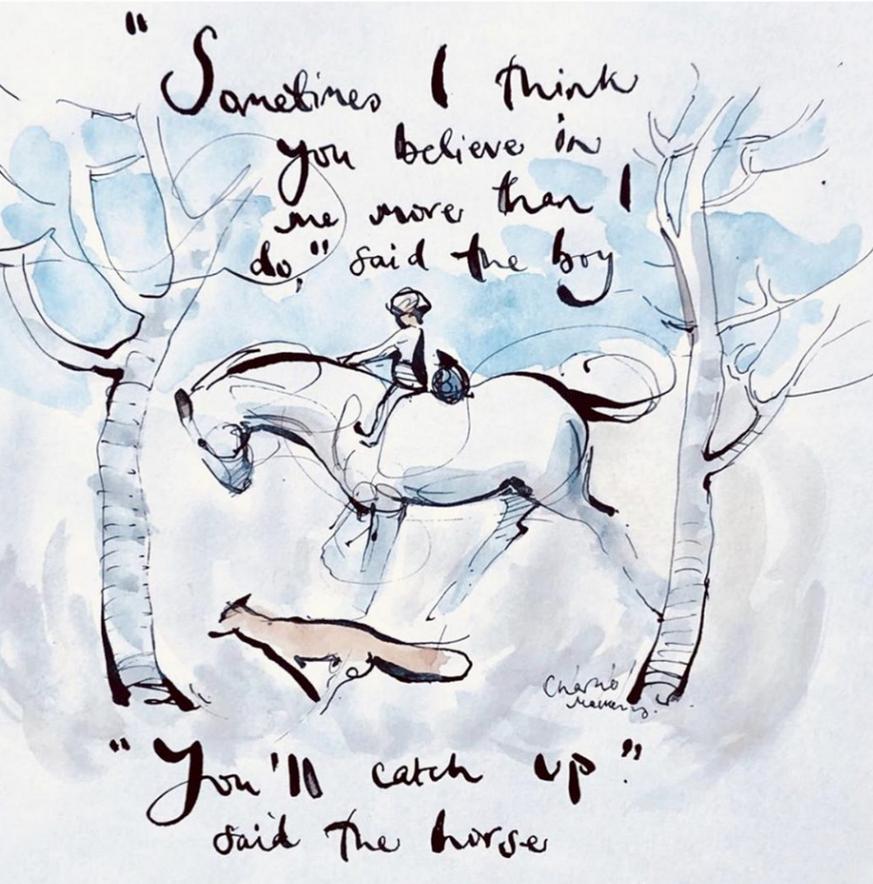
Next week is National Children's Mental Health Week so we are challenging everyone to find some space everyday - here is our 5 day wellbeing challenge. On Friday, if you would like to drop by for a drink and a chat outside on your walk, socially distanced, then please call the School Office by Wednesday to 'book in'.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Mindful colouring</p> <p>Find a quiet space, play relaxing music and unwind with some mindful colouring.</p>	<p>Notice nature</p> <p>Go for a walk or sit in your garden. Breathe in the fresh air, how does it feel on your skin? What do you smell, what do you hear and what do you see?</p>	<p>Mindful yoga</p> <p>De stress and stretch with cosmetic <u>kids</u> mindful yoga session.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/ho9uttOZdOQ</p>	<p>Create some calm</p> <p>Make time in your day to be calm and creative. Maybe paint a picture, build a Lego model or make some playdough.</p>	<p>Reconnect with others!</p> <p>Call or FaceTime a friend/loved one. Find a <u>comfy</u> place to sit, get a nice drink and make time to talk.</p>

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

Theme this week: Happiness

Book: Honestly, Red Riding Hood was Rotten!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Mark 1: 14-20 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Picture taken from the fantastic book: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy