



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of another week I wanted to reassure you that we are continually working hard to ensure the safety of all the children in school, their families and our staff. This involves regular checks, updating risk assessments, constant checking of numbers, resources, and extra cleaning etc. I am in constant discussion with the trust who check all our plans and risk assessments. This week we have had over 80 children in school safely accessing the '11 Bubbles'. We are continually looking for ways to increase our offer but at the moment we could not do so safely due to a number of reasons, including the number of rooms and staff required to do so. As you will appreciate not all staff are available to come into school at the moment due to the governments guidelines. I promise that I will continue to revisit the Risk Assessments and the Action Plan each week with the support of the academy trust and will keep you updated and informed of any possible changes in the number of 'Bubbles' we can provide going forward. Thank you for being patient.

There is lots of great work being done both in school and at home. This week they have all decided to have new names. We have a variety of great names in school such as "Lockdown Llamas", "Aero Bubble", "The Fire Crackers" and the "Babbling Bubble". Two of the home learning bubbles have been named "Crazy Kiwis" and "Home Learning Heroes". The children have all had great fun voting for and choosing a name!

I have chosen a variety of work this week to share with you that has been done either in school or at home.

Here are the "Lockdown Llamas" on their new display board and their amazing ocean fun pictures.



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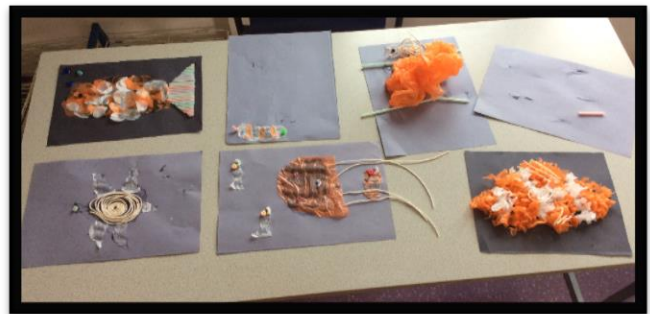
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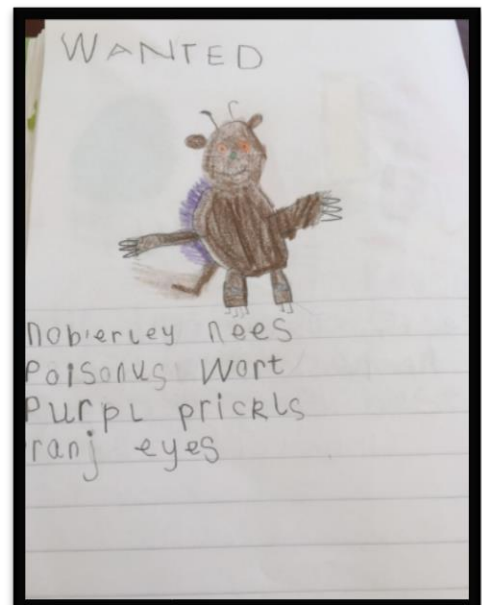
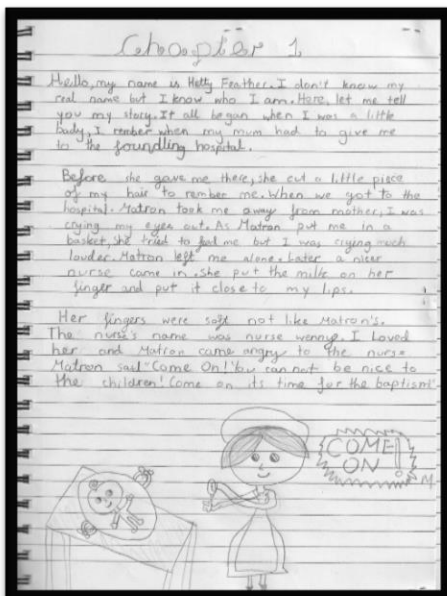
Amazing fish made by the "Chilled Out Chicks"



Anna in Year 5 is writing a 'Hetty Feather's Story'.

It is a super piece of writing. Here is chapter 1:

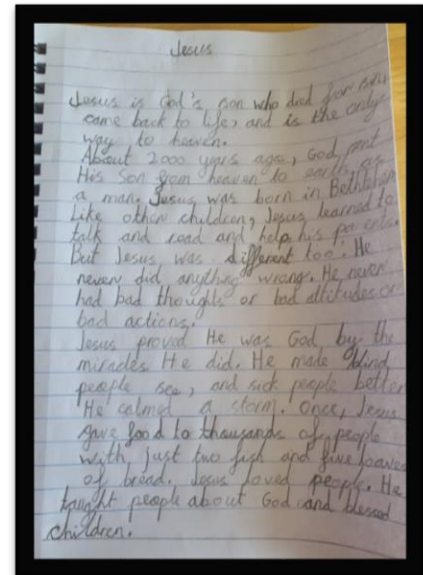
Siena's Gruffalo writing and brilliant picture.



Kiera's Magic box in which she keeps her favourite animal book.



Sophia Maria's writing about Jesus.

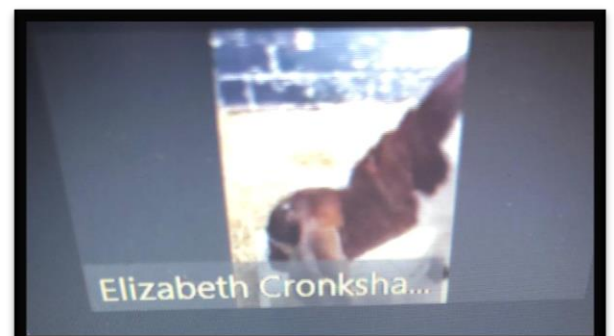
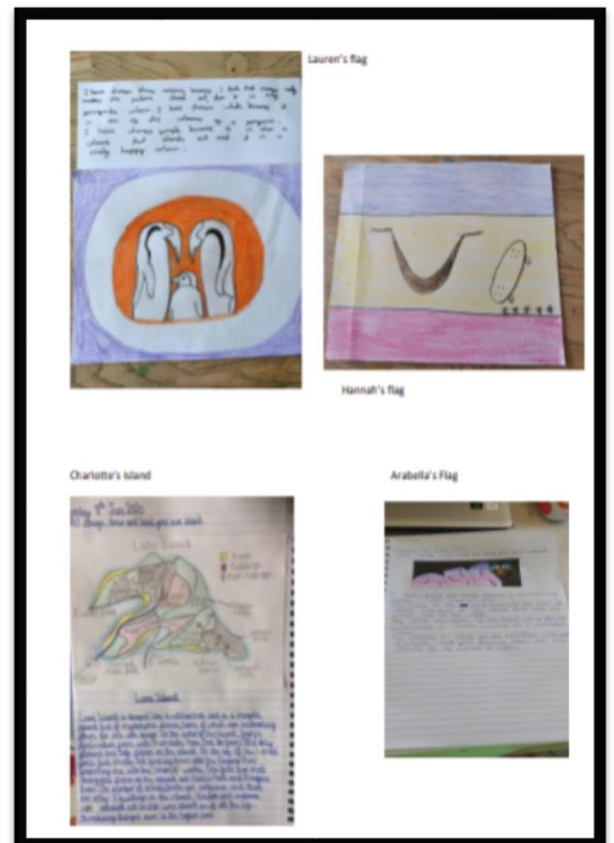
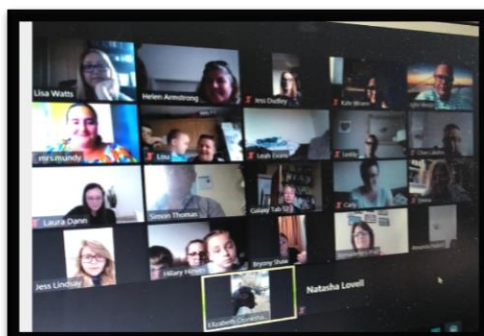


Finally look at the Year 6 'Flags and Islands'. This work was all based on the novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

Our staff meeting on Monday was based on 'Health and Well-Being', we were fortunate that Father John came along to talk to us all. It was great to catch up with him.



Our other visitor was Elizabeth the goat from 'Cronkshaw Fold Farm' in Lancashire. She came with her twin kids. Everybody loved seeing them on the screen.



Our exciting news this week is that we are planning a 'Virtual Sports Day' for Key Stage One and Two. Over the weekend the teachers are going to put together examples of the activities and events that you can participate in. How this will work will be shared with you next week. But I promise that there will be lots of fun activities and the main idea is to have **FUN** with your family!



On Friday 29th June we will be encouraging you all to celebrate Missio's "The Day of Many Colours". We will be asking the children to wear bright colours and participate in some of the activities. More details will follow over the next week.

We had another lovely response from one of the parishioners of St Anthony's.

Once again can I thank you for your patience and your continued support. If you need any help, support or advice please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs H Armstrong
Headteacher

Dear Georgie, 26.5.20
 Thank you for your cheerful letter. I don't feel alone because I receive Communion spiritually every day at Mass. The Mass is so my hope. 'Kindle' live from the Sacred Heart Church in Bournemouth, at 12.15 on Wed 16 to 30 am. I am very happy to have good in the prayers of Mass, and look forward to the day when we can all see each other when the churches are open again.
 I agree the flowers look beautiful in the garden. How nice to have a bit of digging, as the birds seem to have taken over the garden. The weather has been really lovely and warm. My son and I sometimes go for a walk up through the woods up to the heath and back home for exercise.
 I have a small wooden bench attached to my wall near my kitchen window. I have painted the area going in and out of the small hole. They collect the pollen from the flowers nearby. Sometimes I like to play on my electric piano, which my late husband bought as a gift. I like Chopin and Debussse's my favourite classic pieces.
 As you can see I have a bit to be thankful for and that is why I don't feel alone with love.
 Christine Sullivan (nee)