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### RELIGIOUS NEWS

This week at Care Club, we introduced the two Christian Values for the term which are Respect and Justice. We continued looking at some of the stories where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Resurrection and looked at the story when He appeared to them on the shore. Yesterday, in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Tom Moore, we had a special worship on 'How can one person make a big difference?' which also made links to the works of other people who have made a difference.

*But you must return to your God;  
maintain love and justice,  
and wait for your God always.  
Hosea 12:6*

### ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who should receive their certificates by email:

Nursery Molly A-C for brilliant learning at home. It sounds like you planned a fabulous dragon party.

FS2Q Joseph M for always trying hard when practising his spellings at home. Well done!

FS2M William H for working really hard at home creating a life size tiger painting! Well done!

Y1P Oriyah D for working hard on her phonics at home.

Y1S Avanii S for her space related work, especially her short story 'Sparkle in Space'. Well done Avanii!

Y2D Benjamin B for the resilience, motivation and problem solving he showed when accurately measuring and marking out his own park run course, before completely the 2000m course. Absolutely fantastic!

Y2F Aashir I for working hard at home to continue his learning in English and Maths. Well done!

Y3W Malachi T for writing TWO excellent diary entries. Malachi extended his learning through writing a personal diary entry and then creating a fictional character and wrote a diary from the character's perspective. Well done.

Y3FH Caitlyn D for taking part very enthusiastically in a wide range of activities at home and sharing lots with us on the VLE. She has inspired me to copy of a few of them! Keep it up Caitlyn!

Y4AW William S for creating a fantastic and very realistic 'environment in a shoebox'.

Y4M Sienna B for her fantastic poem 'My Magic Box'

Y5G James W for some excellent work at home.

Y5B Charlie R for engaging daily with multiple lessons and sending in lots of excellent work.

Y6B Jake B for his brilliant creativity when sculpture and model making at home and sharing his results on Seesaw!

Y6V Joel M who has produced several pieces of excellent work including a video news report, a drumming performance and an exciting passage of narrated writing.

### OUR READERS RECOMMEND

Mrs Morgan recommends Lucy's Lockdown -

<https://www.lucysblueday.com/product-page/lucy-s-in-lockdown>

Lucy is like many other children in the world right now: in quarantine with her family.

Her hair is blue, but this time she knows why. This FREE eBook is designed to help children realise they're not alone in the current conditions with Covid-19, to help them understand it's temporary and to help them express how they're feeling. We want to ensure that all children know it's "okay, sometimes, to have a blue day."

Y1P Sienna S: I would like to recommend the book 'Elephant Pants' by Smriti Prasad-Halls and David Wojtowycz to my year. It is very funny with some great drawings! I also enjoy getting my mummy to try & find the two tiny mice which are hiding on each of the pages!

Y2D Ellie Dobson: I recommend Matilda by Roald Dahl because it is a very exciting book and it makes you want to read on. I made my mummy read four chapters in one go because we couldn't put it down!

Mrs Woodwiss recommends A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett. It was my favourite story and film when I was little. It encourages you to have faith, do the right thing and believe in yourself.

Y3FH My book recommendation is Grandpa's Great Escape. It is sad and funny. Jack is interested in the war and likes to chat to his grandpa about it. Roman I

Y4AW I would like to recommend the book 'Wonder' written by R.J. Palacio. We are reading this book as a family at the end of every school day and I like how the book tells you about a boy called August who has a very different life to us. It makes you think about how to be kind to other people "When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." (my favourite quote from the book so far) – Lorelei C

Isaac recommends The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan which was the class novel.

I like the book called 'The Accidental Secret Agent' by Tom McLaughlin: it's a good book because it is very funny and an enjoyable book to read and it's also easy to understand. - William R

Charlie A was looking out for the satellites last week, staying up to try and spot them. He saw about eight, and even located Venus. His book recommendation is linked to space - 'Astronomy for young people in a hurry' by Neil deGrasse Tyson. He also listened to 'Beezer' by Brandon T Snider which was a good fiction book.

Please continue to share your recommendations with your teachers. Once more this week, we have received some suggestions which have not been shared this week but will be in next week's newsletter.

If parents have any suggestions to share with us about books you are enjoying sharing with your children or indeed adult books, please share these via your children on the VLE or email

[office@baildunce.co.uk](mailto:office@baildunce.co.uk)

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The National Cyber Security Centre have launched the 'Cyber Aware' Campaign which offers advice and guidance to help us protect our passwords as well as secure our devices and accounts. The link below will take you directly to the website where you can read the UK government's advice on staying secure online <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>

This document will enable you to keep yourself and your family safe during these difficult times.

## **WHERE WE SOAR**

Congratulations to the creative duo of Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Adams who led the development of our song which we released last week to let you know that we miss you and hope that you are keeping safe.

Thank you to all the staff who contributed in any way. Unfortunately, we had far more offers than we were capable of including in the recording due to logistics of recording both in homes and at school, so thanks to all who offered. We must let you know that the comments which you shared on Twitter about the song really do mean a lot to us- thank you for your support.

Parents are reminded that our Twitter feed is embedded to the front of our website so, even if you don't have the app, you can keep up to date through here.

## **VE CELEBRATIONS**

Everyone will be aware that the May Bank Holiday was moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May so that the country could celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Unfortunately, due to the current situation in which we find ourselves, we are unable to mark this as a school community in the manner in which we had hoped.

All staff have been collaborating and organising a suite of resources linked to VE Day which they will post on the VLE for children to complete next week.

Our Creative Challenge this week is to create bunting to decorate where you live and then to take a photo of your family outside it/in it and share it on Twitter. Mrs Hanson, who is a very talented seamstress, has created a video which will be sent to pupils over the VLE and released on Twitter next Monday on how to sew bunting if you want to check that out but we would love to see a wide range of assorted types of bunting. To create a real community feel, Mr Holliday has contacted the schools in the area and businesses to join us in our quest to make Baildon a bunting delight which the whole country would be proud of!

## **WORKING AT HOME**

As our time at home extends, we are conscious that some of the resources which we sent home are completed and some families are finding it more difficult to engage their children in learning. Staff have been busy in their virtual phase and staff meetings planning ways in which to support families and give a little more guidance so please check out the learn section of the VLE for more information. Earlier in the week, Mrs Smith sent out a timetable which parents might find useful to use so as to set up a routine at home.

Hit the Button Number Bonds Battle for KS1- Congratulations to 2D who won the Year 2 battle with a score of 1,461 and to 1P who won the Year 1 battle with a score of 1,030. Details of this week's battle are all on the VLE.

In his role as E Safety lead, Mr Van Der Gucht is keen to find out about how families are finding e-learning and also if they have seen anything unexpected or unsettling online whilst working. He has set up a survey for children in KS1 and KS2 and asks that children take time to complete this- adults will need to help children in KS1. In order for us to be able to support parents as much as possible whilst working at home, he is also producing an adult survey which will be shared next week. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

### **AVATAR UPDATE**

Conscious of the need to re-engage children after the Easter holidays, staff started to award avatar points for work and we are delighted with the response to this. Now that things have settled down, staff have agreed that, going forward, they will award 30 points for pieces of work but, if they feel that it is exceptional standard or if numerous pieces of work are uploaded at the same time, teachers will award more points.

### **VLE COURTESY**

The VLE is proving to be a big success among pupils, with a variety of work accessed and used. However, we would like to remind children about the impact the messages and comments they make may have. Please can children not send messages to people they do not know as this can be confusing and worrying for pupils, especially younger ones. Also, think carefully about what they write and make sure all messages are polite and thoughtful. The Thinkyouknow Website has a section specifically for children who are aged 8-11 providing games and resources about the risks and impacts of online communication. [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/)

### **BREAKFAST CLUB COSTS**

At a recent meeting of Governors, it was agreed that the cost of Breakfast Club will increase to £4.25 with breakfast and to £3.75 without breakfast from September.

You may be aware that we were due to increase the cost of school dinners in April but, due to current situation, we have made the decision to delay this increase until September.

### **EBOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH BRADFORD LIBRARIES**

Have you read all your books at home? Feeling a bit bored? Want something new? Did you know that Bradford Libraries have hundreds of EBooks for children, with new titles added daily during the current Covid-19 Pandemic. EBooks are FREE to borrow requiring only a library card to access. You'll need the library card number and your PIN (which is your date of birth and last two digits of the year you were born e.g. 1006 for 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2006). Take a look via the following link to see all the books available to read. Parents you can borrow EBooks too! Why not try something different during this Stay at Home.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/library-services-online/e-books/>

### **PUBLIC HEALTH EARLY YEARS GUIDANCE FOR DISTRICT'S FAMILIES**

Families across the Bradford district, particularly those with babies and young children, are being reminded that there is support out there for anyone needing it during the coronavirus outbreak.

A number of useful guides have been created offering families advice over the care of their children while at home by Bradford Council's Public Health department, Better Start Bradford, The Bradford Partnership (Working Together to Safeguard Children) and other NHS partners.

One important guide offers advice for parents if their children are ill, reminding them that health services are #StillHereToHelp if they become poorly for non-coronavirus reasons.

The topics covered include:

[Happy, healthy pregnancy](#)

[Perinatal mental health](#)

[Infant feeding](#)

[Coping with crying](#)

[Spending time at home with 0-2-year-olds](#)

[Getting outdoors](#)

[0 to 5 activities](#)

[If your child is unwell](#)

[School aged activities](#)

[Eating well](#)

[Smoke free homes](#)

[Support for families with no English](#)

[How to stay safe at home in a large family with elders and people at high risk](#)

Or visit the [Early Years Guidance page for families](#).

### **ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM TO BOOST WORKPLACE SKILLS LAUNCHED**

Free courses are available through the new online platform, the Skills Toolkit. This platform signposts to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects and confidence whilst at home.

Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and the use of email and social media at work to more advanced training. All courses are available online and are flexible so that people can work through them at their own pace.

The Skills Toolkit can be accessed here: <https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk>

### **BRI THANKS**

You may remember that one of the activities which we suggested children might like to do was to draw rainbow pictures for the BRI. I was delighted to receive the following letter of thanks today:

Dear Mrs Connor,

May I take this opportunity to thank the pupils of your school for sending me lovely rainbow pictures. They are all now on display outside one of our Intensive Care Units and raise a smile every time we walk past them.

Thank you all once again. These is greatly appreciated and please pass on our thanks to all the children.

Keep safe,  
Best wishes

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength:  
God's power to guide me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's eyes to watch over me;  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to give me speech,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to shelter me,  
God's host to secure me.

Celtic Blessing