<u>Discovery House – Weekly Update</u>

Week ending Friday 15th May 2020

Hi to all my delightful Discovery Radiators,

Judging from the conversations I have had this week many of you have had a lovely VE day celebration with the virtual BBQs and socially distanced street parties.

My day started with a fabulous picture of a Year 3 (Amazon) Discovery student Sophia A. - sharing her love of history and the beautiful banners she had created for the day. It really helped me get in to the spirit of the day and I want to thank her for that.

At 11am I watched and marked the two minute silence. It is so important to stop and show your respect and reflect upon others contributions and sacrifices.

At 3pm Fella and I popped outside to raise a glass to thank the generation that had fought and given so much for our future. It was lovely to see my neighbours out at the same time during the day rather than just on a Thursday at 8pm clapping for the NHS.

At 5pm Fella and I went for our walk and weaved our way around the various socially distanced street parties - it was lovely seeing people talking and laughing with their neighbours - they may have been physically distant but somehow the atmosphere made us all so much closer. Our walk had a purpose - to deliver cakes and scones to my 80-year-old mother, so that the family could have a virtual tea party. The day was important to her as it was a chance to talk about her uncles who had fought in the war and remember her experiences of living in London and the bombing raids.

It was a lovely day and the sunshine really helped - it certainly exhausted Fella who promptly fell asleep! He has taken to sleeping by my dining room table. He looks uncomfortable (see picture) with his head on the rungs of the small table I have had to put next to the dining room table.

I learnt the hard way that this was a safety feature that was very important to me safely home working! I drape the power cable over table so that when Fella runs in from the garden he doesn't unplug the computer. I would like to say that hasn't happened but sadly he did and I only just managed to prevent the computer from flying onto the floor. It was certainly frustrating to find that I had to redo my work as the computer had been turned off so abruptly. \bigcirc

With the new rules coming into force this week it would be easy to stop thinking about being safe, the importance of social distancing and staying home as much as possible. There has been a slight shift in our focus from the government who have chosen to use the word 'Alert.' It is there to help us all remember that our safety and that of our friends and families and all the key workers is still very important. So, please remember to stay safe and at home as much as possible.

Your tutors and class teachers will be asking you to email photographs of what you have been doing so that we can create a video to cheer up all your teachers who are missing you. So please get involved and email your contribution to: discoveryphotos@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk

Thank you, take care all - remember do something lovely for someone.

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