



21 January 2021

Dear Parents,

Even though we may be experiencing grey skies and rain, I hope you are doing what you can to combat dampening of spirits by finding time for fun and laughter. As you manage family life, work and home schooling it can be hard not to feel that you are being torn into pieces and not able to do any aspect as well as you would hope. I know myself, supporting one of my own children through remote 'A' levels, it is no mean feat balancing all the calls on your time. Some of your children will have been delighted with the opportunities for specialist provision, while a few may have felt overwhelmed. We know that all our families' circumstances are different and have tried to give some flexibility regarding when PE or Upper School Art could take place. Please do not be anxious if it is too much for your child to do. Remember the Senior Team are very happy to call any child for a general 'wellbeing chat', in addition to all the support individual teachers are offering, if this would be helpful. Please remember that providing a loving, safe base for your children, is giving them the greatest advantage of all.

Virtual Content and Platforms

As we make our way through another lockdown, the increased virtual opportunities have shone in their ability to enhance learning. It is worth noting that the use of modern platforms also presents some potential pitfalls. Our teachers are, of course, aware, vigilant and using age appropriate content. However, please also be vigilant as, if left to wander, children can easily find themselves watching inappropriate content on search engines and streaming services. Might we remind families that best practice suggests ensuring the appropriate filters are in place and that children are using their devices in common spaces. We have recently had some concerns raised about the use of Netflix. Here is a link which explains how to use parental controls on that service. <https://www.childnet.com/blog/new-parental-controls-launched-on-netflix> Many of the other platforms also have similar controls to protect children.

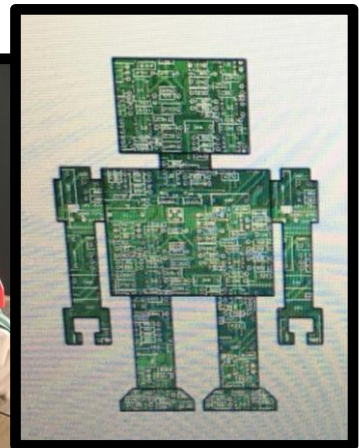
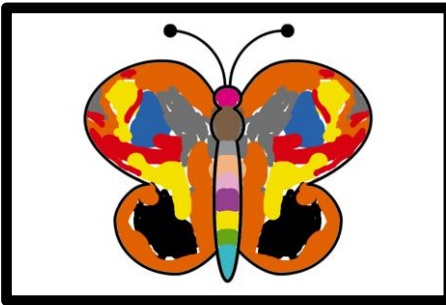
E-Safety day (including an evening session for parents)

Never has e-safety and internet awareness been so essential. Even though we are in the depths of a lockdown we are still aiming to provide pupils, parents and staff with important training on how we can keep safe in a virtual world. We are pleased to announce that we will have E-safety expert Karl Hopwood joining us again this year; his sessions are always informative and highly regarded. On Tuesday 2 February he will join the pupils and staff during the day and then will provide an evening session at 19.00 for parents. We will send further details next week. Please fill in the [Google Form](#) to indicate if you will attend this online session.

Reception Diamonds – Remote Learning

This week in their learning at home, Reception Diamonds have been learning that symmetry means the same both sides. We had fun creating our own symmetrical models and pictures.

We also made towers of bricks to investigate which numbers were odd and which were even.



Year 1 Pearls

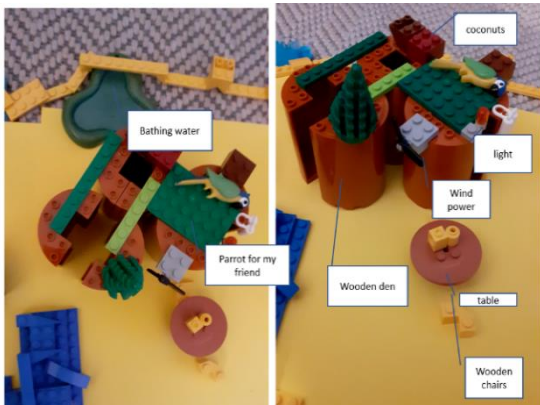
This week the Year 1 Pearls have been learning about instruction texts. They have been reading different types of instruction texts and having a go at following instructions to make origami animals.

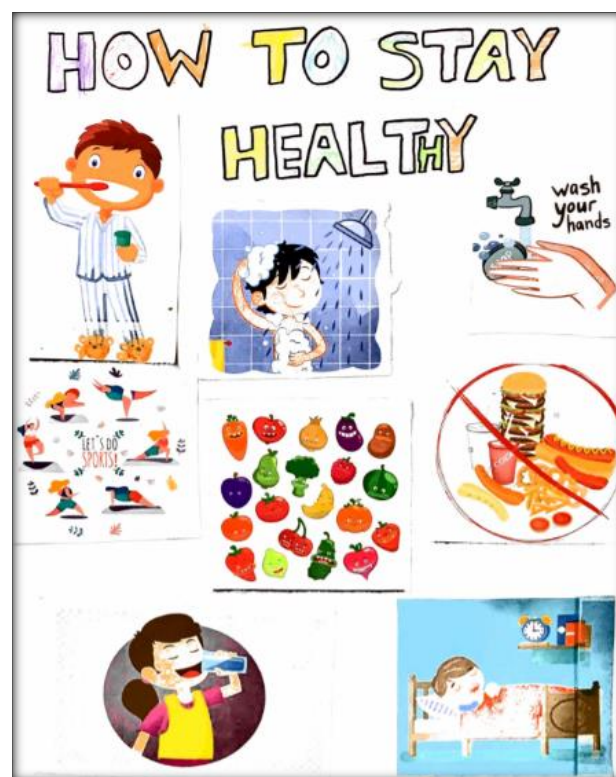
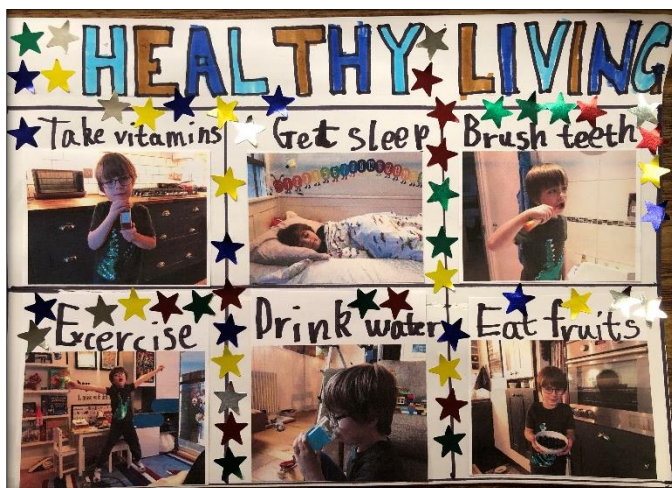
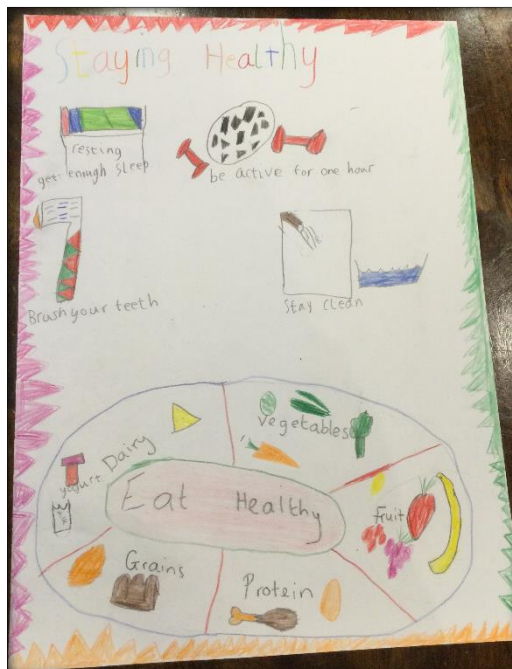
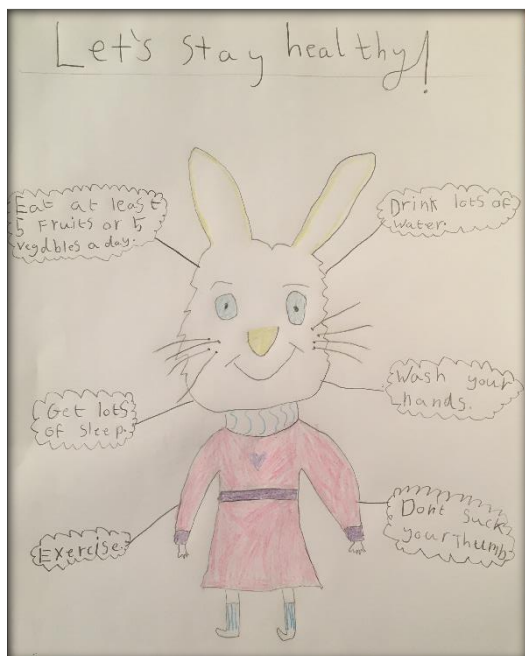


Year 2 Sapphires - Science

Year 2 Sapphires have been learning about healthy living in Science. Last week they created an island and thought about what they needed to survive – take a look at the amazing Lego islands!

This week, they have made some beautiful posters with some excellent tips for a healthy lifestyle. Many of the children recognised the importance of their mental health as well as their physical health – suggesting that laughing and being kind to yourself as well as others, is important.





Year 6 Aquamarines

This half term, the Year 6 pupils have been spending time delving into the details of WWI. This week they have been looking at the issue of recruitment and the difficulties it caused. They have spent time creating their own propaganda posters, aiming to persuade men to sign up and join the war effort.

WHO IS MISSING?




OH WAIT IT IS YOU!?!?

BE A



MAN


WANNA SERVE YOUR COUNTRY?



THEN JOIN THE ARMY TODAY

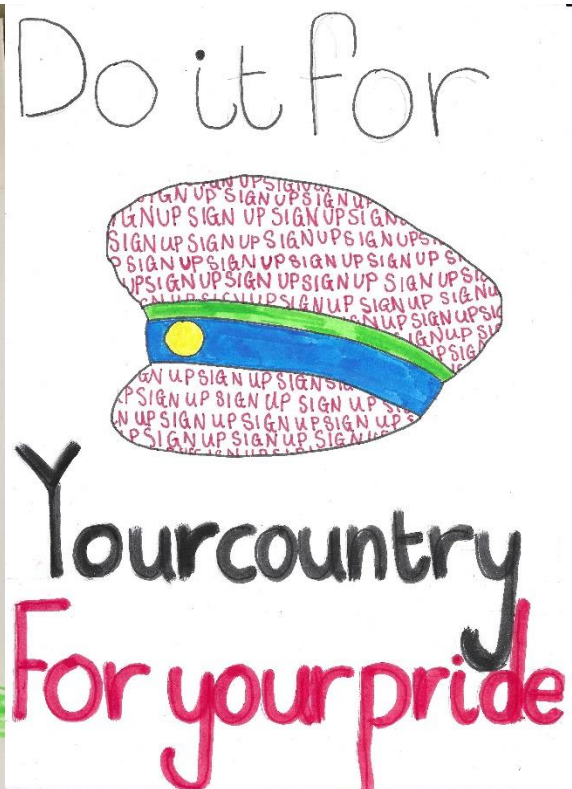
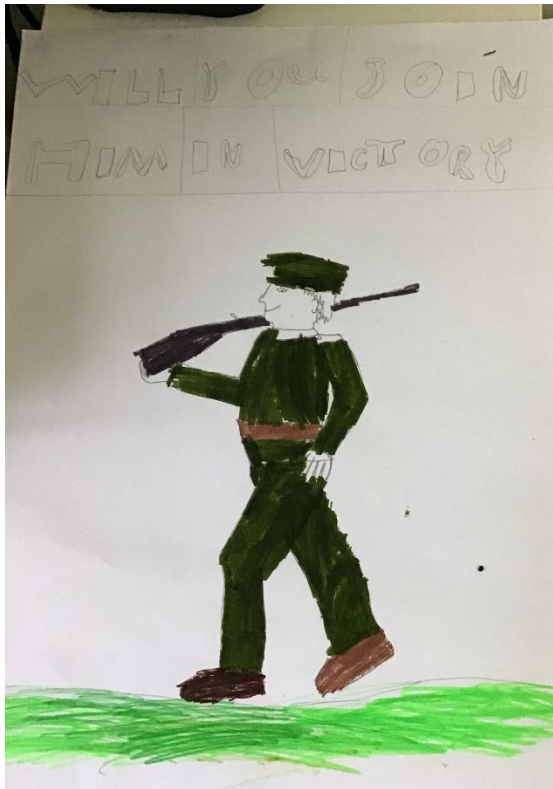
DO YOU CARE?

Our babies are dying!



NO BLOOD ON YOUR FACE? You his designed?

If so, join the war today to SAVE BRITAIN'S FUTURE



Please enjoy a weekend of relaxation with time for refreshment of the soul.

With best wishes for your continue good health.

Yours sincerely

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