

Good morning everyone,

Well another week has passed by and it is Friday again!! Over the last 6 weeks, I have seen that you have all been busy learning new skills. I know I certainly have. I have now cut my husband's hair three times!! I was terrified at first, but I think I may have got a little over confident this week - it is a bit short and I am just glad that he can't see the back!!!! Oh well, it grows quickly!! Note to self – take your time and don't get distracted!!

I have also been baking again with my girls. All the teachers will tell you that baking is not my strong point, so I was really proud when we produced a very yummy Victoria sponge cake! I even phoned my mom to tell her, as I don't think that I have made one since I was in Year 9 at secondary school. I also sent a photo to Mrs Sparrow, who makes the most delicious cakes!! Mrs Pickett and Mrs Price tried a piece when we were in school this week and I think they enjoyed it!

As the weather was beautiful over the weekend, my girls love any excuse for an ice-cream – so we decided to do a treasure hunt to see if they could find their 'treasure'.

They followed the clues all around the house and the garden and really enjoyed it! Did you enjoy the video that we sent out on Tuesday? Isn't Miss Dowler so clever? It made me feel a little bit sad, as it made me realise how much I missed everyone, but then I also felt happy as it

was lovely to see everyone looking so well and I know that we will all be together soon. I know that it can be really hard, and everyone is missing their family, but we must try to remember that we are staying apart now, so that when we are back together, no one is missing!! Here is the link again, in case you missed it! <https://youtu.be/BJ5WdAN7H-Y> Even though the weather has changed a little, please try to have a lovely weekend and be kind to your brothers and sisters if you have them, and your parents!! It is not always easy for us adults too!

Take care and I will speak to you all next week,  
Mrs Cook x



## **DRAW WITH ROB**

Children in my Year 6 maths group, will happily tell you that Mrs Cook can't draw!! This week my friend told me about 'Draw with Rob' on YouTube <http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>. Rob is a children's illustrator, who has produced step by step guides on how to draw some of his characters. So instead of subjecting Ellie to do 'Draw with Mommy', she did 'Draw with Rob' instead! Ellie had a great time and I think she did really well!



Ellie tried to draw Gregosaurus, who is a stegosaurus named Greg!

Maybe, if you are stuck inside because of the weather, give it a go, and send me your attempts – I will share them on the newsletter next week.

### VIRTUAL PRAISE

Lots of teachers have found it really difficult to choose a person for praise this week – so well done everyone.

Class	Name	Reason
RJ	Darla	For completing all of her Reading Champions.
RP	Eva	For writing a diary.
1M	Joe Eloise	For writing, maths and brilliant science work. For great use of Doodle maths, writing and helping to look after her nannies at home.
1/2C	William Daisy Alyvia	For of the fantastic activities that he is doing at home. For her fantastic stained glass window. For of the fantastic activities that she is doing at home.
2M	Theo	For his amazing Stourbridge canal PowerPoint presentation and his model of a canal boat and for From Mr Foster – for gaining the most points on the Charanga website in 2M.
3K	Amelie	For keeping busy everyday with reading, PE with Joe, spellings, TT Rockstars, Numbots, monster multiplication, Reading Champions and tap dancing – which is annoying her brother!
3/4S	Abigail Liam	For hard work in maths, English and history. For his work on St. George's Day.
4H	Minnah Evan  Evan	For her willpower and dedication for fasting in her first Ramadan. For making a great start on the house point challenge linked to Egypt – interviewing someone who had been to Egypt with some thoughtful questions and finding out mathematical facts about the River Nile! For gaining the most points on the Charanga website in 4H.
5B	Amelia	For gaining the most points on the Charanga website in 5B.
5/6F	Logan	For being invested into Scouts this week
6P	Christopher Mia	For continued commitment to home learning. For excellent art work.



### VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

Next Friday 8th May (which is also Mrs Marsh's birthday) we would have had the day off school, to commemorate 75 year since the end of World War 2. We had got lots of exciting activities planned for next week in school and I know that Mr Foster had planned to teach us lots of war time songs. Just because we are not altogether does not mean that you can't celebrate this important day in some way. I know that most classes will be having some home learning tasks linked to VE Day next week.

You might want to colour a picture and display it in your window like we did the rainbows for all to see. Willow and Tejo's mom sent me some lovely activities (just click on the link below). You might want to bake a cake, learn a song - the possibilities are endless! I love this idea of a 'Stay at Home' Street Party, where you would have a picnic on the front of your house!! I would love to see how you celebrate – fingers crossed for good weather!

<https://www.madeinashford.com/blogs/news/v-e-day-free-activity-pack>



## BUSY LITTLE BEES .....

The Kinsey family have been very brave this week – camping out in their garden – on the trampoline! The Prosser family have been keeping active with PE with Joe! Lilly has made a big picture of the solar system, she in pictures of tapirs for 'World Tapir Day' – who knew? Felicity made some yummy Cakesicles (ice lollies that are made of cake) and as they can't go out to eat they decided to make their own pasta and created their own Italian restaurant with authentic music. Book me in please!!



Gracie has been learning how to sew by creating a rainbow, done some science experiments with her brother Charlie, and has enjoyed playing with Charlie - particularly hair and make-up salons! Holly and Millie made some absolutely delicious scones which they have had to share with Nan and Grandad over the fence next door! I am so impressed with all the new skills and facts that you have been learning about! Well done guys!!!



Liam has been really busy too! Making a shelter and sleeping overnight in it! He has been busy growing flowers from seeds and this week he has helped to plant them in the garden. His family are having a sunflower race to see who's grow the tallest! He also has made handprints in salt dough to remember 'Lockdown 2020'. Liam also is really enjoying working through the house point project Mrs. Foster set - he has made a start on his model of a volcano!! Great work Liam!!!

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS DUNCKLEY ....



Dear all,  
I just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know how much I am missing you all and how I love reading the weekly newsletters from every class. I can't believe some of the wonderful things you have all been busy completing at home. It really puts a smile on my face!

It has been so lovely seeing all the beautiful art work. What fantastic ideas you have all come up with! My daughter, Eva, has enjoyed getting the paints out, making mobiles and even having a go at 'salt dough rainbows'. They did look lovely hanging on the rail at the side of the house. Unfortunately, after recent heavy downfalls of rain, they ended up as colourful splodges on the driveway!! Oh dear, never mind. We had fun making them.



I am so proud of you all working away at home. You are all doing such an amazing job!! Not just working hard completing activities from your class home learning ideas but learning how to set the table, pairing socks and learning to ride a bike. Such valuable life skills!

My daughter has been learning facts about the famous painter, Vincent van Gogh and learning how to tell the time. I can no longer get away with, 'Yes, in five minutes'. She is getting too good!! We have also tried to keep active making assault courses and dens in the garden in the glorious sunshine. Fingers crossed it comes back!

I am so lucky to hear about how some children are getting all their spelling correct, making Egyptian masks, learning about different places in the world or just completing building challenges in the garden. However, the newsletters give me the chance to see what you are all getting up to. Keep going! You are doing a fabulous job. You are making me smile every week.

Missing you all so much!  
Keep smiling, stay indoors and stay safe!

*Mrs Dunckley x*

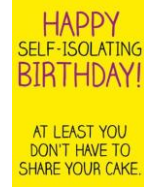
## **BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUTS**

Just because we are not in school, doesn't mean we can send lots of happy birthday wishes to everyone who are celebrating this week!



So a **MASSIVE HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Sachin, Libby, Spencer  
Mrs Pickett, Mrs Dunckley and Mrs Marsh



## **A MESSAGE FROM MISS GERMAN ...**

Hi Everyone,



I am missing you all tonnes and really hope you are keeping safe. I have loved reading the newsletters and finding out about the learning and creative activities you have been up to.

I feel very lucky to have seen some of you from afar at Mary Stevens Park or caught up with you on the phone. A big thank you to Skye in Year 6 for sharing with me about everything she has been growing including basil, parsley and sunflowers! Wow!

I have taken your top tips and shared them with my children. I have two children Bobbie who's in Year 3 and Herb who's in Year 1 and they have planted sunflower seeds, radishes and peas. Fingers crossed they grow well.

Similarly to a lot of you we greatly enjoyed the sunshine and following Archie Thompson's advice got the paddling pool out (I have heard they've even got blow up palm trees over at Archie's house). My two children had a great deal of fun squirting me with the hose pipe at the end of a sunny day!

The past couple of weeks I have been teaching my children to cycle without stabilisers- a particular challenge for me since I only learnt myself this Christmas!!! Now they have learnt they have had an immense amount of fun cycling through the puddles this week.



I don't know about you, but cardboard has become the most precious thing in our household. Herb, particularly, is constantly painting and building with it. Check out some of our creations. Can you guess what they are?



It is so hard not having normality and seeing everyone but we are trying to be as positive and make the most of our unexpected family time. Miss you all and can't wait to read the newsletter this week!

## **SAFEGUARDING AT AMBLECOTE**

**Even though we are not at school at the moment, we don't stop caring about you all.**

If there is any point when you feel that you might need some help, advice, or just someone to talk to, please email: [info@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk). This email is checked regularly throughout the day and someone will get back to you.

Even whilst we are all away from school, it is important if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child to call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm), contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** (out of hours).