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# Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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*"Working together, realizing potential."*

**"A Rights Respecting School"**

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## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

I hope all the members of the Hollywood community are well and keeping safe during these difficult times.

Mrs Healy sent me the following short article that she found on the internet, which reflects on what positive things might occur due to the current situation. I know many parents and teachers are worried about the children's academic progress, as I am, but this reflects on the other things we learn when growing up.

*What if?*

*What if instead of falling 'behind' this group of children are ADVANCED because of this current situation?*

*What if they have more empathy, they enjoy family connection, they can be more creative and entertain themselves, they love to read, and they love to express themselves in writing.*

*What if they enjoy the simple things like their own back gardens and sitting near a window in the quiet?*

*What if they notice the birds, the dates different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?*

*What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organise their space, do their laundry, and keep a well-run home?*

*What if they learn how to stretch a budget?*

*What if they learn to plan a shopping trip and meals at home?*

*What if they learn the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?*

*What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants, doctors, nurses and the previously invisible essential support workers like truck drivers, grocers, cashiers, custodians, logistics and health care workers and their support staff, just to name a few of the millions taking care of us right now while we are in a sheltered place?*

*What if among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefits of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?*

*What if they are AHEAD?*

## HOME ACTIVITIES – SOME HIGHLIGHTS

### YEAR ONE

Year 1 have been working very hard and it has been lovely to be able to keep up to date with all the things you have been doing. Thank you so much for sharing your work with us. We are so proud of you all and want to say a really big thank you to all the parents and carers for all the support they are providing.

We loved seeing the dog houses you designed for Toby and Miss Parkes was very impressed to know you were polishing your writing. The stories and adventures that Toby had were very creative. Year 1 have also been doing lots of reading and phonic activities on bug-club and we are really pleased to see that you are enjoying such a wide range of texts.

In our topic work, children have had access to a variety of activities. Children have been enjoying creating nature pictures, using materials from the garden and then recreating the pictures in purple mash. Year 1 have also had the opportunity to create their own recipe using 5 ingredients from the cupboard. Some children even went on to create their inventions - they looked delicious!

We have been practising our drawing skills, by following a step by step video about how to draw a castle and using positional language to draw objects next to a picture of where we live.

We have also been keeping active by using paired socks to represent an egg. We had to see how many times we can manage to throw the egg into an Easter basket. Not to mention that we have also been learning how to leap like a lamb. How high can you jump?!

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter. The Year 1 team.

### YEAR TWO

Miss Money and Mr Bacon have been so impressed with how hard year 2 have worked. The children are always sending in photos to show us their work. They have done a project on Ghana and created either a poster or an information leaflet, made up their own story and created a front cover for it, lots of spelling activities on purple mash and lots more. Over the Easter holidays the teachers have set them a chocolate project, to create their own Easter egg, own packaging, an advert, a poster and write a letter to Cadbury world to persuade them to sell their Easter egg. In addition, the children have been reading, working on Times Table Rockstars and keeping a diary.

### YEAR THREE

Over Easter, Year 3 have been taking part in a special blue planet live lesson where they have been learning about their important role in society to help marine life. The children will have learnt about the various food chains and the vital role of plankton.

Alongside this they will be stepping back into the stone age and discovering the art of cave paintings, we are really excited to see their work!

Later in the week they become cake sculptors and worked with a variety of different food textures and colours to develop their very own sculpture.

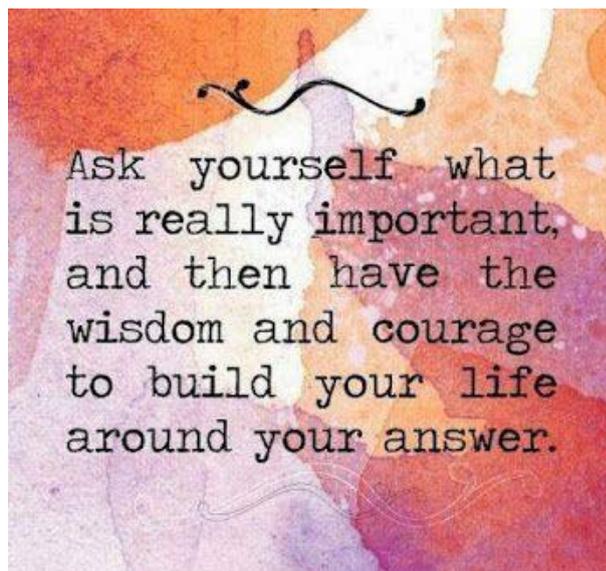
Finally, due to the glorious good weather they have been challenged to come up with water games for the garden, let's get those toes nice and chilled!

We have been extremely proud in how the children have demonstrated, vigour, resilience and care towards all aspects of the remote learning and their creativity and attitudes are nothing less than of Hollywood Heroes! Well done Year 3 Mrs Brown and Mr Twilley.

### YEAR FOUR

The Year 4 children have shown that despite school not being open they have still been working very hard. Miss Prottey has been so pleased to see lots of children using TTRS and many have beaten the challenges set for them from staff. Mrs Kelly has enjoyed looking at all of the brilliant Purple Mash work that has been produced; there has been creative writing and lots of artwork. You are all doing amazing work. We have also been pleased to see that you have been helping at home too. We have seen knitting, baking, gardening as well as Easter projects. We have loved seeing all of the pictures that have been sent in. Thank you to parents for sending them in and for supporting all of Year 4 at home. We look forward to seeing lots more during and after the holidays. Keep it up, Year 4. We are so proud of you all. Mrs Kelly and Miss Prottey

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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