



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

- Fri 26th March—
Development day—
school closed to pupils
- Mon 29th March—Fri
9th April—Easter
Break
- Mon 31st May—Fri
4th June—Half Term
- Fri 23rd July—
Development day—
school closed
- Mon 26th Jul—
Monday 30th Aug—
Summer break

More dates to follow

26th February 2021

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents,
I hope you had a lovely half-term and managed to get some rest away from having to support your children with their school work. The weather was a little disappointing but at least the news on Monday brought some hope and we are really looking forward to seeing the children back on Monday 8th. Please ensure, if you have not already done so, that you have read the letter sent out on Wednesday. This is also available to read on the website to refresh your minds of times and protocols etc. If you have children in different year groups and already had arrangements for drop off and collection times, these will remain the same. Please find attached an excellent resource to use to support your child with the return to school.

We are really excited about celebrating World Book Day next **Thursday, 4th March**. Miss Paterson has posted some ideas on the Google Classroom pages for this. For Years 1 to 6 your weekly class social meet will be on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday next week to enable you all to celebrate and wear your hats, masks, face paints etc. to celebrate books and reading. Children attending school can wear their outfits etc. to school for the day. Due to the change of class meet, my Headteacher catch up for Years 2 and Year 5 will be on Friday.

Message from Miss Paterson - ***'On Thursday, 4th March we will be celebrating World Book day. This year things will be a little bit different as we won't all be in school, so we have suggested some activities you may want to do in preparation for, or on, the day. These are all optional but we thought they might bring a bit of cheer to home learning! You may want to: 1: Dress up as your favourite book character, or paint your face, or make a hat to represent them. 2: Draw or make your favourite book character using arts and crafts materials. 3: Enter our Extreme Reading competition - send a photo of yourself reading in an unusual place or position by Wednesday 3rd March. Use your house or garden to take your photo. On World Book Day we will have a special google meeting at 2:15pm to share any of your costumes, hats, models, pictures and photographs, and talk about our favourite books and characters. We look forward to seeing your creations if you would like to take part!***

The children have also been invited to take part in a Easter card design competition 'What am I most looking forward to doing after Covid-19?' being run by the National Education Union (NEU), which they will be judging nationally.

'The virus has put our lives on hold for such a long time. It is now time to express our hopes and aspirations – however big or small. Hence the theme "What are we most looking forward to after Covid-19 concerns have been lifted?" We hope, as many students as possible will contribute and excite us with their imagination.'

Deadline: to arrive before midnight on Friday, 12th March

Task: Design an Easter card, answer the question: "What am I most looking forward to doing after Covid-19?" Designs should be A4 or A5 size and flat and could be coloured, painted or designed using a computer.

A winner and two runners-up will be picked from each of the 3 categories: Primary, Secondary and Special schools. Winners will have their entry printed, so they can send them to friends and family. They will also receive an Easter egg and a gift voucher and winning cards will be used by the local district of the National Education Union as their official Easter card.

If your child would like to take part in this competition please send their entry to school by the deadline of **Tuesday 9th March** so that they can then be sent on. Some of the teachers have already given me their designs so I look forward to seeing the children's and reading all the things they are looking forward to - good luck!

When you return to school on the 8th you will notice how the building work has developed since you were all last here! Please remember that on **Friday 26th March** school will be closed to pupils to enable us to complete our next move. Years 1, 2 and 3 will be returning to the main building to their lovely new classrooms and the Reception class, Years 4 and 5 will be moving out to the mobiles with Year 6 remaining there - how exciting!

In our virtual celebration assembly today we congratulated the top five Times Tables Rockstars children who achieved the highest scores before half-term. Many congratulations to Scarlett in Year 5, Koby in Year 3, Gabrielle in Year 5, Miley in Year 6 and Iwan in Year 6.

We also congratulated the Lockdown Star learners for this week and heard the reasons as to why their teachers feel they had gone the 'extra mile'. Many congratulations to Gracie in Year 1, Layla in Year 2, Ayra in Year 3, Theo R in Year 4, Gabrielle in Year 5 and Holly in Year 6. Well done to all of you; look out for your certificate and remember to watch the assembly on your Google Classroom page as to why you are superstars this week!

Don't forget to send in your extreme reading pictures to your teacher ready for World Book Day by Wednesday - the weather is looking good for the weekend so maybe you can find a new local walk and take some great pictures. I can't wait to see them!

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



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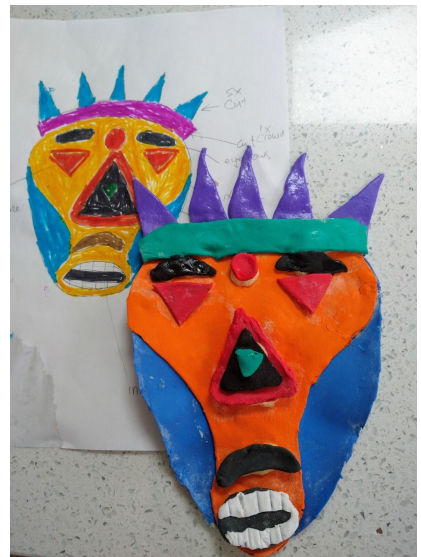
Gracie
Layla
Ayra
Theo R
Gabrielle
Holly



Chloe in year 6 has been making cakes for her Nan.



Reuben made an amazing Viking helmet made out of paper mache.



Year 6 have been researching Maya masks and made their own designs using similar characteristics. Here's Sinan's mask. He used the distinctive colour and patterns found in Maya culture.

A beautiful poem created by Earlisa:

The Earth is dying.

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I speak the truth. Some people are born into poor families, they may not even have water to even drink. No food, starving to death, not even able to do anything at all. They wish for a warm and safe home, with family. It may sound simple but not everybody has that, some may take a home for granted but a home is something some people could only dream of.

Cutting down the rainforest you may think nothing is wrong with that. But they are just making money but at the same time killing thousands of lives, animals and plants are dying from every tree you cut. It's killing our planet. Trees are helping The Earth. I can name any reasons how they are helping but one of the main reasons is trees provide oxygen, the least we could do is to leave trees alone. But no, cutting down trees gives you money. What is more important the planet or money?

I've named just a few ways man has corrupted the Earth but I can name many more and I shouldn't be able too! Yes, you may be in a safe home, yes you may be able to breathe fresh air but when will people stop denying that The Earth is dying ?

I may just be a kid and I can't save The Earth on my own. Me picking up a few bottles, me trying to walk more places isn't going to be enough, unless more people do something.

It may just be the simple things, donating for the children, not cutting that tree, helping someone in need and trying to walk more places but it helps The Earth.

And The Earth will be grateful for all of us.
Act now before it is too late.

Ayla found that her pony's water bucket had frozen during the cold weather over half term!

