

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 14th May 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Ruby (Y2) has sent this lovely photo this week wearing a beautiful rainbow t-shirt. Ruby is missing school and just wanted to send everyone a smile. Thanks Ruby, I am sure that you have brightened everybody's day.



Communication

Last Friday every class should have received a message from their class teacher by email or text. We hope that we managed to reach the vast majority of our school community.

All the teachers are missing their classes and can't wait to see the children again. This week teams are putting together new messages and these will be out to you all soon.

Those families who have a child in Mrs Knight's class will have already received the good news!! Mrs Knight is pleased to announce that she is expecting twins! The babies are due during the summer holidays. We send our very best wishes to Mrs Knight and her family.

Return to School

Many of you will have heard the message from the Prime Minister on Sunday evening. That message was delivered to the whole country at the same time. Following the announcement there has been much speculation, questioning and analysis of the detail.

I have been working with the school senior leadership team, Crewe Headteachers, the Local Authority and the DFE in order to create a coordinated plan.

The only 'known fact' is that as it stands nothing has changed in terms of school for the present time. The school will only be open to the children of key workers – those workers identified by the Government as key to keeping the country operational in this time of crisis.

The suggestion of a return to school on 1st June by EYFS, Y1 and Y6 is only a MIGHT. There is no certainty.

We will continue to work up our plans with the health and safety of our school family the greatest priority. Once we have more information we will share our planning and risk assessment with parents in order for you to make an informed judgement.

Please bear with us as we want to do our very best for the whole school community and we want to get this right. Thank you.

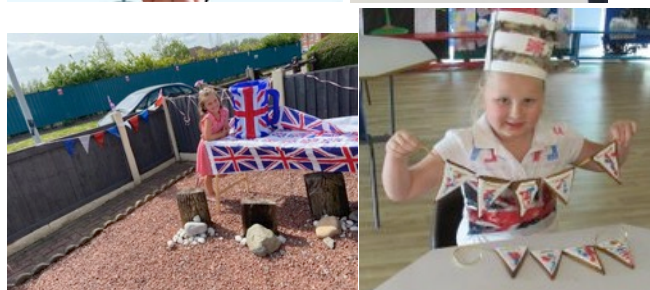
VE Day 75 – 'Home Celebrations'



Last week saw lots of events around the country marking the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Whilst the day was not marked in as celebratory a way as was perhaps planned, there was a good deal to get people thinking and many comparisons were drawn between the community spirit then and now. We asked for any photos or video clips of anything you got up to during

the week or on the bank holiday. Mrs Brown is working on a new video combining all clips. If you haven't sent yours in yet then please send to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk in order to be included in the video.

I was in school with Miss Dennigan last Friday and we made some delicious bunting biscuits and peace doves. As I drove back to my house at the end of the day all my neighbours came out to clap me because I had been to work!



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.

WELL DONE TO YEAR 1 – they are smashing the VLE statistics downloading lots of work and activities. Almost everybody in Y1 has accessed at least some of the English work, so well done. That's amazing.

WELL DONE ALSO TO YEAR 3 – they are taking the lead on accessing the widest range of activities.

There was a good update on the VE day activities and the 'Play Cards' maths work.

Remember to have a balance of activities over the day and over the week, and thanks to all our families for their continued support.

THIS WEEK - Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May

ENTER:

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'

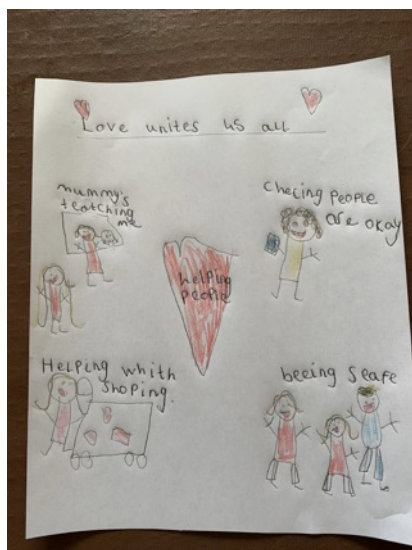


While we have been off school because of the virus lots of people have been helping each other. This has not just been people in their own homes and family members, but their neighbours and even strangers in the community through volunteer groups.

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



Key workers

The school will continue to open for the children of our 'key workers'. We have a group of children who access this 'childcare' facility each week. Please can I ask those parents to let me know each week what your requirements are. I understand that people are working shifts and may need different days each week, and this can be accommodated, but it is important that I can check on numbers in order to arrange an appropriate staff ratio. If you could email: head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk by Friday lunchtime that would be really helpful.

If your situation changes for whatever reason and you require this facility then please get in touch to discuss your needs. 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. We will confirm as soon as possible following your enquiry.

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, have 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 –

MIND

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is impacting all our lives, and the usual



advice might not quite apply. We know that some ideas for looking after yourself may feel unrealistic right now. And some treatment and support options will be harder

to access, or may be unavailable for a while. But we hope that you can still find information on the MIND website that helps you understand what you're going through, and find a path forward.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/wellbeing/wellbeing/#LookAfterYourMentalHealth>

How can I improve my mental wellbeing?

Mental wellbeing describes your **mental state** – how you are feeling and how well you can cope with day-to-day life.

Our mental wellbeing is **dynamic**. It can change from moment to moment, day to day, month to month or year to year.

If you have good mental wellbeing you are able to:

- feel relatively **confident** in yourself and have positive **self-esteem**
- feel and express a range of emotions
- build and maintain **good relationships** with others
- feel engaged with the world around you
- live and work productively
- **cope** with the **stresses** of daily life
- adapt and manage in times of change and uncertainty

Set yourself a challenge.

Find something you like doing and do more of it.

You could take up a hobby, join an on-line class or volunteer your time for something you feel passionate about.

At times it can be hard to find the motivation to set goals for yourself, especially when you don't feel confident or worry about what other people may think. But it doesn't have to be something big.

Making small goals such as trying a recipe or learning the days of the week in a new language can help you to feel more positive about yourself.

"Focus on 'small wins' don't chase big achievements. Do the little things and use it as a springboard, whatever you can do be proud of it!"

Safety Online



This week's tips from safety net:

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Top 10 tips for mobile phone safety

1. Remember if you are being bullied it isn't your fault and there is nothing so awful that you can't speak to someone about it. Talk to a trusted adult at home or at school.
2. Don't reply to any nasty messages you receive.
3. Don't reply to a text from someone you don't know.
4. Keep the messages you have been sent so you can show them to a trusted adult and make a note of the time and date of the messages or calls you receive.
5. Don't answer calls from withheld numbers or numbers you don't recognise, let it go to voicemail.

6. Block numbers from people who are sending you nasty messages.
7. If you are bullied repeatedly can change your number.
8. Don't give your mobile number to someone you don't know.
9. Don't send pictures to someone you don't know.
10. If the problem is serious you can report it to the police, cyber mentors, or childline.

Clapping for the Key Workers

We are so pleased to announce that our Clap for Carers video has had more than 1000 views!

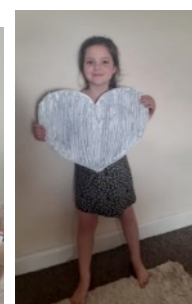
Keep up the clapping and thank you so much to all our key worker parents.

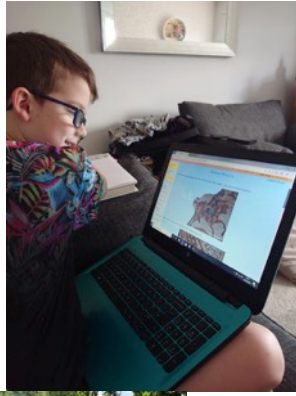


Celebration of home learning work

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!





Mrs. Joule's Challenge

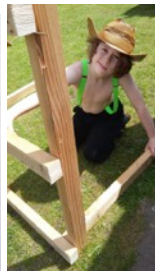
Last week's HISTORY CHALLENGE ANSWERS 75th Anniversary of VE Day



VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Last week's answers

1. What does VE stand for? **Victory in Europe**
2. What does VJ stand for? **Victory in Japan**
3. Who was the Prime Minister of the time? **Winston Churchill**
4. What was the impact of this moment in history? **The end of the war was brought about.**



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!



This week's new challenge is an ART CHALLENGE

1. Who painted a famous picture of sunflowers?
2. What Nationality was the artist?
3. Can you find any other famous paintings by that artist?

Can you paint or colour your own picture in the style of this artist and send them in?

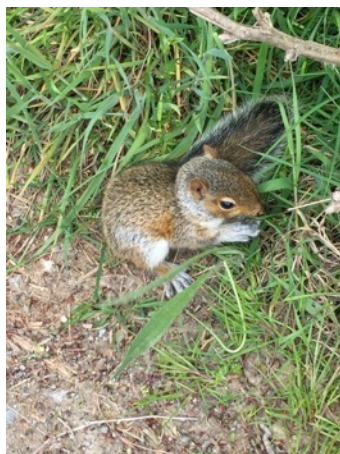
Forest School Challenge 14



Take a photograph of something in nature! Mrs Manning took a beautiful photo of a dandelion seed head and Mr McLean's dog, Jin, spotted a baby squirrel!

Send us your photographs by Friday 22nd May and we will post them on twitter, there will be a prize for the photograph that we like the most!

Send to <mailto:deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk>, Happy Forest Schooling!



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



School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



Many families have returned the first data collection sheet for children due to start in EYFS in September 2020. If you have not yet returned the form then please can I ask that this is done as soon as possible?

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 in terms of developing a safe plan for receiving more children back in to school

Stay Safe

At the current time, we are still not certain when we will return as a whole 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: