

Mr Blom's rather unusual Newsletter, Friday 1 May 2020

A

is for (virtual) assemblies. Well done to James in 4VC, James in 1CM , Sarim and Inaaya in RKO who all received Headmaster's Commendations this week for outstanding work! Our virtual assemblies have been hugely appreciated by parents and children alike.

"Hadia listened to the assembly this morning and was ever so pleased to have received the merit. Thank you for the certificate and for the huge efforts that you all are making in trying to keep to the school timetable."

B

is for birdfeeders. Eco-Committee members rose to the task, set by Mrs Slade, and produced some fantastic innovative designs to encourage more birds into their gardens.



C

is for challenge! Jasper and Leo Hayes, together with other St Aubyn's friends, took part in the 2.6 Challenge in aid of Haven House. Team Hayes chose a football themed challenge and aimed to hit the crossbar 26 times in 26 minutes. So far, they have raised over £3,800! You can contribute here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wedidtwopointsix>

is also for courage. We must remember Winston Churchill's words, *"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."* #bravelyfaithfullyhappily

D

is for dissection. Science doesn't have to be limited to the classroom! Zach enjoyed the practical nature of this recent science lesson by completing this heart dissection in his kitchen!



E

is for exercise and experimenting! Mrs Wells has been running 5km every day and Poppy and Pip, the springadors, have been keeping Mrs Slade busy in the Forest! Ms Dundon is enjoying daily walks in newly discovered local parks and trying to perfect her ICT skills.



“Getting lessons ready has required IT knowledge far beyond what we normally need for English lessons. So far, I’ve learned how to record my screen and audio using a gamer app, then how to compress the files, so they can be uploaded more easily to Nearpod. Then I filmed myself for an assembly which required a YouTube channel as the file was too big. I recently worked out how to record both my laptop screen and camera at the same time so that I can try this in future lessons!”

Ms Dundon

is for fun and also for **feedback** and **focus!**

F



“ Thank you for all the fun work you sent out this week which we really did enjoy.”
“ Hearing the teacher’s voice sets him up for the day and brings focus and a bit of normality to his day.”

is also for family and friends who are not forgotten!

G

is for gardens and growing things.

It would seem that Ms Dundon is not the only one who had success with their seeds. Aman has also demonstrated that he has green fingers! We have also been enjoying our gardens and Mrs Wells even found time to paint her boat in her garden.



H

is for happiness! No-one was happier to hear his teacher’s voice than Solomon when he took part in Miss Hackett’s remote Maths lesson!

Also, Ramadan started last Thursday, so **RAMADAN MUBAREK** or **HAPPY RAMADAN!**

is also for home haircuts! Who needs one?



N

is for the NHS. Miss Gamble has been incredibly busy volunteering at NHS Nightingale.

She has been assisting all the amazing NHS staff going through their training ready to work in the hospital itself. She has met many selfless people who are willing to put themselves at risk by working in the intensive care unit.



O

is for origami.

Amelie, Bailey and Vona learnt a new skill and made these colourful creations.



Saanvi's beautiful poster says it all!



P

is for Padlet which allows us all to share our photos, videos, work and thoughts.

is also for **poetry.** What would we do without Mr Solomonides's start of term address? It can be found on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/370118069697735/videos/1193735040957854>

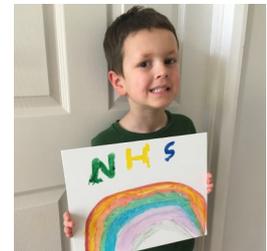
Q

is for queuing at the supermarket whilst observing social distancing rules and **quarantine** as we all stay at home as much as possible.

is also for the quality of our remote teaching approach and the resources we provide which are designed to help pupils learn at home and complete tasks independently.

R

is for rainbows. Here is a selection of some of the pupils' fabulous creations for the NHS.



S

is for sewing. Elisha, 6MG, and Mrs Sheikh have been sewing wash bags and protective clothing scrubs for NHS staff working in London hospitals. Mrs Sheikh has also been supporting Age UK by telephoning elderly residents in Waltham Forest to check on their physical and mental health.



T

is for



and TikTok. Miss Gamble set the first Senior House Challenge which involved toilet rolls and kick ups! There was a lot of fancy footwork on display in your videos.

is also for those **teachers** who failed to take part in the challenge because they knew the pupils would beat them!

U

is for unusual. Emphasise to your child that the rules online are the same as when they are in school and that you expect them to be courteous to others. Impress upon them the fact that this is an unusual time for everyone and that appropriate behavior will help their learning experience.

V

is for video calling. This is something that we may all be doing more of at the moment. Caribu is a family video-calling app which includes a library of children's books and activities suited to younger children. <https://caribu.com/>



W

is for wildlife. The Week 2 challenge for the Eco-Committee members is to take a nature photograph of an animal or plant. These will be judged by Mr Blom next week ! Here are two beautiful photos of our local wildlife!



X

is for Xbox. Remember to monitor what your child is doing online and which games and apps they are using. Limit their screen time and ensure they have plenty of breaks from online technology.

Y

is for

“You’ll Never Walk Alone”.

Happy 100th Birthday to

Captain Tom Moore who has raised over £32m for the NHS by completing 100 laps of his garden.



Z

is for ZZZ!

I hope you have enjoyed this unusual A-Z newsletter and wish you all a happy , peaceful and relaxed weekend.

Mr Blom

