



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

25th January 2021

We are so impressed with you all for the determined way you are getting stuck into the Home Schooling. We recognise how difficult it can be, what with juggling working from home, family life and teaching. So, we send you all a huge round of applause, a pat on the back and lots of encouragement to stick with it. We are determined to minimise the disruption to our children's education caused by this lock-down and make sure our children can continue to learn, make progress and feel they are still part of their classes. The Google Meets have been a really valuable addition to our lock-down offer this time, and it comes as no surprise the children look forward to these sessions. We, as teachers, do too: it is so important for us to have that face-to-

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face communication and for the children to be able to see all their classmates. So far, so good. Indeed, the quality of the work being submitted across the school has really been impressive. So, well done everyone—take a moment to congratulate yourselves. You really are all doing a wonderful job and we think you're marvelous.

All the staff would like to say a huge, "Thank you" for all their Christmas cards and presents. Your generous words and gifts were very gratefully received..

PE CHALLENGES

Did you know Miss Adamson set herself the challenge of running 100km in January? She is on course to manage it too. Well done Miss A! From next week, we will be joining her with a series of challenges set by Mr Taylor, including recording how far we can run, walk or cycle as a whole school.

Details to follow!

RSPB BIRDWATCH

The weekend of 29th—31st January is the annual RSPB Garden Birdwatch. We will be sending links to resources such as spotting guides so that you can take part.

CROSS-COUNTRY

You might be surprised to learn that inter-school competitions have continued this year, albeit in a virtual way. Happily, our KS2 children did really well in the cross-country running (running laps of the field). Infact, the Year 3/4s came third overall and the fastest five boys and girls all received bronze medals. Well done them!



Thank you so much to Christine Lindsey and friends from the village who have knitted fingerless gloves for the children in school. We love them!

CHRISTINGLE

Despite not being able to visit the church, our Christingle service was really quite lovely. Every child made a christingle, then we all joined together on the playground (in socially distant bubbles, of course) to light the candles. The children of Congo Class led us in prayers and shared the meaning of the service. Thank you to them. The money raised was sent to the Children's Society.



MUD KITCHEN

Thank you Mr Popaj, who has build a fantastic mud kitchen for the Early Years outside area. The children absolutely love it and are learning so much by rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in!



LEARNING CHARACTER OF THE WEEK:

THE CONNECTING SPIDER

The Connecting Spider makes links between the different things he has been learning. He brings what he has learnt before and in different lessons and places and joins it to what he is learning now. This helps solidify and embed his learning. Meaning-making is about how we make sense of things. It is about connecting one thing to another and seeing the relationships between ideas, concepts and information and experiences. The opposite of meaning-making is data accumulation – learning empty facts without understanding. Making meaning allows us to see the narrative in a set of events rather than processing fragments of information in a disconnected, piecemeal fashion.



RHS GARDENING AWARD

Well done Christine Lindsey, whose volunteering with the Gardening Club was recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society. We are grateful to her for the work she does directly with the children and the time she spends selling our produce to make more money each year for seeds and resources. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Well done for helping raise £112.35 by wearing your Christmas Jumpers to school. This money has been sent to Save the Children.

POPPY COLLECTION

Thank you for helping raise £195.77 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Our Value this term is : **JUSTICE**