



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Well, Year 5, you have reached the end of your first year at Whytrig!! What a shame that so much of it wasn't 'at' Whytrig at all! We have really missed you over these last few months; turns out we don't mind spending our time with you after all! :) :)

First of all, we are REALLY proud of those of you who have spent your time productively over the last few months, keeping your minds active and occupied ready for some year 6 action in September. You might have been doing your maths, English and topic work online; you might have been gardening, making bug hotels and so on; perhaps you have learned a new skill, such as a language or a musical instrument; maybe you have improved your domestic skills and now know how to load the washing machine and make your own bed! Whatever you have been doing, we hope you have stayed happy and healthy - the main priorities during these strange times!

If you have managed to keep up with some school work, you will be in the best position to 'hit the ground running' with Mrs Linney or Mr Edwards. If you haven't, you still have time to sweep those mental cobwebs away! Try Mrs Linney's reading challenge of reading a book a week; take an Accelerated Reader quiz when you finish a book; try one of Mrs Forrest's recommended reads; go onto 'Hit the Button' and keep your mental maths skills tip-top-tastic; watch the news every day. All of these things will make your start in Year 6 so much easier.

Meanwhile, thank you for the few months we *did* get to spend together! Kingswood was a blast at the beginning of the year, for example. We loved listening to you playing guitars and hearing actual, recognisable tunes coming from the mobile. It was great to see so many of you enjoying taking part in Mrs Tarpey's Christmas show. We have been cheered up by the display of poppies that you created for our new school garden. We are grateful for your fantastic contributions to our charity events, like Children in Need. There were the amazing costumes you organised for World Book Day and our International Day of Languages. Some of you learned to ride your bikes properly and earned your Bikeability certificates. The letters and cards we sent to cheer up the elderly folk in the care home really made a difference. Mrs Barry was incredibly impressed by the thoughtful and thought-provoking work you did for your election campaigns. The list of your achievements goes on and on - and that doesn't even include any lessons! Just think, if you can do all that in just a few short months, imagine what you can do by the end of your Whytrig career. What awesome people you will be!

We will catch up with you again in September and can't wait to hear about all your adventures. Until then, stay safe, stay happy - and carry on being amazing!

With all our best wishes,

Mrs Mac, Miss Baker, Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Forrest.