



Woolmore Primary School

NEWSLETTER

February 2021

Half term reflections from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by saying a massive WELL DONE to all our wonderful children and their families. At the beginning of this term we thought we were returning to school and then, at the last minute, we heard that we were in Lockdown. Most of you have now been supporting learning at home for nearly 6 weeks. This really is fantastic and we know it hasn't been easy. There's been Zoom...and Purple Mash...and My-On...and Google classrooms to name just a few of the technical challenges. Then there's independent learning and daily reading and exercise and eating and sleeping and getting on with each other and very little rest for you as parents and carers. We recognise how hard you have all been working to support your children's learning because you, like us, want the best for them. You have been phenomenal. Thank you.

I know you will also want me to thank the teachers and other members of staff who have had to become 'Remote Teachers' and work in a way that we haven't had to before the pandemic. Their dedication and hard work has been incredible as they have found new ways of teaching and engaging pupils on-line and beyond. We have had quite incredible attendance in the live lessons – quite often 95-100%. I know that we all feel very proud of what has been achieved this half term and this newsletter is a celebration of that.

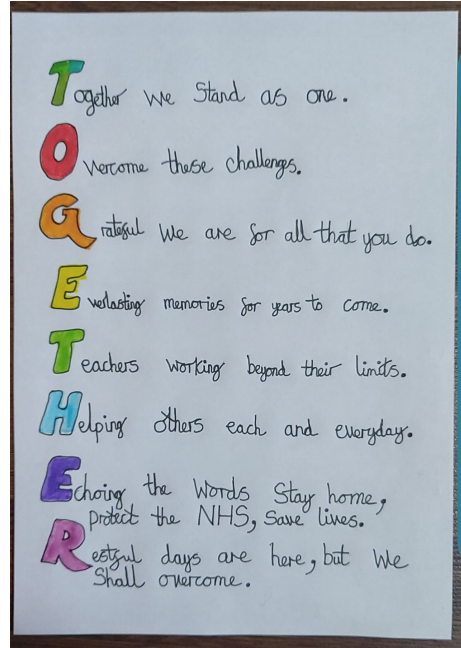
Next week is half term and school is closed. That means that everyone can have a well deserved rest. There will be no school days or registers. There will be time to relax and do a few different things. In talking to some colleagues I think this is likely to include baking, decorating, reading, Netflix, walking and catching up on sleep.

If you would like some ideas for things to do in half term then please read the 'Extra Sheet' that comes with this newsletter. It has suggestions and links for things to do, virtual visits and lots of fun.

Thank you everyone, enjoy the break and on-line teaching will restart on Monday 22nd February.

Ms Argent
Headteacher

Poetry Corner



TOGETHER

'Together' is one of our 7 school values and Marwa Anwar in Y4 Poplar tree has written this poem to remind us what this means to us all. It is a beautiful poem. Thank you Marwa and we will all be together again and it will be very special.

Together we stand as one.
Overcome these challenges.
Grateful we are for all that you do.
Evolving memories for years to come.
Teachers working beyond their limits.
Helping others each and every day.
Echoing the words stay home, protect the NHS, save lives.
Restful days are here, but we shall overcome.

WOOLMORE

Here is another brilliant acrostic poem. This has been written by Sara Rahman in Y4 Plane tree. I love 'over and above'.

MORE POETRY PLEASE

If you enjoy poetry you could tune into Michael Rosen's YouTube channel, sit back and watch. Poems can make you smile, laugh, think and wonder. You can learn poems off by heart, perform them to your family and make your own anthology of favourite poems.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6lBXdrPw>



Children's Mental Health Week

We learned about how to keep a healthy brain as well as a healthy body. We used art, music, PE, poetry, and PSHE to help us with our thinking and our doing. We also had a 'Dress to Express' live teaching session – remembering how much fun it is to wear something you love and enjoying the things that make us feel special. Here is Y2 Magnolia Tree on Zoom enjoying expressing themselves and sharing the moment!



Safer Internet Day

Our work around being safe online has obviously been more important than ever this half term. This Tuesday marked a reminder of our e-safety learning across the school with the theme of **online wellbeing and digital resilience**. The NSPCC has some very clear information and advice for parents/carers: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Devices

We have now given devices to over 175 families to support children with getting online. These have come through the DfE, charity donations and the school budget. We are still trying to find/fund more devices. If you are struggling, let us know as we will help if we can.



Care and Respect

Thank you for looking after your devices so that we can continue to use them to support our learning.

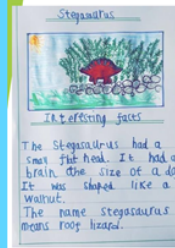
Have a good half-term holiday everyone. Stay safe, be kind, keep a bit active and read every day – The Woolmore Way!

Moments of Joy

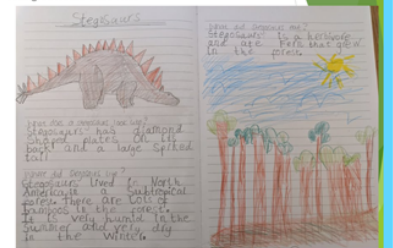
One of the phrases we have been using a lot at Woolmore is 'moments of joy'. Especially in these different, and often difficult, times we keep ourselves positive by sharing joyful moments, showing appreciation and recognising how well everyone is doing. Here are a few moments of joy. Please also look at [Twitter@woolmoretweets](https://twitter.com/woolmoretweets) to see more.

Y1 Dinosaur Planet

Writing dinosaur fact-files



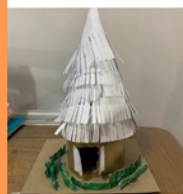
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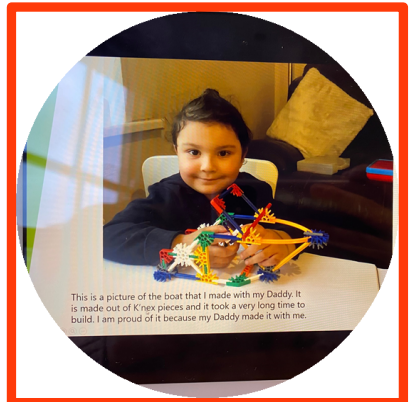


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I LOVE ART.
I EXPRESS MY SELF
THROUGH ART. IT MAKES
ME FEEL GOOD.



Tanisha made these great pieces as part of our learning about the Celts.

A magnificent Celtic roundhouse and a sturdy sword and shield.



This is a picture of the boat that I made with my Daddy. It is made out of K'nex pieces and it took a very long time to build. I am proud of it because my Daddy made it with me.

