

Newsletter 20 – Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Families,

'Feel Good Friday!' Oh wow, what a great start to this initiative! We had so much fun in our assembly this morning! I can't remember the last time I danced to Superman! It did actually show my age as some of the staff hadn't even heard of it! A huge thank you to our Burton Albion Community Trust coaches, Georgia & Tom for organising it for us! It really was great and I think we might need to start every assembly like it now - well on a Friday anyway! Georgia has been in touch to apologise that her device was a bit blurry and as she will be delivering a session next week, she will use a different one.

It was so lovely to see Sir Steve who does so much to make sure our school runs smoothly, and I think he thoroughly enjoyed it! I loved seeing a photograph of his goats! They looked like they might be a handful to have as pets!

We hope you enjoyed the Science activities and that you and your child enjoyed doing something a bit different on a Friday. A huge thank you to Mr Horsewell for generously giving us some of his resources and then filming how to make the Rocket Launcher! I've seen some great ones on Tapestry and Seesaw.

Next week's theme is 'Healthy Living' which will mainly be around exercise and healthy eating. We have booked Georgia and Tom to do a session each. Georgia will lead a dance session and Tom a multi-sports session. The only equipment you will need for these sessions are two soft balls OR two rolled up pairs of socks and some clothes which you are able to do sports in. Children that are in school should also wear their PE kits that day. These sessions will run during the morning via Zoom and we will send the links and times of these next week. You do not need a Zoom account to access them, just click on the link. The class teachers will also be sending a few other activities for you to do that should be easy to access at home.

Commemorating Sir Captain Tom Moore: As Sir Steve mentioned in the assembly, we wanted to find a way to commemorate the amazing achievements of Sir Captain Tom Moore who sadly died this week. We wanted it to be something that the children could relate to and therefore what better way than them completing 100 laps themselves of something of their choice! This way, it can then be age appropriate. For example, our Nursery children might like to do 100 laps of their living room or our Year Two children might be able to manage their gardens. They can do this running, walking, on a space hopper, on a bike or scooter. Whichever way they would like to and over a time frame that would make this possible. So, we are suggesting we start it on Friday, but it might take them the half term holiday to complete it. We are also hoping to set up a Just Giving page to mark the children's achievements to raise money in Sir Captain Tom Moore's memory for Place2Be who organise Children's Mental Health Week. More details about this next week. In the meantime, please have a chat with your child about what they would like to do laps of!

Reading books: Thank you for your patience with this while we redistributed all the reading books. Please do come and collect them as soon as you are able, particularly Reception and Year One parents as the children will need the books for their Phonics lessons. Many thanks.

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Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Responsibility. We have seen some absolutely fabulous examples of this through Tapestry, Seesaw and Teams. Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this morning in our virtual assembly. There were also lots of shout outs for those that shared what they have been doing!

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Alice	For always putting so much effort into her Remote Learning - well done Alice!
Reception	Maliha	For trying so hard in all of her live lessons this week - well done Maliha!
Year 1	Jacob & Lucas	For signing on to every single lesson with enthusiasm and a passion for learning! They have also been working so hard with Mrs Collins in their session on a Friday!
Year 2	Isaac Clark	For taking responsibility for checking his Maths work and for looking out for his classmates! Also, he has excellent manners!

I look forward to seeing you on Monday in our virtual assembly and on the live lessons in the coming week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Please stay safe.

With best wishes

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

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