

HEYHOUSES ENDOWED C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Letter 39 February 11th 2021

Dear Children,

I had a very interesting morning today, I joined a Year 6 Zoom meeting with a Polar Explorer called Sophie.



In my assembly this morning I showed you a few pictures of the expedition Sophie was part of in 2018.

This is from their [webpage](#).



Antarctica, November 2017 - January 2018

Sophie Montagne was part of the first female team to ski across the Antarctic continent, coast-to-coast and using muscle power alone. The six Ice Maidens skied a total of 1,704km, battling temperatures as low as -56C and storms with wind speeds in excess of 100kph.

We set off on 20th November 2017 and crossed the finish line on 20th January 2018. Our unsupported journey was expected to take 75 days, but we finished an astonishing 14 days ahead of schedule and completed in 61 days.

Ice Maiden [broke three world records](#), was featured on every UK news channel and has attracted publicity in Australia, South Africa, Canada, Norway and France. All team members are serving in the Regular British Army or Army Reserve.





Sophie spoke to Year 6 about the expedition and the challenges. She was inspirational.

Year 6 children asked lots of excellent questions. Sophie spoke about the harshness of the environment and the things they all missed, such as chairs and a comfy sofa to sit on! Here someone is 'resting' against their sledge!



1700km over 61 days! An amazing achievement.



The team celebrate their world record at the South Pole!

They became the first all-female group to cross the continent using muscle power alone.

We were honoured that we had a Zoom with one of the team. A huge Thank you to Mrs Gaston Ross for organising it.



This week we have been thinking about how we can 'Be the Light' in the world, how we can inspire others and help others, maybe in the future some of you will be explorers. If you do you must come back to Heyhouses and inspire other children.



Lots of inspiring emails showing how hard you are all trying to keep up with your learning.

Ethan wrote:

Yesterday we started making giant ice marbles with just a balloon, water and food colouring, lots of fun.

This is Ethan learning that science can be fascinating and definitely better when 'Hands On!'

Enzo sent me a lovely email.

Hello Mrs Hodgson!

Me and my brother Fabio have been keeping busy with our home schooling along with a few other activities.

We've been doing exercises such as Minecraft Yoga, had several trips to the park when the weather was nice and have done plenty of drawings when it wasn't!

After a Maths activity for measuring capacity and volume, I decided to make our own potion, as you can see in one of the pictures. It was made of half dragon's blood, half teacher's tears. To continue learning about measurements, we helped my Daddy bake some peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies by measuring out the ingredients. They were very delicious!

We miss everyone at school and hope to see you all soon.

From Enzo

Thank you Enzo, we miss both you and Fabio.

I love the sound of your potion, the 'teacher's tears' will be caused by Lockdown!
They are all missing their classes and their children! Every single one of you.



This looks good. Would you recommend it for a tired Headteacher to try?



This potion looks very intriguing!



I love Ashton Gardens, especially on a sunny day.



Mrs Pomfret must be so impressed with her class, so many have been baking and cooking. Keep it up!

And Fabio is obviously a great helper too.



Team work!

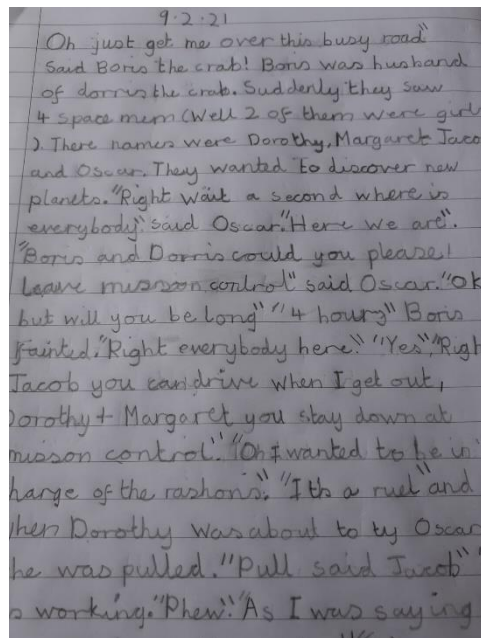
Well done! These biscuits look delicious and I think by the lovely smile on your face you know you are going to enjoy them!

Thank you for sending the pictures and the email.



Thank you children for all the news you keep sending to me. I am going to save more for tomorrow because I need to get home to check on my children. They have been working very hard this half term just like all of you. We can all have a rest next week!

The Friday Film is in two parts tomorrow, so I can put lots of pictures in.



I have also been sent some excellent writing today, from Year 5 and Year 2. Between a persuasive letter and an amazing, imaginative story, I am very impressed. Well done children!

Friday tomorrow and 'EXTRA GOLDEN TIME' is the order of the Headteacher!

Celebration assembly will be at about 2:30p.m. Hymn Practice at 9:30a.m. – after Joe Wicks! You can sing if you have any breath left!

Remember, be patient and let's do things safely.

Keep in touch...**KEEP SMILING** ... and keep washing your hands.

With my love,

Mrs Hodgson

PS. This is a new picture in my office!

Thank you!



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. - 1 John 4:7