ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 5th February 2021



Dear Parents,

After much planning and preparation into the launch of our daily live sessions we are delighted with how it has gone. We anticipated teething problems and I am sure there will be more to come. The highlight of the week has been seeing the children's faces on the screen and the lovely messages of appreciation from parents saying how much the children have enjoyed the sessions.

We have missed having the children in school and can not wait for the nod from our Prime Minister to open the gates fully and let the children return to face to face teaching. I am sure that the daily sessions will continue to develop as we get into the swing of it.
I have seen, first-hand how the children are adapting and getting used to the technology. I think some of the children are more confident and comfortable with the technology than the staff which is usually the way as this is the world they are being brought up in.

The aim of the sessions is to have daily contact and interaction with the pupils and we want the children to be as independent as possible in the meeting. I appreciate that particularly our younger pupils will need technical support with accessing the meeting from the parents however, we would ask parents to then be in the background and not on the camera. We also ask for your support in trying to control background noises as it is very difficult to hear and focus when microphones are off and there are multiple background noises being amplified. I know all too well from personal experience how you can not always control or pre-empt every distraction, especially when you have a family and pets. My Alfie has featured on many a zoom call during this pandemic and not always in a good way! He seems to know when I want him not to bark the most.

The daily sessions will continue as planned next week sticking to the same timings as this.
If your family is struggling with accessing the sessions or the children's learning in any way please contact your class teacher for further support.

Have a great weekend
Best wishes
Mrs McKeating







AWARDS OF THE WEEK

HOME LEARNER OF THE WEEK

REC	Colby Edwards
YR 1	Felicity Baker
YR 2	Vincent Wigley
YR 3	Kian Judge
YR 4	Theo Fort
YR 5	Lucius Shepherd
YR 6	Theo Bullen-McKay



SCHOOL LEARNER OF THE WEEK

REC	Toby Rushton
YR 1	Martha Inkle
YR 2	Brooklyn Thompson
YR 3	Ruby Thompson
YR 4	Oliver Hesmondhalgh
YR 5	Joshua McGarvey
YR 6	Giuseppe Vozzolo

Good News—A New Arrival!

Congratulations to Keevah, Kendal and Jaxon on the safe arrival of their new baby sister Covie-Leigh, who arrived safely last weekend, weighing 9lb! We send our love and congratulations to Mum, Dad and all the family.



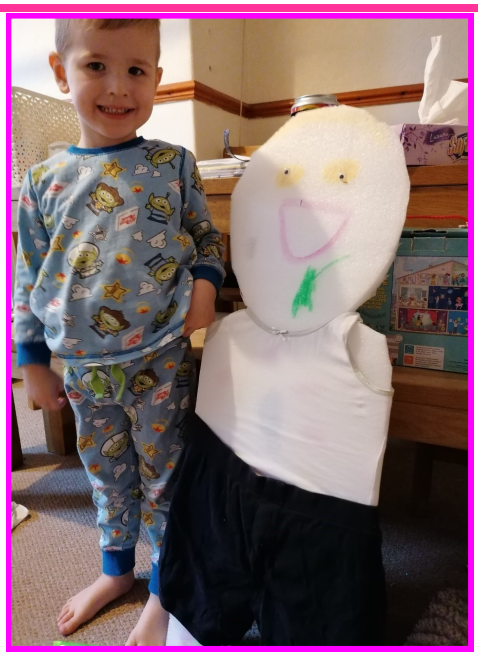


Burnley Sports Partnership are really impressed with Kai Sothern (Y2) and Leo Earnshaw (Y5) and are sending special awards to both boys for all the amazing PE they have been doing. Well done!

Nursery News…

It has been lovely to have a "bit of normal" and be allowed to keep our Nursery class open throughout the lockdown period. The children are certainly benefitting from keeping up their speaking and socialising skills and having lots of fresh air together in the outdoor learning space. Well done to these Nursery Children for completing their snow day challenge on Tuesday. We were delighted with the aliens created by Benedict, Jake and Bradley.







Rest In Peace Captain Sir Tom Moore

This week we have been remembering the inspirational Captain Sir Tom Moore.

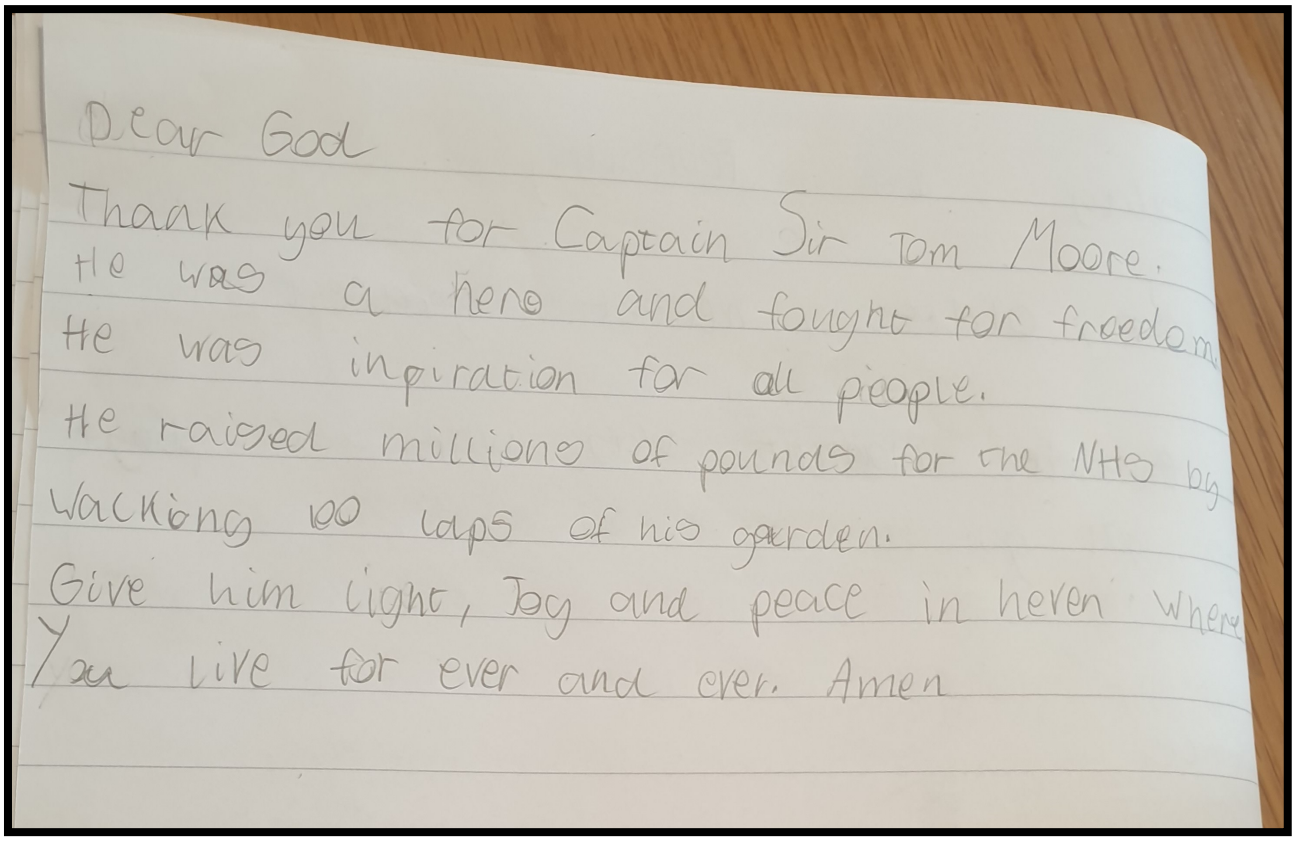
We pray especially for his family at this sad time and for all those missing loved ones.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May He Rest In Peace.



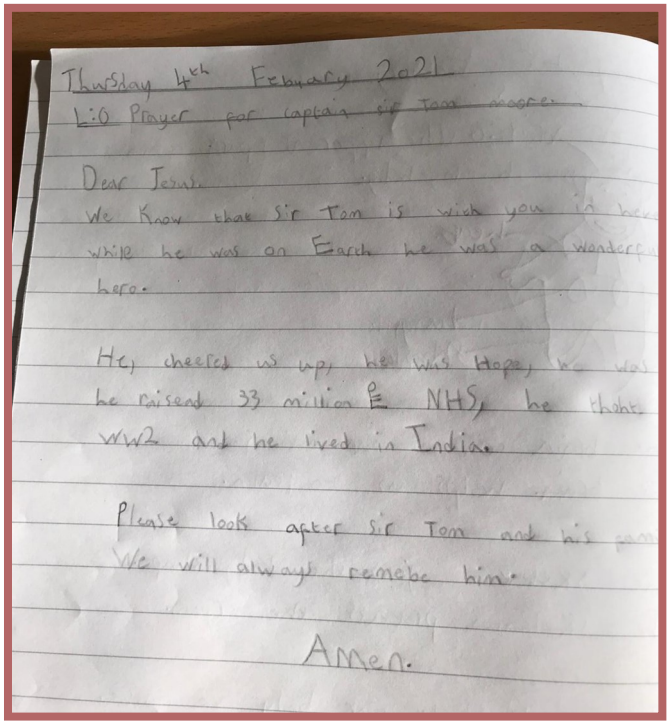


Thank you to Oliver, Brooklyn, Olivia and Kai in Y2 for their lovely prayers which sum up all our thoughts perfectly.



Dear God
Thank you for Captain Sir Tom Moore.
He was a hero and fought for freedom.
He was inpiration for all people.
He raised millions of pounds for the NHS by
Wacking 100 laps of his garden.
Give him light, Joy and peace in heven where
You live for ever and ever. Amen

Thank you and God Bless Captain Sir Tom Moore



Thursday 4th February 2021
L.O Prayer for captain sir Tom moore.

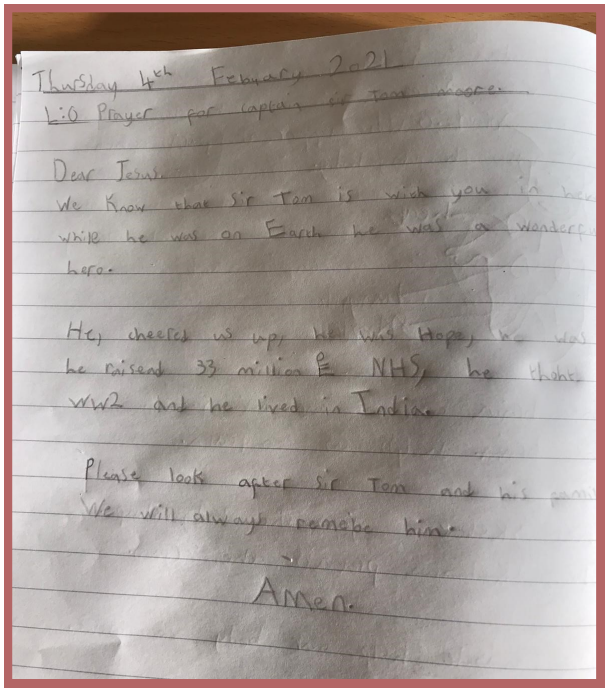
Dear Jesus
We know that Sir Tom is with you in heaven while he was on Earth he was a wonderful hero.

He cheered us up, he was Hope, he was he raised 33 million £ NHS, he thought ww2 and he lived in India.

Please look after Sir Tom and his family We will always remebe him.

Amen.





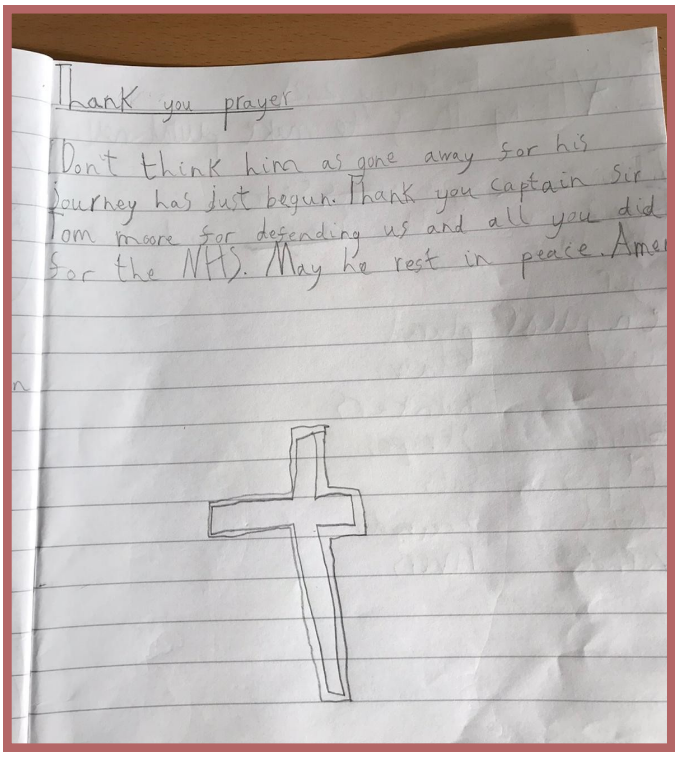
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Thank you prayer

Don't think him as gone away for his journey has just begun. Thank you captain Sir Tom moore for defending us and all you did for the NHS. May he rest in peace. Amen

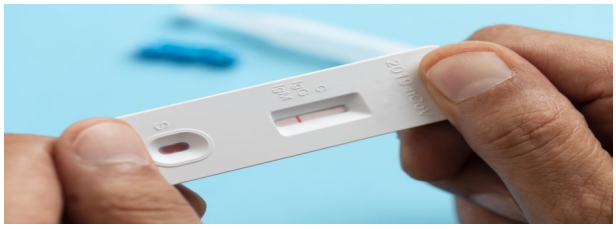


Lateral Flow Testing

For the past few weeks staff in school have been undertaking twice weekly covid-19 tests.

As many as one in three people could be carrying the virus and be totally unaware of this. By doing these tests we are hoping to join the fight against the virus and slow the spread to protect our families and communities.

The test is not compulsory but I am pleased with how many of our staff have embraced the scheme and join in the twice weekly test each Sunday and Tuesday evening. The test is purely for people with no symptoms and I am pleased to say our results have been negative each time. A special thank you to all the staff who have joined in with the testing scheme for the benefit our school community.

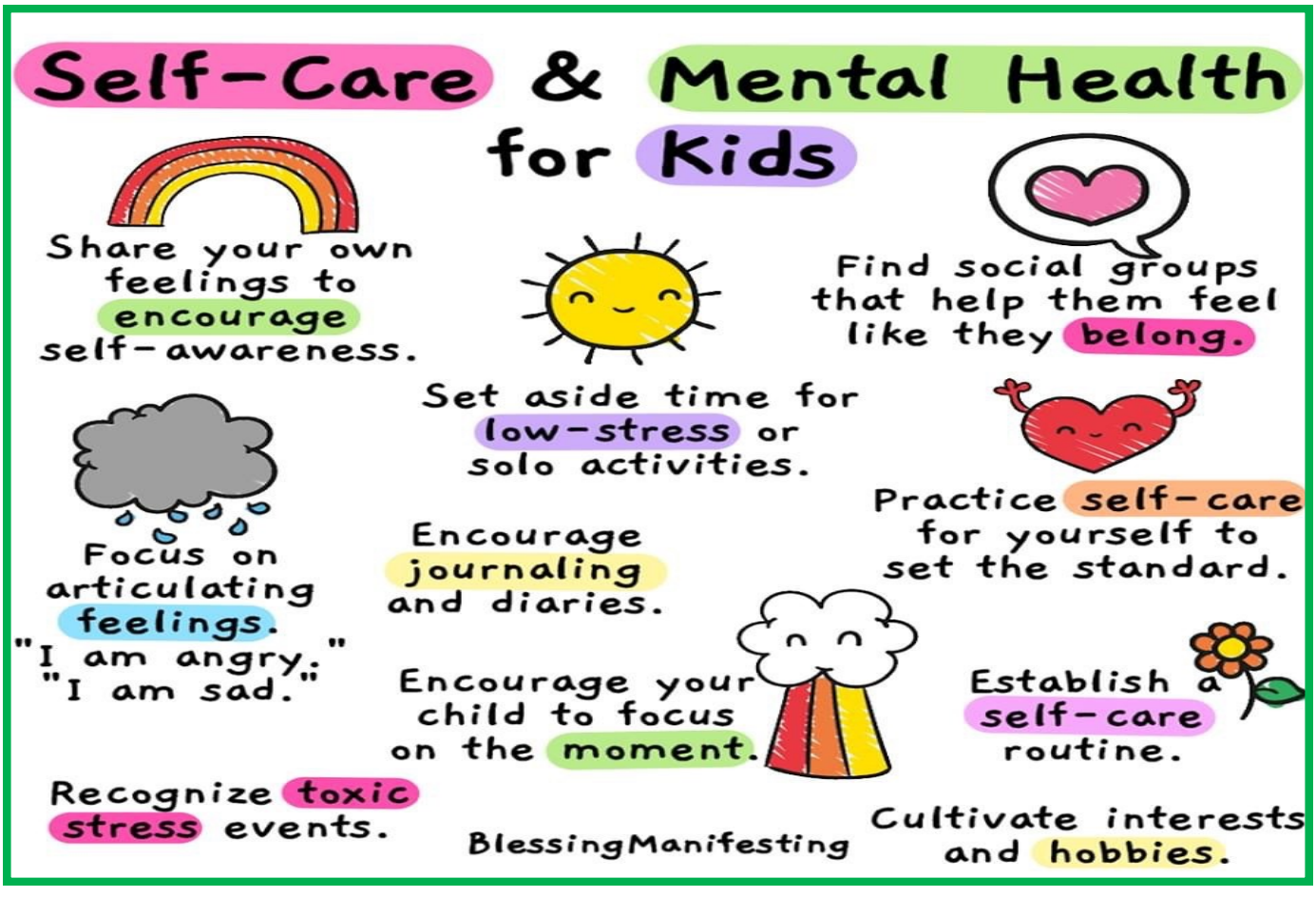


REMINDER

School will close to ALL PUPILS at 3.15pm on Friday 12th February 2021 for the Half Term Break.

We will re-open to the children of Critical Workers, Vulnerable Children and ALL NURSERY CHILDREN on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Online leaning will re-commence on the same day.



TOP TIPS

Support your child's wellbeing while schools are closed

With schools closing across the UK, most children will be at home full time. As parents/carers you will inevitably be concerned about the effect this may have on your child's development, their physical and mental health, as well as your family's wellbeing.

1. **Establish a daily routine.** Routines provide reassuring structure and purpose. Include a mix of learning, creative, physical, relaxation and 'electronics' time. Help your child make a visual timetable so everyone understands the plan.
2. **Make time for physical activity.** Encourage your child outside and rediscover garden games. If you can't get outside, suggest your child makes an indoor obstacle course. There are lots of resources available on the BBC, ITV and YouTube.
3. **Work on personal care skills.** Identify self-care tasks that your child would like to do more independently, for example tying shoelaces or getting dressed.
4. **Develop life skills.** Help your child learn how to prepare their lunch, use a washing machine or change their bedsheets. Older children could complete an online First Aid course or start to learn another language.
5. **Create a suitable study space.** Ideally your child should have an appropriately sized chair and table, but if they must use adult furniture ensure they can sit with feet firmly planted and their shoulders relaxed.
6. **Teach your child to type.** Typing is a valuable skill for education, social communication and for the workplace.
7. **Rediscover creative activities** such as playdough, junk modelling, Lego and origami.
8. **Spend social time together as a family.** Play board games, watch a film or make a cake. Schedule mealtimes together and commit to them.
9. **Keep in touch.** Arrange for your child to spend time each day talking to friends or family members on the phone or on social media (with adult supervision where appropriate).
10. **Look after yourself.** Being a full-time parent/carer with household duties and work is challenging. Make sure you eat and sleep well, and include time for your own rest and leisure in your daily routine.

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Sessions for Parents/Carers and Children

FREE COURSES

Looking for fun, engaging and educational activities to do with your children during lockdown?
Why not sign up to some of Lancashire Adult Learning's Family Learning events?
All sessions are FREE, and where resources are needed you will be sent these in the post prior to the activity.

COURSE	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	DURATION
Yoga for Families (Taster session)	Online Classroom	22nd January or 12th February	FRI	1pm - 2.30pm	1.5 hours
STEM-tastic Family Challenge	Online Classroom	9th February	TUE	1pm – 3pm	2 hours
Let's Do LEGO Family Challenge	Online Classroom	4th February	THU	1pm – 3pm	2 hours

Online Family Learning

Lancashire Adult Learning

Accredited Courses

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We have a range of accredited courses to help you gain knowledge of working in a school or childcare environment.

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CACHE Level 1 Award: Preparing to Work in Schools	Online Classroom	23rd February	TUE	12:15pm-2:45pm	12 weeks
Fast-track CACHE Level 1 Award: Preparing to Work in Schools	Online Classroom	FLEXIBLE – available from 25th Jan	MON	Flexible Course	8 weeks
CACHE Level 2 Award: Support Work in Schools and Colleges	Online Classroom	28th January	THU	12.30pm - 3pm	19 weeks
CACHE Level 2 Award: Support Work in Schools and Colleges	Online Classroom	21st January	THU	9:30am – 12pm	20 weeks
CACHE Level 1 Award: Caring for Children	Online Classroom	28th January	THU	9:30am – 12pm	12 weeks
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Burnley Leisure

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Do you need a little help to get motivated and not sure where to start? Why not have a look at Burnley Leisure's Facebook Page. There are lots of activities that you could have a go at, right in the comfort of your own home.

On Monday and Wednesday at 12pm, there will be a Live Family Fitness Class which will last for around 15 minutes.

This could be something that the whole family could get involved in—a time where you have a little bit of fun together. On Friday's at 12pm, a pre-recorded 'Family Fitness' class will be posted onto Burnley Leisure's Facebook page, which means you can do it as many times as you like!

Burnley Leisure are hoping to get all the family fitness videos put onto their webpage, for people who don't have access to Facebook.

Get up, get active and have some fun!



Pupil & Parent/ Carer Agreement for using TEAMs for Live Learning Sessions

Pupils and Parents / Carers will:

- Be available to learn remotely at the specified time.
- Be dressed appropriately (No nightwear).
- Not eat or drink during the session.
- Participate in the session in a communal area of the home e.g. living room not a bedroom.
- Mute/unmute the microphone when directed by the teacher.
- Turn cameras on and off when directed by the teacher.
- Behave in a respectful manner in line with our Behaviour Policy.
- Not interrupt the teacher, use the raise your hand or chat facility if you need to speak to the teacher.
- Not take or record any images of the online learning session and subsequently share those images with anyone.
- Inform school if their child is unwell and enable to join the session.
- Contribute in a positive manner.
- Ensure work is completed as set and to the best of their ability.
- Report any issues to the school as soon as possible.

If there is a requirement to upload work from a lesson, then this should be done by 6pm on the day of the lesson.

If any of these rules are not adhered to pupils will be rejected from the meeting and the meeting may end for all.