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the pursuit of good?*

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'GOOD NEWS' Newsletter Ten: 1st May 2020

Dear Children and Parents,



It has been brilliant to see how many families have managed to access Tapestry over the course of this week, have used it to keep in touch with teachers and shared some of the lovely activities and learning that has been going on at home. If you have not yet logged in, or are having any technical issues, please do email and we will try and get this resolved as soon as possible!

Please remember that our priority at this time is our children's well-being. We recognise that families are under different levels of pressure for many different reasons. Please use Tapestry as an opportunity for children to keep in touch with their teachers and share some learning or other activities – but please do not feel under pressure to do so. We appreciate the demands families are under!



All home learning resources for next week (week commencing 4th May) will be live by the end of today on our website here:

<http://bathwickstmary.org/home-learning-resources-2/>. When you log in to Tapestry, (<https://tapestryjournal.com/>) remember to view the teachers' videos you need click on '**Memos**' and to share children's learning and activities, click on '**Observations**'.



Are you a fan of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's picture books?
Here is a link to a free

resource where you can download a range of home learning activity packs to complete as you read the books.
<https://tinyurl.com/yicsd4t82>



Would you like to receive the **Bathwick Churches** weekly notices and service sheets? If so, do get in touch with Fr. Peter here:
office@bathwickparishes.org.uk

Isolated – but not alone?

Dee Caffari has sailed around the world six times! She is the first woman to have sailed single-handed and non-stop around the world in both directions and the only woman to have sailed non-stop around the world a total of three times. She has written a helpful blog for any of us perhaps feeling somewhat isolated – you can access it here:
<https://www.deecaffari.co.uk/2020/03/18/isolated-but-not-alone/>

B&NES People & Communities Communications Team

have asked us to share the following:
We just wanted to remind you about our online resources that are available for families and young people offering support during these difficult times. On our dedicated [Coronavirus support](#) page, you will find activities and resources for parents to support young children whilst they are home from school. There is also a page dedicated to providing [emotional and mental health support to adults/parents/carers](#)

The NHS have released this information aimed at adults which we have been asked to share:
<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/popular-topics/coronavirus>

Do you 'See what I see'?

Bath Spa University is working in partnership with the Royal Fine Art Commission Trust, to offer children (age 5-8, 9-12, 13-16) an opportunity to take part, and win prizes (£100 - £600 for each age phase) in an art competition about re-imagining their local built environment. They hope this will support children's learning and well-being, as well as giving them the opportunity to be creative and to imagine a built environment they would like to design and create. Full details of the 'See what I see' competition, is at: www.seewhatisee.me. We hope that they enjoy participating, and wish them every success in their submissions. Kind regards, Pat Black - Head of Teacher Education, Bath Spa.

Lucy Quick has visited our school and provided **drama workshops**. She has recently started 'Perform at Home' - online drama classes for Reception to Year 6 children. These are 30 minute interactive sessions led by Perform teachers in small groups featuring singing, dancing, storytelling and drama. You can read more about it here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/perform-at-home>. They are currently offering a **free trial session** for any interested child. They will be exploring Peter Pan with KS1 and The Greatest Showman with KS2. For further information, please call 0207 255 9120 or email on enquiries@perform.org.uk. You can also visit their website www.perform.org.uk.

In the absence of our daily Collective Worship, especially for children, let us think about our world and the difference we can all make...

Did you know that some scientists have said that the sky has been a brighter blue recently? Why do you think this may be? Pollution levels are dropping in parts of our city, country and world. Although it is sad and challenging that we are not able to be together at the moment, do you think this is an opportunity to do some things differently and better in our world?

April 22nd was international 'mother earth' day and United Nations leaders have challenged us all to do something better for our planet. António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General said, 'We need to turn the recovery into a real opportunity to do things right for the future.' The Bible tells us in, Genesis chapter 1, that God 'Saw all that he had made and it was very good.' I wonder what changes you and I could make to our lives to that will do good things for our precious world?



A prayer

Dear God,
As we walk through the valley of this challenge,
help us to look up and look to you,
to learn,
to do things differently,
to do things better for our world.
Amen

Now for some amazing home learning activities...



daily cycle ride! Here he is again, hard at work at home. Well done Moss!

Moss (3) might not be saving the world – but it looks like he is doing a great job in the streets of Bath! This brilliant photograph was taken on his



Charlie (4) very much enjoyed her project on the 'Gorgeous Georgians'. She recycled various shoe boxes and wrapping tubes to create her own Gorgeous Georgian house. It kept her very happily occupied over the Easter Holidays!

Ellie (R) baked delicious cakes and set up a baker's shop. She wrote out the subtraction number sentences as she sang to the tune of 'Five Currant Buns' subtracting a cake each time one was sold.





Filip (1) has been working really hard at home – especially on his maths – well done Filip!

Natalie (6) won a local competition of children’s window

rainbows, supporting the NHS. Natalie was thrilled to have won second prize – well done Natalie for supporting such a great cause!



Flo (1) has designed a rainbow - notice the flying girl with flowers and cakes at the bottom of the rainbow!

Rufus (5) has been hard at work on prime numbers – we are really proud of all his work!



Betsy (1) enjoyed her birthday recently. Here she is painting a picture of her house and family.

Dan (6) wrote a great letter in to school showing lots of work – here is his detailed diagram of the human heart. He has been on the family allotment nearly everyday doing lots of planting, digging, hoeing, watering and he is now doing guitar online with Mr Clark!



Also in Year 6, **Lottie** wrote a fab letter to her teachers about starting flute lessons online, practising her piano, camping out in hammocks and creating a time capsule and burying it for the future! It sounds like a really busy week!

Frederick (3) has been working hard on his analogue and digital clocks this week – well done Frederick!



Pip (5) has been busy making models and painting them in his spare time. A brilliant model, Pip!

Celestine (5) has baked these amazing Banana Berry Muffins all by herself – it was the first time she has baked on her own and the end result was delicious. She has also been trying to keep active over the last few weeks with lots of dog walks, badminton in the garden and has taken part in two online Zumba classes with Orla’s mum!



In Year 4, **Emma**, has been helping her mum in the garden preparing their vegetable plot – well done – that looks like hard work, Emma!



Over the weekend **Seb (4)** climbed Table Mountain in Wales in his house in honour of Captain Tom Moore. It was up and down the 3 flights of stairs 45 times and he got quite hot! A great effort, Seb!

And finally – what an amazing Garage Art lesson in chalk by **Sophie (6)** and **Poppy (4)**!



THANK YOU children for sending me your brilliant emails! Ready for the next Newsletter, please send more of your photos and learning in to office@bsm.bwmat.org. Please do keep sending them in!

Parents – as ever, any questions, please do email in to the email address above. With my best wishes to all our parents, children and families.

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