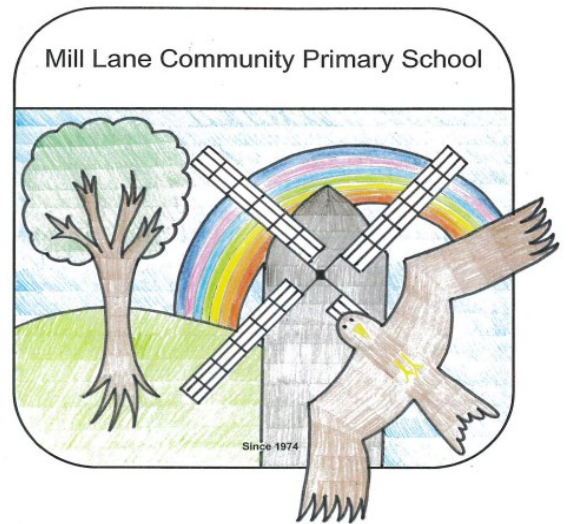


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Keeping our school community connected

Issue 2: 3rd April 2020

Welcome to the Second edition!

From our Chair of Governors

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! Today marks two weeks since schools across the country closed to all but a few children in key worker groups. That's two weeks of brilliant home-schooling: well done everyone! Thank you once again to all who have sent in items for this week's edition; there has been an amazing response and it has been great to see projects this week that were inspired by seeing the work of other children last week. We will continue to publish the newsletter over the Easter holiday and the teachers will provide work, as they have over the last two weeks, for anyone who would like to continue their home-learning during the holiday.

Although this will be a very different holiday to usual, all of the staff at Mill Lane wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that the Spring weather brings lots of sunshine and cheer.

Dear Mill Lane children, parents/carers and staff,

I read the newsletter last week and was so impressed with all the work you've produced - what wonderful things you've been doing and all the new skills you have been learning.

Stars of the Week

Here are this week's nominations:

Reception: Ashleigh S for great maths and phonics work and Molly M for her Superhero story.

Class 1: Jessie C for fantastic counting in 2s and Jack P for reading lots of books on Bug Club.

Class 2: Austen N for brilliant maths work, Lacey W for her Shipwrecked writing and Rowan for great work at home (from mum)

Class 3: Zoe and Dylan for hard work across the curriculum.

Class 4: James and Eric for such a variety of excellent work at home.

Class 5: Sophie for amazing work in all areas, Casey for completing so many tasks and Archie for working hard and building a moon buggy that could travel 5 metres

Class 6: Danielle for her poem and posts on the class blog which keep everyone smiling.

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers for the hard work you have been putting in and I and the governors all hope that you are keeping well. You are certainly making the best of these difficult times.

On behalf of the governors, I want to thank Miss van der Ploeg, Mr Thompson and all of the Mill Lane staff for all their hard work and the effort they are making to ensure that everyone from Mill Lane keeps in touch and continues to feel part of the school.

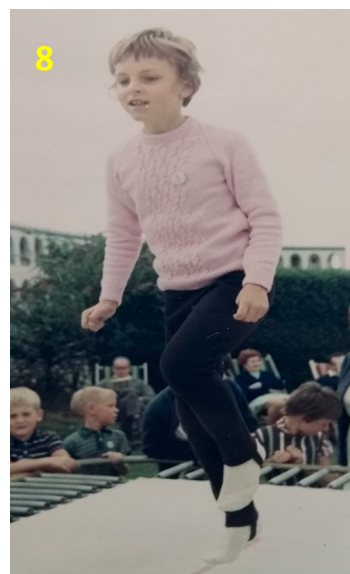
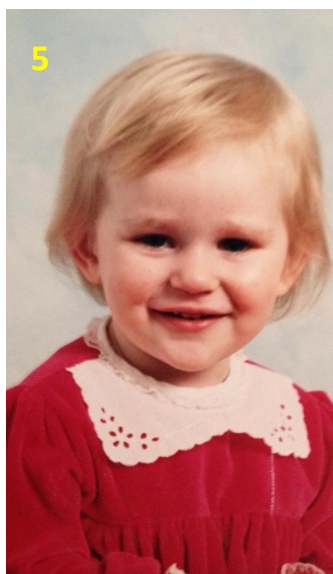
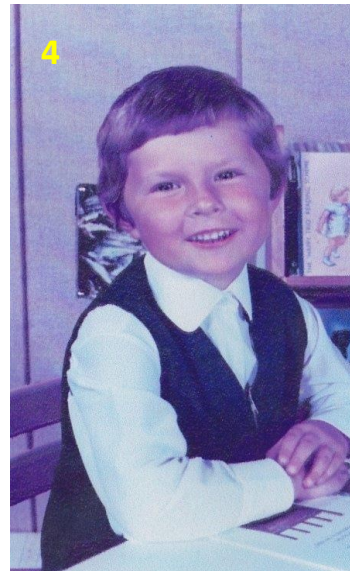
Please do all have a restful Easter break.

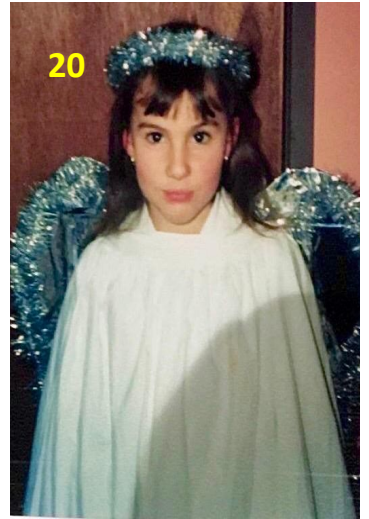
*With best wishes
Chris Foote
Chair of Governors*

Competition Time!

This week, nearly all of the staff have sent in photos of themselves when they were children! Can you put a name with each photograph?

Entries will need to be sent into Mr Thompson by Thursday 9th April. The child who identifies the most names correctly will win a personally delivered Easter egg!





*For next week's edition, we would like the children to send in a baby photo so that we can have a **'Can you spot me when I was a baby?'** competition.*

Send your entries to:

Class4@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Danny and the Waterfall of Doom

An adventure story by Daniel Tanner (Yr 3)

One night in the dark and gloomy jungle an explorer with blue eyes and blond hair named Danny was venturing with an axe. After a while Danny saw a strange shape in a waterfall, it was like a box but with limbs and a head. So Danny dropped his axe, took off his backpack and swam to the waterfall. As he did so the thing stepped forward. When Danny reached the waterfall he expected to hit his head on a rock but he went through the waterfall and hit metal. Danny looked up and saw the thing and realised that the thing was a robot! Danny tried to run away but hit his head on hard, cold rock! Then the robot said in a deep, metallic voice: "Danny, I let you in, I shut the rock". In return Danny shouted in terror: "how do you know my name"? then the robot said: "I won't reply to your reply."

Danny looked around for a button, eventually he found one but it didn't do what he hoped, it turned on tons of lights! At that moment Danny realised there was machinery everywhere! Danny gasped when he saw the biggest piece of machinery, it was a giant laser cannon! As Danny stood there gazing, the robot shouted: "guards fire the cannon!" as he did so Danny backflipped out of the way and picked up a blaster that was much too heavy for him and he stumbled and ended up with bleat (blood and sweat) all over his forehead. Danny only realised he was knocked out when he woke up and saw there were guards surrounding him. Luckily Danny could call animals so he used that ability to create an army of animals. First monkeys then snakes then whales then dolphins and woodpeckers (they have the same call) then yetis then bigfeet then gorillas.

The gorilla used his colossal muscles to destroy the guards surrounding Danny. The monkey opened some bananas and squeezed the insides out like bullets at some more guards! There was one guard left, the snake squeezed him until he exploded with a Bang! The woodpecker and the dolphin knocked some rock out of the ceiling to try to defeat the robot, but they both missed. Meanwhile, the whale flipped onto his back and squirted water from his blowhole to make him shoot up in the air, and also to shield Danny from the robot's lasers. The robot forgot that he would short-circuit if he hit water and ran at danny, but when he hit the water he stopped suddenly and said "malfunction, malfunction, malfunction...dvvv. oops, I appear to have died".

After the fight was over, the monkey got some bananas and threw one to everybody to celebrate. No one except the monkey, the gorilla and Danny touched them because bananas weren't really what they liked to eat! Danny never found out why the robot attacked him or how he knew his name. Were there other robots out there looking to finish what the robot started? Maybe we'll never know... or will we?!

Keeping in Touch

Don't forget that parents can keep in touch with class teachers whilst school is closed using our designated class email addresses. Teachers are very happy to answer any questions you may have relating to home learning. You can also send in any work that the children have been doing at home.

Here is a reminder of the email addresses:

Nursery: nursery@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Reception: ClassR@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 1: Class1@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 2: Class2@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 3: Class3@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 4: Class4@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 5: Class5@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

Class 6: Class6@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk

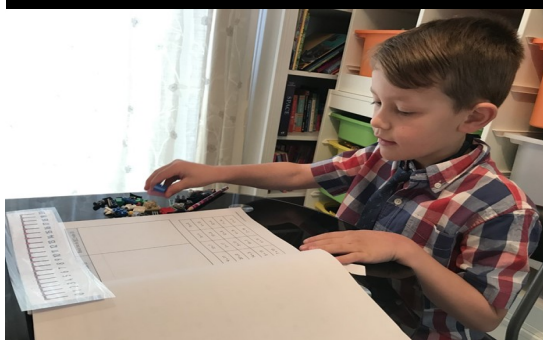
Please send any newsletter contributions to Mr Thompson using the Class 4 email address, by Thursday lunchtime.

Being Thankful



Ryan C in Class 3 has covered a jar in coloured paper to create a 'What I am thankful for' jar. He has been filling it with little slips of paper with messages on to remind him of all the good things. What a great idea!

Dressing for Work



Henry C in Class 1 decided that he should dress in his smartest clothes for his home-school lessons!

Cook's Corner!

We have some budding chefs in the midst, who have been busy baking this week...



Three busy chefs above: Ethan Yr 4 (Left), Maia Yr 5 (Centre) and Hayden Yr 6 (Right)



James and Sophie Maxwell (Left) baking chocolate cookies.

A recipe for Bread and Butter Pudding by Sophie Yr 4 (Right) and the finished dish (Below)



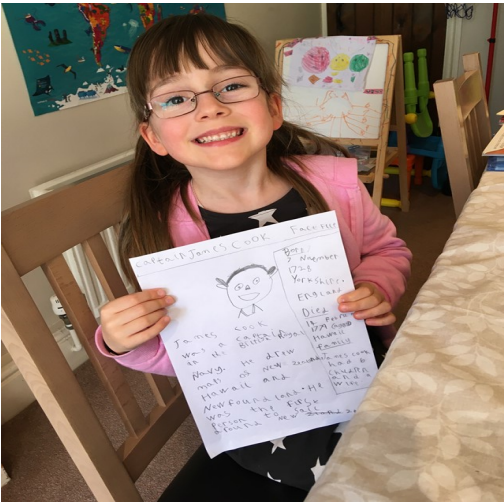
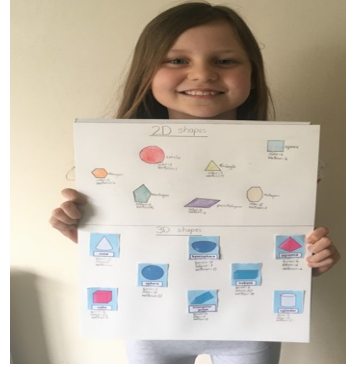
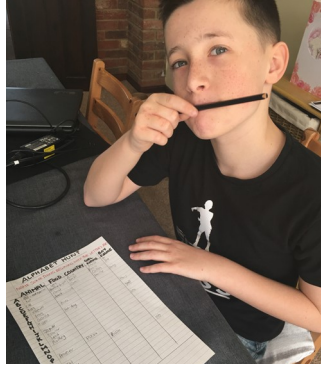
Bread and butter pudding

First I grated skin of one lemon then my dad heated ^{1LITR} milk and put the lemon skin in along with 50G of sugar. Then put raisins in a baking dish after that lay the bread on top of the raisins. After that put 65G of butter in the warm milk with sugar and lemon skin in it. Then whisk three eggs in a bowl and pour the eggs over the bread and raisins. Preheat the oven to 180 °C. Now pour the milk lemon and sugar mixture over the bread. Carefully pat the bread so it is a squishy thing and last of all slip it into the oven but before you put it into it sprinkle cinnamon and sugar on top then put it into the oven for 50 minutes or until golden when finished enjoy your home made bread and butter pudding.

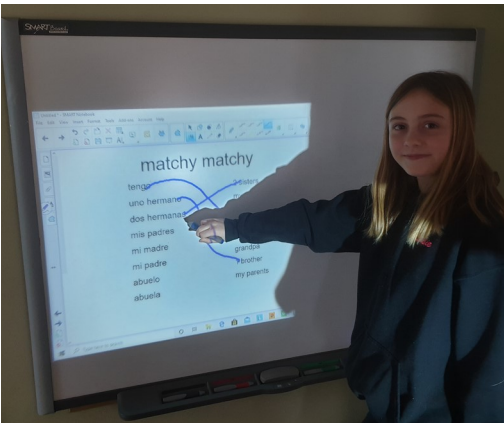
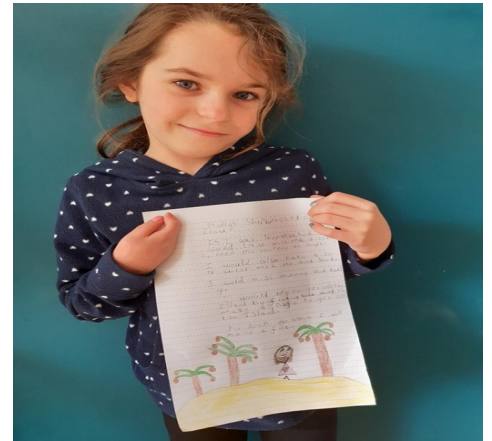
When the second ~~world war~~ ^{world war} took place people didn't like wasting food and there bread went stale so they made up a recipe just for us to enjoy.

Ingredients: 1LITR milk 600g of bread
 Skin of one lemon 65g of butter
 50g of sugar 3 eggs
 BY Sophie S 2 hand fulls of raisins

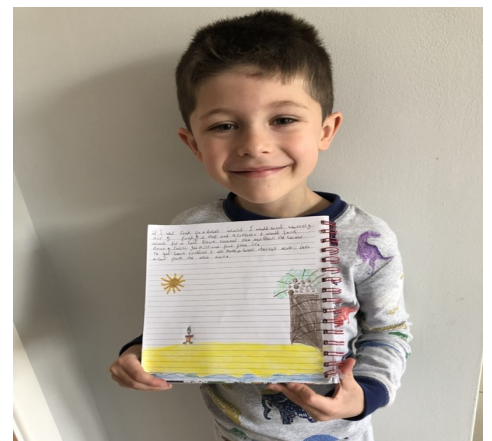
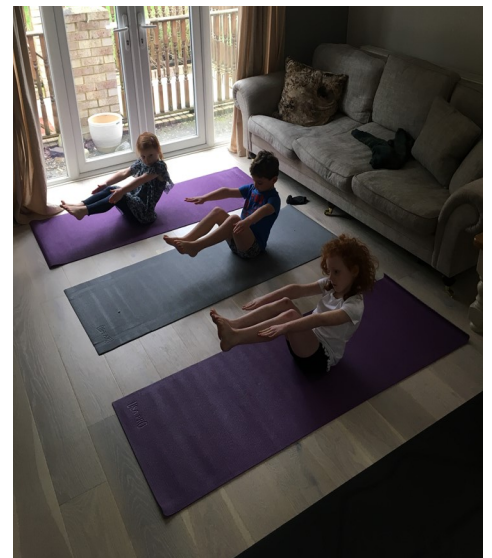
Keeping Busy at Home



Clockwise from top left: Charlie and Harry D on an alphabet hunt, Esme and Lyla in a playhouse they built, Katie H's shape poster, Holly C's writing, Oliver, Poppy and Lola doing Cosmic Kids Yoga, Rowan B's writing, Jamie B doing great maths work, Jack and Leila with their home-made grass heads and Rosie D using a SmartBoard at home (taking it to the next level!)



Keep sharing all of your great work and ideas - many people have already been inspired to try similar things!



Arts and Crafts at Home



Clockwise from top left: Painting by Bethan (Yr1), Fish Artwork by Betsy (Yr R), Artwork by Isla (Yr 2), Model using cuboids by Kurtis and Sydney, Andy Goldsworthy inspired art by Hayden (Yr 3), Maisie (Yr 3) and Jamie (Yr R) and Tardis Artwork by Rosalie (Yr 6)



Arts and Crafts at Home



Above Left: Jamie Browne (Yr R) keeping busy by building. Above Right: Pirate ship model by Harry Wright (Yr 1)



Left: Aaron (Nursery) making bird feeders for the garden.

Right: Lilly (Yr 6) trying out decoupage

Below: Rainbows by Daisy and Henry Caine



The “Aah” Factor



Left: Freya in Class 6 sent in this picture of their litter of puppies with their mum.

Right: Bethan in Class 1 sent in this photo with the family’s three new rabbits.



In The Garden



Above: Libby's (Yr 4) seeds (planted last week) are already growing well.

Right: Aaron (Nursery) has made bird feeders for his garden.



If I Were Shipwrecked

A story by Lacey Webb (Yr 2)

If I was shipwrecked on a tiny island I would want to have my magical toy bunny Nibbles to keep me safe at night from predators like ...

LIONS and TIGERS!!!! because I wouldn't like to get eaten by those kinds of animals. I would bring a pack of water bottles that will last me a whole week so I wouldn't get thirsty. I would also take a book so I could dive into new adventures of the unknown.

Whilst I'm stuck, to catch the fish from the crystal clear ocean, I would remove my belt from my pink shimmering dress and tie it to a stick. This will make a brilliant fishing rod. To keep myself hydrated I would pick coconuts off a nearby palm tree. I would crack them open and drink the velvety coconut milk.

I would ride home on dolphins with the wind in my hair. The journey would be beautiful. On my way a kaleidoscope of butterflies would swoop down and land on my arms and then would fly away. Then a rainbow filled the sky and I would follow it all the way back to my home village. Oh! what a wonderful feeling I felt when I reached Chinnor. I gave my family a big hug. It was a unforgettable adventure. I would love to go back some day!

My Poem on Coronavirus

by Danielle (Yr 6)

Remember to stay 2 metres away

From everyone you see today.

The hospitals are very full

So don't break a bone at all!!!

You get wiser with hand sanitizer!

You've just got to stay at home.

You're not going through this alone.



STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS



save lives

Easter Hunt! By Elliot (Yr 3)



Once there lived a bunny. When I say bunny, not an ordinary bunny—an Easter bunny!!! But the bunny ate lots of chocolate. The bunny looked at his clock. The time was 19:56—it was time for hiding the Easter eggs. Then the bunny hopped in his sleigh and off he went to hide the eggs. The Easter bunny did all of his deliveries but one... A beautiful, magical house in Ravensmead. The people who lived there were called Craig, Lara, Emily, Elliot, Peanut and Joe.

We all woke up and saw the Easter bunny's ears. Both of the children, Emily and Elliot went to find the Easter egg. But there weren't any Easter eggs? Then Craig said "Try inside." Elliot said, "Ok." So Emily and Elliot went inside. They were about to get their Easter basket but they looked and saw a big egg. Emily and Elliot opened the big egg but the egg did not open. Then they heard a crack, crack, crack. It opened and it was the Easter bunny. The Easter bunny gave a mini egg to Joe, four eggs to Craig, Lara, Emily and Elliot and a big bag of dog biscuits. Not ordinary doggy biscuits, dog chocolate biscuits. We all said, "We love it Easter bunny." Then the Easter bunny said, "I need to go home now," and we all said, "Ok." Then the Easter bunny went home. The end.

Supporting the NHS



Casey Axten, Class 5, designed this new football kit in support of the excellent work being done by the NHS during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Inspirational Thoughts

On the day school closed, the children remaining in Class 4 decided to write their own inspirational quotes to share on our class blog during the weeks that school is closed. We have

shared one of these below but thought it would be great to see what other feel-good quotes the rest of the school community could write and share these in future editions. Get thinking...

*Dreams are adventures
that you have not had
yet.*

By Esme, Class 4

School Choirs

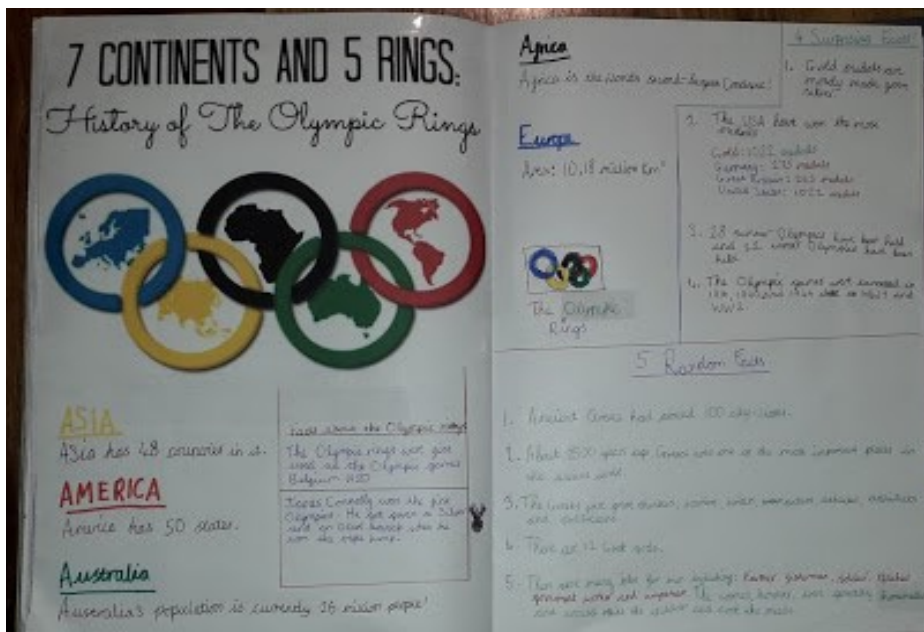
Hi lovely Thursday and Friday choir members,

Keep singing all your old favourite songs—pop, rounds, partner songs, assembly songs and topic songs. For Thursday choir, enjoy the Dorchester songs, especially now that you can listen to them. For Friday choir, keep enjoying your Spring Concert songs, such as *Kusimama*, *Larger Than Life*, *Any Dream Will Do* and *Mumma Don't Allow No Hand Clapping Around Here*. Maybe you could even think of changing some of the words.

We miss you all. Keep singing!

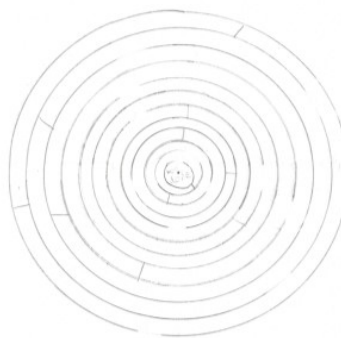
Mrs Thompson, Miss van der Ploeg and Lynn

Terrific Topic Work



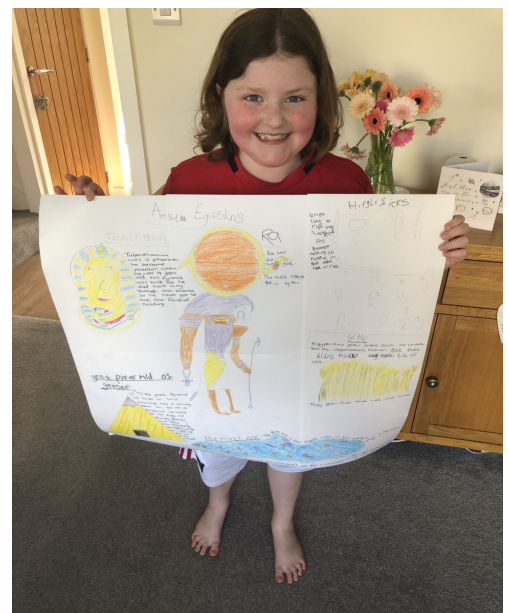
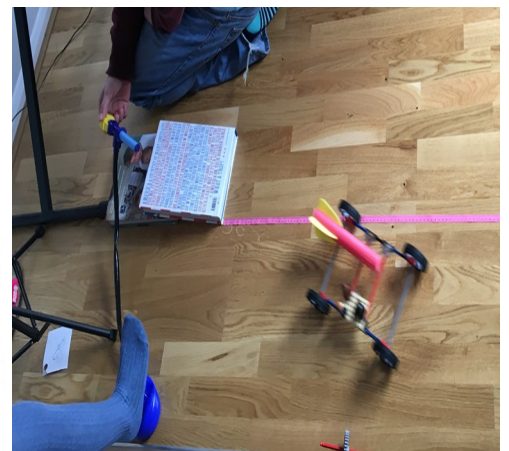
Clockwise from top: Olympic work by Hannah (Yr 6), Hieroglyphic cartouche by Eric (Yr 4), Moon Buggy by Sophie (Yr 5), Egyptian Fact Poster by Rosie-Mae (Yr 4), Egyptian Villa Model by Lola (Yr 3), Exercise Poster by Zoe (Yr 3).

Centre: Greek Labyrinth by Toby (Yr 6)



Everybody needs exercise so they can be fit, healthy and strong. order to do this people need to do exercise for at least 60 minutes every day. Here are some examples: football, tennis, skipping, gymnastics, trampolining, running, hopping, swimming, jumping and loads of other stuff.

By Zoe



Shout-Outs!

Nursery

Hi Windmill Nursery!

How are you? Have you seen our Nursery website

www.windmillnurserychinnor.co.uk? Crow is very excited as he now has his own page and he is adding lots of our favourites - songs, rhymes, stories and some dough disco music! If you would like a favourite song, rhyme or something else on the website, please email nursery@mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk and Crow will try and add it onto his page. His computer skills are really improving!

We are missing you all and can't wait to all be back together again.

Take care! Love Mrs Payne, Mrs. Hardstaff, Mrs. Rockall, Mrs. Richards, Mrs Maxwell

Reception

Thank you so much for all your messages and photos this week. You have been working so hard from home and it always puts a smile on my face to see the wonderful things that you have been doing to keep busy! I have loved reading your imaginative superhero stories this week - keep sending them through! It has been great to also see some fantastic baking, science experiments and lots of outdoor learning!

Well done!

Love from Miss Pocock, Mrs Murphy, Mrs Scarlett and Mrs Richards

Year 1

Hi Class 1!

You have been so busy this week. It is lovely to receive emails with your work and all the fun things that you have been doing at home! I also want to say well done to the children who are learning how to email and sending messages to each other through Purple Mash. It is wonderful to know you are keeping in touch too.

Many of you have enjoyed coding on Purple Mash this week! I have added some more challenges for you in the 2Dos.

I will send you pictures of the roses that Miss Martin gave us, they are sprouting new leaves!

Keep sending in your work. I look forward to reading about your shipwreck invention!

We miss you and look forward to seeing soon,

Love from Mrs Palmer, Mrs Worley,
Mrs Swanborough and Miss Stratford

xxx

Year 2

Wow, I can't quite believe we're at the end of another week already!

I have again, this week received a range of brilliant work. I am loving your emails, and it's lovely to see that some of you have started to email your friends and add to the Class blog on Purple Mash. We are all enjoying reading what everyone is up to.

Also, the class would like to give a special shout out to Mrs Hiley who has been taking care of our class roses while we are away. The children and I are very thankful and we look forward to seeing them when we are back!

We are all missing you lots!

Miss Martin ☺

Year 3

Hello Class 3,

Well done for successfully completing another week of home learning. We have been so impressed with how hard you're all working and have really enjoyed receiving all your lovely work. The class blog is getting nice and full with all your hard work and it's been wonderful to see the variety of things you have been getting up to.

Merryn has been practising her commentating skills with her voice over on her Minecraft Egyptian Villa – if you haven't seen it yet, check the class blog. It's great! Elliot has become a DIY expert, by plastering walls and fixing radiators (you will be in high demand when we go back). Dylan has been practising his acting skills and recreated a scene from the play he's reading and Daniel is obviously an author in the making with his fantastic adventure story. We have also been really impressed with all the great posters you have all created on great ways to stay fit whilst stuck at home! Well done to everyone!

Don't forget to look out for next week's learning menu and we both look forward to seeing more of your great learning next week.

Miss Moseley and Mrs Bird ☺

Year 4

Hi Class 4,

It's hard to think that two weeks have gone by since we were last in school!

Thank you so much to all of you who have been emailing, keeping busy on Purple Mash and sharing all of your great work. It is such a pleasure to receive items each day and see how well you are doing.

I have loved hearing about how busy some of you have been, not just inside but also outdoors. The range of work is amazing and I'm very proud of you all, including the mums and dads who are helping you.

Keep up the amazing enthusiasm and enjoy the Easter holidays, which will be a little different from normal this year.

Mr Thompson, Mrs Hipwell and Mr Spezialetti.

Year 5

Hi Class 5,

You continue to be a very busy class and the competition for the best moon buggy is underway. Sophie started off with a buggy that was powered by a stomp rocket that went 1.12m and Daisy entered with a very stylish balloon powered buggy that went 2.4m. Archie added an electric motor to his buggy which went over 5m. Joshua built a moon buggy that was powered by a rubber band and this glided to an impressive 4.8m. Come on the rest of you, what can you create to challenge our designers so far?

I continue to be impressed by the volume of work some of you are producing and the range. Well done Casey and Rosie for continuing to learn Spanish and sharing it with the class on our blog - I am learning a new language at the same time thanks to you two. A 'big thumbs up' to Archie for the amount of literacy work you have completed and to Louisa for completing nearly all of our maths sheets.

We will soon be starting a new topic on the Ancient Greeks but for the next week I would really like to hear if you have been learning a new skills. I am learning how to draw cartoons and maybe I will put up some of my efforts on the class blog. Send me pictures of what new skills you have tried and we can see how well we are doing.

I miss teaching you guys but look forward to continuing to see what great work you are doing at home.

Tineke van der Ploeg

Year 6

Well done for another week of home learning Year 6. It has been amazing to see your enthusiasm for learning and your resilience to keep going. Thank you to everyone who has posted on the blog this week. It's always good to hear what you have been getting up to. Harry has been making us all jealous with pancake making, Hayden baked some bread, Kyra baked brownies and flapjacks, Louise is doing a great job of keeping up her diary entries, Danielle wrote a poem (featured in this newspaper), many of year 6 have written a newspaper article about a superhero on PurpleMash, lots of lovely artwork has been completed and some of year 6 have been posting topic work for our new Ancient Greek Topic. Hannah has been producing some beautifully presented work about the Olympic Games and Harvey did some great research into Ancient Greek architecture. There's also been some great 'Hit The Button' scores submitted so Mrs Wingrove will have to keep competing against you all! Mrs Hiley posted on the blog this week too and inspired lots of rainbow window displays. All of this creativity along with core learning in Maths and English will be keeping your brains very strong. Keep up the great work year 6 and stay in touch over the Easter Break. Happy Easter 🐰

Take care and stay safe, everyone!

Look out for Newsletter Number 3 in a week's time