

Weekly Keeping in Touch Bulletin 6

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Dear Parents and children,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I do hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. This week I have been liaising with you following our Prime Minister's statement on Sunday 10th May. Mr Johnson said that as part of Step Two, which would happen at the earliest from June 1st, primary pupils **may return** in stages starting with Reception, Year One and Year Six pupils. His statement was heavily caveated and conditional. During this week, further guidance has been released. We are in the process of examining this information and comparing it to action planning already made to ensure that any agreed wider-opening is as safe as we can make it for children and staff. A related Gov.UK guidance document for parents can be viewed by [clicking here](#). My thanks to you for your patience as I work towards a solution for staff, children and their families to return to school safely. Once risk assessments and procedures are complete the directors of our Trust will examine these to ensure compliance for a safe return. Whilst we are planning for this, until we have final confirmation from the directors and the Government, we cannot be certain a return at this time will take place. We will keep you informed as updates arise.

Take care and keep in touch,

Warmest Regards

Mrs K. Yuen

Home Learning Week 7 activities

Next week's focus is on the Food. On the Learning plan you will see a range of activities to promote thinking, including where different foods originate from, what makes a healthy meal, opportunities to cook etc...

BBC
Bitesize
Daily lessons



Many parents are now making thorough use of the BBC Bitesize lessons for a 'daily input' also – please do explore these. Each day there are 3 lessons tailored to your child's age.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the Parent mail APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us

on: office@sgcps.org

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

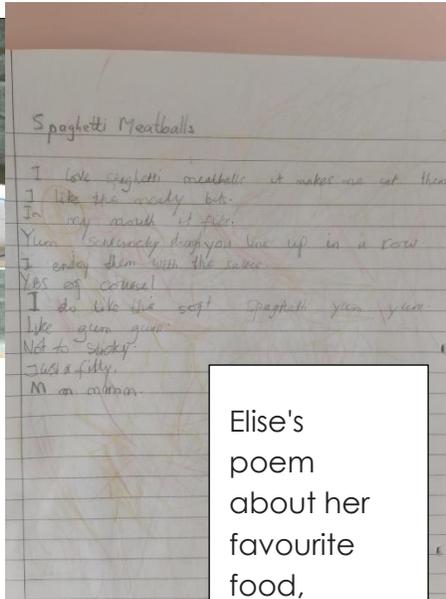
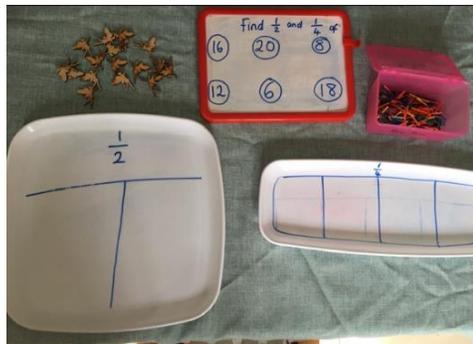
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We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.

News from our Community



Lots of creative ways of learning to share this week. Thank you to all our parents for your support.



Elise's poem about her favourite food, Spaghetti Meatballs

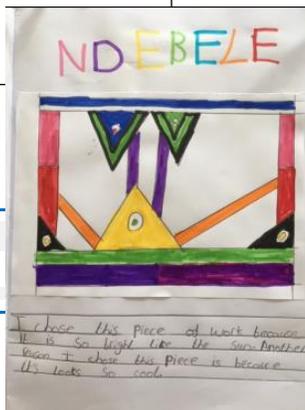


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16 is 8	16 is 4
12 is 6	12 is 3
32 is 16	32 is 8
8 is 4	8 is 2

Tommy has been finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers.



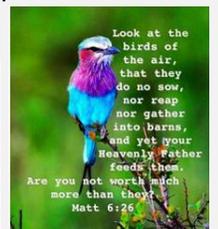
A Healthy Food Poster and a beautiful crown well done both of you!



Michael has been recreating some African art.

Message from our School Chaplain- Mrs Darwin

I stood looking across the fields this morning wondering what I could say to you. The scene was incredible, the sun had recently risen, everywhere was sparkling in the early morning frost which was melting away and the pure beauty of nature was breath-taking! Somehow, in that moment, I was transported back in time to thinking about my Grandad. He was a coalminer all of his life and a man of great faith. He would come up from a day working down in the darkest depths of the earth, lean against the farm gate at the top of the pit and wonder at the beauty of nature in the scene before him as I was doing today. He would look up and quietly say to himself or to anyone who was listening ... 'Count how many shades of green you can see and tell me there is not a God'. Although I seem to have been really busy during these days of lockdown, the pace is different and my observations of the world have become sharper. This morning I wondered at the sun and the frost, yesterday I bumped into three very friendly llamas as I walked. They were not roaming around the countryside freely but did come and give me a lovely welcome at the fence! I noticed how strange they looked and yet how endearing! Again, I paused for a minute to see so many different birds visiting the birdfeeder on my neighbour's fence – robins, starlings, sparrows, wood pigeons, blackbirds, crows, blue tits...to name but a few! Look around, breathe in the beauty and soak it up. Often, we simply rush through our days without really seeing or appreciating the simple things in life. So maybe take a little time to notice the detail and make these the special moments of your day. **It is so good for you!** There are many things for us to worry about at this time, so every now and again, come away from your everyday worries and let God take care of you and your families too!





The OLICAT Trust Chaplaincy Team is inviting all their schools to join together to create a Garden of Hope. What better time to begin the St Gregory's Garden of Hope than now? The week that Pope Francis has invited the Church to celebrate Laudato Si' week (16th-24th May.)

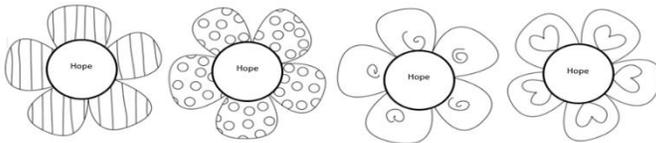
Hello everyone!

The OLICAT Trust Chaplaincy Team is inviting you to join our schools in creating a Garden of Hope.

One thing we have enjoyed whilst being stuck at home during this time of lockdown are the flowers in our gardens and in the countryside. So much hope comes from seeing the bleak and empty garden of the wintertime blossom into a beautiful, colourful mass of flowers and plants!

There is always hope...and we thought one way for us all to unite our Olicat schools at this time, would be to put our thoughts down onto the template of a flower and create our own gardens of hope for when we return to school. This expression can take many different forms. Choose **one** of the ideas listed below which works for you. You may have a better idea! You may want to choose more than one idea.

What do I have to do?



- ❖ Choose your favourite flower (**further copies of these are available on our website under Home Learning**) enable editing and click on the word 'Hope' to show the text box. (The word may be deleted if you wish.)
- ❖ Write/type how you are feeling right now.
- ❖ Write a poem about the good things at home during lockdown
- ❖ Write a prayer for those in need
- ❖ Write a personal prayer
- ❖ Give thanks...
- ❖ Show gratitude...
- ❖ Give a shout out...
- ❖ Take a photograph and explain why it represents the time of lockdown for you.
- ❖ Express what you would like to see happening in the future

If you would like to use different fonts, colours, clip art etc., – in fact anything to make your flower stand out – please do! This activity is about your thoughts but you may also like to encourage your family to express their thoughts too. You could send in a family collection of thoughts and flowers. Each expression of thought should be displayed on a flower template before sending.

Send your finished flower and expressions of hope to the school office.

Keep a look out on the Olicat website, in the Chaplaincy section, for your flowers to pop up in our 'Garden of Hope'. <https://www.olicatschools.org/>
