

Week ending Friday 8th May, 2020

Dear Junior Pupils,



Happy bank holiday and happy VE Day! I hope that you are all keeping healthy and staying well as we end week seven of lockdown. I've been thinking a lot about VE day and the fact that we are commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of a dark and scary time for our country and lots of other countries around the world. I couldn't help but make some comparisons as to what is happening now. During the war, life would have been very different for children, just like it is different for you at the moment. There would have been anxious and worrying times then, just like there are for you today. What I want to say to you this week, is that it's ok to be worried and it's ok to be sad sometimes. But, just like 75 years ago, there will be an end to this and you will be able to see your friends and family again. Just think how lovely that will be! 😊

My challenge for you this week, is to communicate with people. Try and get in touch with a family member or a friend from your class that you haven't spoken to for a while. You might not be feeling lonely, or missing people, but your message could really help to brighten up their day... or even their week. Send a text, pick up the phone, make them a card or write a letter. There are loads of ways to keep in touch.

At this time, we are also in the month of Ramadan, which is a holy time for Muslims. It is a time of prayer, fasting and reflection. Many Muslims complete 30 days of fasting between sun rise and sun set and this can be really challenging. Some of our pupils and families will be observing Ramadan and we send our support and well wishes.

In other news, Mayfield teachers made a 'Big Hello' video called 'We're All In This Together' which you can see on our Facebook page. We have had over 15,000 views so far, so please watch it if you haven't already. See if you can spot your teacher. Next week, information will be revealed about a house competition you can get involved in. Until then, get your thinking caps on - what song would you have playing in the background if you were making video for your teacher?



Congratulations to our recent star of the week winners. This week's winners have continued to show our six super learning powers at home - whether that be being *resilient* when learning new skills, *respectful* when being helpful and supportive or *ready* to tackle new ventures and home learning. Our stars this week are;

Amazon- Bella F. for being very creative with her cake design and also being **resilient** with her piano and guitar lessons

Nile - Bethany R. for being **responsible**, working hard and learning lots of new skills.

Danube - Evie-Rose H. for being **resourceful** and making an amazing video.

Mississippi - Daisy K. for being very **responsible** with home learning and making some amazing creations, including the 'Mississippi-licious treats!'

Yangtze - Scarlett M. for being kind and **respectful**

Aegean - Coco O'C. for being **resilient**, staying positive and asking for help when she needs it.

Caspian - Vada H. for being **reflective**, checking her work carefully and making changes to improve the quality.

Well done superstars! ★★★★★

One of the highlights of my week is when I get to read emails and look at pictures that you have sent to your teachers and I. Please continue to keep in touch, as we like to know that you are keeping well and also want to see if we can offer help with anything too. If you can, please try and reply to your teacher's email - even if it is really short response to let us know you are ok.

That's it from me for now. Enjoy the sunny weekend. Stay safe, keep smiling and know that we are all thinking of you and can't wait to see you again.

Miss Lewis and the Junior Team.

