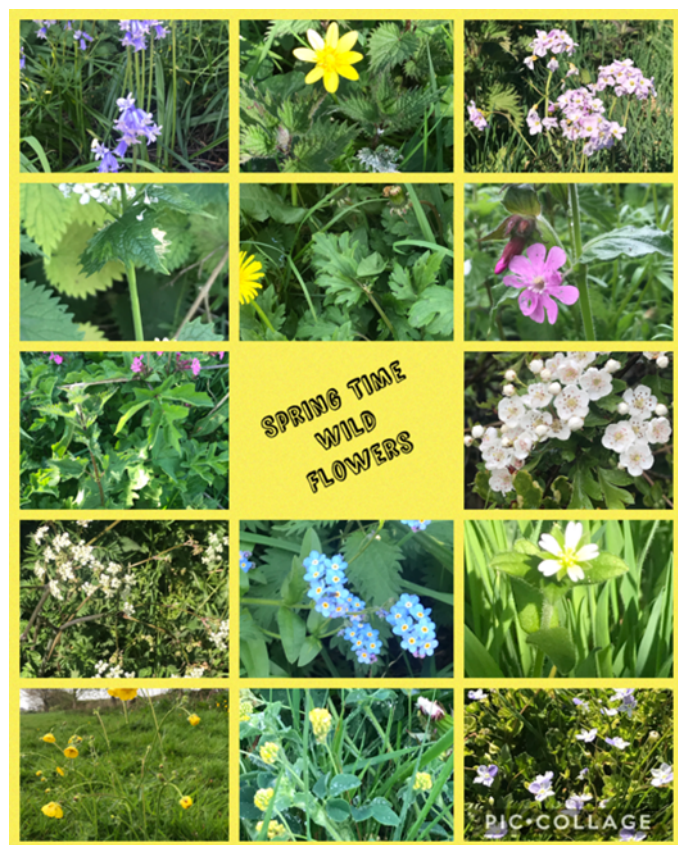


Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 7th May 2020

Dear Parents and Children,


I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Welcome back to the sunshine – it certainly helps everyone to feel a little bit brighter. It also helps the flowers to bloom. I wonder how many you can identify?



Twitter

A busy week again by the look of our Twitter page. We have been tweeting now for 2 Years! Look at the statistics.

1st tweet was on 03.05.18

	No. Tweets	Followers	Top Tweet Impressions
After 1 yr	850	279	1594
After 2 yrs	2074	422	1300

In the last 28 days!



It is such good news that there is so much to share. Keep sending your pictures in and we will keep breaking our own records!

VE Day 75 – 'Home Celebrations'



All week, VE celebrations have been taking place across the country. We have put different VE activities on the schools VLE page for children to have a look at and have a go to mark this international celebration. Again send us any work and photos; we would love to see what you have been up to! deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk Maybe you are going to have a picnic in the garden on Friday instead of a street party. Get out your flags and bunting and send us a photo.



VE Day Poem by Isla Tams



Victory in Europe we will celebrate today,

Everyone remembers & they pray,

Do not forget,

About the war,

You are the ones', they were fighting for.

VE Day Poem by Lucas Tams

Victory in Europe 75 years ago today,

Everyone remembers, they thank you, they pray,

Days go by & sometimes we forget

All you did for us, the pain, the upset,

*Your sacrifice allows us to live the life that we do, from
the bottom of my heart, I say 'Thank You!'*



Walk To School Week

We know that you can't 'Walk to School' but how creative have you been this week? Have you walked in your garden or managed to get out close to home? We would love to see pictures of you walking please send them to mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

VIRTUAL



Home Learning – VLE REMINDER

Whilst the lockdown continues the teachers have continued to upload activities to the VLE on the school website. How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

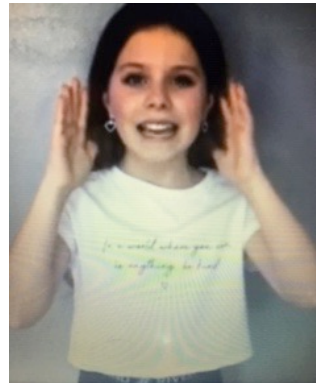
Enter your password – **year1_vle** (Change year group accordingly)

There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

Sadly ☹️ we have had a decline in our numbers this week. Maybe you are all out in the sunshine again and doing things outdoors – let's hope so.

Remember to have a balance of activities over the day and over the week. Do check out the music section this week if you haven't already. Mrs Brown has uploaded a version of 'We'll Meet Again' with the words for everybody to learn. On Friday it is VE day and there is a

planned 'Big Sing' at 9pm. It might be a bit late for some of our younger children but it is Friday night! If you have plans to sing in your street then share them with us. Thanks to parents for continuing to support us 😊



'Isabelle - YR6 has enjoyed learning the musical task from Mrs Brown off the VLE this week, please see <https://twitter.com/MablinsSchool> TWITTER feed for her song, as she thinks it's a lovely message for these times too!'

Key workers

The school will continue to open for the children of our key workers. If your situation changes for whatever reason and you require this facility then please get in touch. We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact me head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk to confirm your requirements for a place.

Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support.

Just a reminder that if you have not received a voucher that you think you are entitled to then please let us know.

Children's Check in

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.

If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch. Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing: mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk Likewise if you, or a member of your family, has been seriously impacted by Covid-19 then please let us know. We are here to help and can pass on the details of support networks if we are unable to help you ourselves. We don't know how many of our families have had a close contact with a Covid-19 sufferer or indeed a victim of this dreadful virus. Please let us know if you, or someone you know is in that category.



Well Being Support – Yoga

What is yoga?

Yoga is an ancient form of exercise that focuses on strength, flexibility and breathing to boost physical and mental wellbeing. The main components of yoga are postures (a series of movements designed to increase strength and flexibility) and breathing.

Yoga encourages you to relax, slow your breath, and focus on the present. It is calming and restorative; it lowers breathing and heart rates, decreases blood pressure, and increases blood flow around the body.

Check out the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/guide-to-yoga/>

And – Boys and girls get mum and dad involved too! If they say I am too old for yoga you can tell them that people often start yoga in their 70s, and many say they wish they had started sooner. There are yoga classes for every age group. Yoga is a form of exercise that can be enjoyed at any time, from childhood to your advanced years.



Safety Online

This week's advice from the BBC:

8 top tips for staying safe online

Find out more about keeping things fun, safe and respectful when you're online. The Internet is an amazing place to be creative, chat

with friends and find interesting fun stuff. You may spend a lot of time online, so it's important to make the most of it and enjoy it whilst also being safe, sensible and respectful to others too. Here's our guide to being smart about who you meet and what you do online.

1. Online friendships

Try to think of your online world as an extension of your offline friendships. Include friends in your activities, it can feel just as hurtful to be left out of online games or chat as offline ones. Be careful how you word things too, sometimes the written word can be misinterpreted. So whether it's emails, texts or posts, be considerate to how they may come across. Save your important conversations, like resolving conflicts, for face-to-face meetings.

2. Be respectful

Be respectful of your friends on social media. Don't post photos of them they might find embarrassing without asking first – and take them down straight away if someone asks you to. Try to be mindful of how your posts will make people feel before you put them up. You'll care about what other people post about you – so be courteous to others too.

3. Be aware of your digital footprint

Every time you go online you leave what's called a digital footprint, which shows others where you are and

what you have been doing. So while posting pictures and videos is great for sharing with friends and being creative, always remember that once an image or file is online it's likely to stay there forever. Don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see.

4. Think before you post

Social media and some websites are great for airing your opinions and making the world a better place. However, be wary of writing negative posts. Ranting on the spur of the moment might feel good at the time but you may regret it later. Instead, try to put your point across in a positive or neutral way, it'll have more impact and shouldn't cause offence. Always remember that when you respond to something someone's said, there's a person at the other end who has feelings, just like you do.

5. Know who you're dealing with

Socialising online can be fun; it's a great way to keep in touch with friends and family. Lots of people only play or chat with people they know in person, and that's a sensible approach. But if you do meet people you don't know, use the same caution that you would offline. Always remember people may not be who they say they are, so be mindful about what you say about yourself. Keep chat general and if you are concerned that someone's asking for personal details, then stop contact and tell a trusted adult. Never arrange to meet someone you only know online.

6. Protect your identity

When using the Internet never give out personal information, such as your number, where you live or what school you go to – it's a big no-no. If you are using social media check your privacy settings and make sure only friends can see your posts.

7. It's not always real life

Always bear in mind that photos and posts can exaggerate real life. Think about it - we usually select the prettiest, happiest pictures (you rarely see posts about going to the supermarket with your mum or photos of a massive spot). Images of other people's (carefully chosen) perfect lives can leave you feeling low, but they don't tell the whole story, so try not to compare yourself.

8. Keep a healthy balance

The Internet is a fantastic resource for research and schoolwork, but make sure you take regular breaks away from the screen. If you find yourself spending a lot of time online and even thinking about it when you're offline (instead of spending time with friends or family) then maybe it's time to back off a bit. There's a whole world out there – and while the Internet can be fun, creative and social, you could be missing out on real life, like hanging out with your real mates. It's all about striking a good balance.

Clapping for the Key Workers



Our clapping for the NHS video is ready!!!

*Get a hanky in your hand.
Our clapping is the finest
you'll see in all the land.*

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV_mo49zISKGodm-kjiqlyg/

Mablins Lane Community Primary School - YouTube

The video will also be on our Twitter page @MablinsSchool

Many thanks,



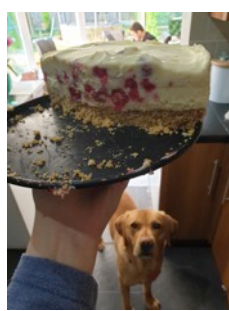
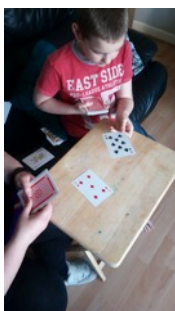
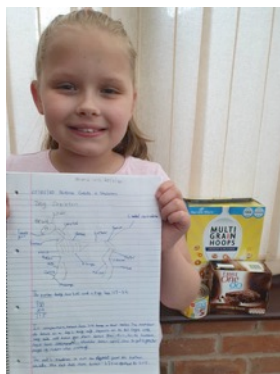
Celebration of home learning work

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

We try to tweet all the photos/work that is shared and here is a selection of the fabulous work that has been shared this week! Thank you so much, it really does make our day so see so many children enjoying their learning at home!

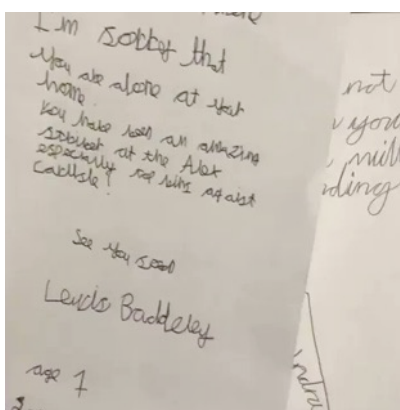




Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to: mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!

'Joshua Baddeley and his cousin decided to write letters and draw pictures to send to a Crewe Alex player after they read that he is having to self-isolate on his own as his young family live in Norway, they thought it would cheer him up.'



Mrs. Joule's Challenge

Last week's SCIENCE CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Isaac Newton was sitting beneath an apple tree when an apple fell on his head – gravity!



This week it has to be a - HISTORY CHALLENGE It is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day



Questions

1. What does VE stand for?
2. What does VJ stand for?
3. Who was the Prime Minister of the time?
4. What was the impact of this moment in history?

High School Transition for Y6

All Crewe Schools have met virtually this week to discuss transition arrangements for Y6 pupils. Individual schools should be contacting families with regard to specific arrangements. If your child is in Year 6 and you have not heard from the allocated High School then please contact me as soon as possible.

Most schools have updated their websites with information including welcome letters and photographs. If visits are not possible over the coming weeks then arrangements will be made for virtual tours and meeting the staff. The Local Authority are supporting all schools to ensure that transition is as smooth as possible under the current circumstances. If you have any queries or concerns then please don't hesitate to get in touch.



School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020

Last Friday we received a list of families from the Local Authority who have accepted a place with us at Mablins

Lane for September 2020. I have contacted those families by email sending a welcome letter. There is also a short data sheet to complete to help us get started with our transition arrangements. If you have accepted a place with us, but have not received the letter, or know of anybody else in that position, then please contact me as soon as possible head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

20's Plenty for Crewe



The '20's Plenty for Crewe' group was set up 10 years ago to campaign for 20mph in residential areas where our children can live and play safely.

They would like your support now! You can make a difference! They are asking people to please write to their local councillor this week as the council is debating 20mph in towns next week on 13th May.

You can look up your local councillor on their website. The link for Cheshire East is: <https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/mgFindMember.aspx> In the last 5 years in Cheshire East 29 children were killed or seriously injured walking and 9 children were killed or seriously injured whilst cycling. Both Crewe and Nantwich are generally flat and compact, and so are perfect locations for active transport – walking or cycling. More active transport would bring benefits for health and wellbeing, reduce pollution and carbon emissions, particularly for the youngest and oldest in the community. The speed of motor vehicles in the town is a significant hurdle to overcome in progressing towards these aims. 20mph is widely recognised as the speed where motor traffic generally ceases to be lethal, and also, importantly, no longer causes fear and apprehension to other users of public spaces and their parents and carers. If you would like to offer your support please get in touch.

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May – Poster Competition

Christian Aid is an international charity which helps people who are in need around the world. The theme of this year's Christian Aid Week is



'Love Unites Us All'



While we have been off school because of the virus lots of people have been helping each other. This has not just been people in their own homes and family members, but their neighbours and even strangers in the community through volunteer groups.

Can you think of all the ways we have been helping each other during this period? You may want to talk to a grown up about this.

Now can you use this to create a poster, a painting, a poem or something else to show these thoughtful acts of love and kindness. You may use one act that is important to you or lots of different ones.

We can't wait to see your creations which show how **'Love unites us all'**. Remember to send us a photograph of your finished piece, please send to: deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Continue providing vouchers to families in receipt of Free School Meals.
- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working in the critical services.
- Planning transition arrangements for our new EYFS pupils.
- Linking with all schools in the locality to establish arrangements for Y6 transition.
- Liaising with the DfE, Regional Schools' Commissioner, Cheshire East and local headteachers.

Stay Safe

At the current time, we still don't know when we will return as a school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is currently suspended and all communication should be via:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.

Make sure that you do what feels right for you, be aware of your own feelings and be kind to yourself and others. Remembering that this is a temporary situation and that things will get better.

With Kind Regards

Justine Joule - Headteacher

