

## Newsletter for Parents

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

### VE Day History

In the lead up to the 75th anniversary of the VE Day celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May, the children of Hook Junior School were given some VE Day history project and literacy work via Seesaw to help them understand the importance of the day and to consider what it would have been like to experience it.

After seeing photos and videos from the actual celebrations of the momentous day along with some background information, the children were set the task of imagining what it would have been like to be there - perhaps as a member of the vast crowd outside Buckingham Palace witnessing the King and Queen taking to the balcony or someone at a street party in their own village joining in the celebrations. They were then given the choice of describing the event using any form of writing that they wanted: a poem, letter, newspaper article etc.

The creative and thoughtful responses that the teachers received were outstanding and it was wonderful to see the diversity of ways that the children chose to create their work. A selection of the brilliant outcomes can be seen below.

Victory in Europe poem by Jessica  
The war is over,  
Rejoice is here,  
Bring out the bunting,  
Away goes the fear.

Streets with colours like rainbows,  
Dancing all through the night,  
The blackout is over,  
Come on, let's turn on the light!

We won't forget those who fought,  
Some are a little sad,  
About those who lost their lives,  
Such bravery they had.

Churchill made his speech,  
And so did the king,  
Victory in Europe!  
Let the church bells ring.

Today we made Shortbread & Scones to experience wartime baking



Dear Father,

Yesterday's news about Victory in Europe was excellent! I am glad you are safe and well in Germany and all our family miss you loads, and look forward to seeing you soon. Everyone is going wild in the neighbourhood and we have decided to have a street party to celebrate. I have helped putting the tables out in the middle of the street, and we have covered these with cloths. Mummy even brought out her special tablecloth! We have made bunting out of coloured paper which we have hung from my bedroom window to Katherine's bedroom across the street. Everybody in our street has done this and I must say, it looks beautiful and colourful!

Kirsty from Number six brought out her gramophone and set it up. As soon as we heard a song come on all the kids started singing, dancing and messing about. Even when mummy and her friends brought out the food they started to sing and dance. Then it started to feel like a party. Mummy and I have made cakes and other goodies from the extra rations they allowed us to have.

After we finished setting the party up, we decided to make paper hats. I had to make them out of newspaper because that was the only thing I could find! I made two so when you arrive safely home from Germany you can wear one! Mr Robinson from Number 5 is organising a bonfire, so he has asked us all to collect wood and take it to the bottom of the street. I am really looking forward to having fireworks, singing and dancing around the bonfire and having a stupendous celebration tea later on this afternoon.

Mrs Peterson from Number 4 has not wanted to participate in the party because her husband, Mr Peterson, was killed last week in Germany by the Nazis. She is feeling the loss of him a great deal, and we all appreciate how very upset she is, and that she might not want to join in.

I really miss you and wish you were here. Everyone sends their love to you, and all hope to see you soon.

Stay safe.

## Year 4 Food Project



**This is my  
creation  
based on  
the works of  
Guiseppe  
Arcimboldo  
using fruit  
from our  
fridge.**

The project for this week was all about food.

The children looked at where food comes from, what a balanced diet looks like and some prepared food of their own. The children have been using skills we use in design and technology such as researching, evaluating as well as making a product for a specific purpose. Looking at some pictures that have been coming in on Seesaw, a variety of other skills have been developed including peeling, chopping and kneading. This fruit picture from Florence put a big smile on my face! Well done everybody for your hard work.

Miss Evans

## Outdoor Classroom Day

Children from across the school enjoyed the glorious weather yesterday in celebration of Outdoor Classroom Day. Pupils took the opportunity to respond to their usual Seesaw activities and read in the great outdoors. Furthermore, many children repurposed plastic packaging to create bird feeders; indulging in some bird watching in their gardens. We have received some fantastic photographs, and drawings of the finished feeders, and the birds that came to try them out! For more pictures of some of the outdoor projects that were completed, check out the HJS Twitter and Facebook pages.



## Guinness World Record Breakers

Children's author and illustrator Rob Biddulph attempted to break the world record for the largest online art lesson on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The challenge saw Rob Biddulph teach children across the world how to draw a blue whale. To successfully break the world record, he needed 10,000 unique users to join the lesson for half an hour. In the end, he had around 48,000 children join his challenge yesterday. Here are a few of the final outcomes from Year 5.



## Primary Behaviour Service

As you are aware, our service aims to support pupils within Hampshire schools where the presenting needs are evident in the school setting. However, given the current circumstances, we are temporarily adapting how we are working to best meet the needs of families and schools in the Rushmoor, Hart and East Hants area.

We are finding that there are a growing number of parents who are facing challenging behaviour at home as a result of the lockdown and the pressures of home learning etc... We would always encourage parents to speak to the school first. However, if you have any parents who you feel would benefit from speaking to a member of the PBS team, we would be happy to offer a one off telephone consultation to the family if you feel this would be helpful.

This service is temporarily available to families who are not currently known to the team and will not result in an ongoing referral but is just a chance for those families who are struggling to touch base with a member of the team who might be able to help, provide some resources or signpost on for further support.

Parents are welcome to contact us via [pbs.thehive@hants.gov.uk](mailto:pbs.thehive@hants.gov.uk) and we will arrange a convenient telephone consultation time.

## Additional Resources for Parents on the Letters Page

We have published several additional documents on the letters page this week:

- The School Nursing Bulletin for May 2020
- The Rushmoor and Hart Supporting Families Newsletter
- A 'How to cope after COVID' guide from the NHS

## Stars of the Week

Year 3            Eduard B, Evie C, Zachary S, Megan B, Jacob A, Farhan S

Year 4            Kieran W, Jessica M, Honor M

Year 5            Katie B, Charlie G, Rocco C, Olivia S

Year 6            Niree R, Daniel B, Emily S, Henry H

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