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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERLEMONT....

It is hard to know what to say to you all as we find ourselves in such unusual circumstances. As there is so much information to digest and it can all feel a little overwhelming, I was inspired by a few words of wisdom I read recently which I wanted to share in the hope they might lift your spirits too.



When this time is in the past:

Small businesses will rise because the entrepreneurs had a moment of stillness and creativity.

There will be a global rise in togetherness as communities find new ways of supporting each other.

Our health has become prioritised as we learn to be appreciative of life's small pleasures.

We will have dreamt up new ways of playing together, laughing together and thinking outside the box.

Our children will remember a time when they spent more quality time with their parents than ever before.

The streets may be quiet but we are in this together.

I'm very proud of my committed team who are keeping our school open to support the key workers amongst our community. I very much look forward to us all getting back to some form of normality!

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Children have really enjoyed learning outside their classrooms since half term. Year 5 have begun their topic of Allotments making a range of planters for growing and understanding about how to prepare plots for planting. The wet weather has not put them off! Year 3 and Year 6 have also enjoyed river work at the brook, exploring its flow, surrounding soil and much more. Mr Fairclough has also been working hard to prepare the environmental area and the surrounding areas, ready for their 'make-over' and the installation of our new outdoor classroom. In Forest School the children have been making the most out of the recent rainfall by playing in the mud... not just Nursery and Reception, but the groups in Years 5 & 6 have also been having fun!



THE SOUND OF MUSIC.....

A big thank you to Tom-from-the-Motspur-Park-Horticultural-Society and his family, who have kindly donated a number of descant recorders plus a treble recorder to the school orchestra. Mrs. Gagen has plans for their use in the summer term! If you have any unwanted instruments that can still be played, we'd welcome all donations....



UMBRELLA CLASSROOM

As you may know, we have a brand new outdoor classroom being built in the next few weeks. This space will be used for outdoor learning across the school and we are very excited about it!

As part of the monies raised, over forty businesses kindly donated to help pay for this – please look out for a hand-out coming home in the next few weeks with details of all these business sponsors!

The following people also bought 'Rewards' which included a public 'thank you' shout out:

- Juliana Yr 5, Carmen Y4, Isabella Y4, Samuel Y3, Jack L Y3, Alice Y3, Benjamin Y2, Elsa Y1, Alex K Y1, Grace - Nursery
- Alexander M
- David Simpson Gardens

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has kindly donated money and bought rewards to help make this project happen!

STAFF PROFILES

We continue to give you some background on the staff, sharing a little information that you may not already know.

Mr. Mannin, Class Teacher and School Leader

Why did you become a teacher? I thoroughly enjoyed my time at primary school and I still remember my teachers there quite fondly. I wanted to have an impact on children's lives as my primary school teachers did for me.

Alternative career plan? I have always loved sports and initially thought about doing something in relation to sports science or sports events - pretty much any job that relates to sports! Not surprisingly, my favourite lesson in school is PE.

Favourite hobby? I do play rugby every two to three weeks but not at a very high standard. I am usually the smallest player on the pitch so I just spend most of my time running away from the bigger players!

Miss Fairchild, Class Teacher

Why did you become a teacher? I knew I wanted to be a teacher from a young age because I really enjoy helping others and inspiring children to love learning. I also have great memories of my teachers from primary school and wanted to be the same to other children.

Your favourite school subject? My favourite subject was Geography - both the human and physical aspects. I love the different places it can take you and have fond memories of great field trips whilst studying. I enjoyed it so much that I went on to study Geography at university.

Alternative career plan? If I wasn't a teacher I would have liked to have been a nurse. However I'm not very good at the gory side of things, so felt I was not well suited!

Mr. Fairclough, Outdoor Learning

Why did you chose to work in a school? After a career in banking for 21 years, the option of redundancy was offered which I took and have never looked back since! I love working in the school because every day is different (unlike my previous job) and doing a role that I love is always a bonus...

An interesting fact about you that we may not know? When I am not at school, I volunteer as a Cub Leader with the 22nd Wimbledon Scout Group and I also volunteer with Man & Boy which is a local charity that help boys and a significant male in their life to help build their relationship together.

Favourite part of your job? Being outdoors! We are so lucky to have an amazing outdoor space which we can use for more and more of our curriculum work, and see the children learning in the outdoor environment rather than just in the four walls of the classroom. Also seeing and hearing the enjoyment that the children get from the Forest School experiences is so rewarding (although I appreciate that your washing machines might not think so!!).

WORKING WITHIN THE COOMBE ACADEMY TRUST

We have really appreciated being part of a group of schools when managing the current situation with coronavirus. Staff from all the schools have worked together to help make arrangements for our children and support one another.

WOODY'S WORLD

Did you watch any of the Crufts coverage on TV recently? I'm not sure which class of dog I fall into - I'd like to think that I was in the 'Working Group' as I'm still in training to work in school. I had thought that if I am involved in pastoral care, that I should be in that group, but I hear that the Pastoral Group consists of herding dogs that are associated with working cattle, sheep, reindeer etc., so that is definitely not me!

Here is a photo of this year's overall champ, Maisie the wire-haired Dachshund...



and an up to date one of me!

KIDS-COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

A number of our children (with a few toddler siblings) took part in a litter-pick opposite our school. They collected six bags of rubbish including two chairs, a discarded scooter, lots of large pipes, cutlery, and a tennis racquet! After they finished, the smaller ones coloured in pictures of bin bags and Jack drew a bar chart to represent how much litter each of the 'teams' collected. They were all AMAZING.

The children loved the afternoon and were so motivated to find litter.



SPORTS PAGES

Kingston District Cup Girls U11 - Quarter Finals Green Lane v Latchmere (1-0)

The girls played Latchmere at their home ground and really did us proud. They played as a team, with the strong defensive force of Josephine and Yeeun. I have never seen Daisy run as well and she made the pivotal goal. Libby played through injury, while Sydneigh, Ruby, Natalie and Matilda gave it their all. Rania stayed strong in goal throughout and showed them that we were a force to be reckoned with. Well done girls! Next stop the semi's, which will be played next term.



Year 3 Boys, 5 a side Friendly Green Lane v Knollmead (7-1 and 1-4)



Y3 played their first ever home friendly against Knollmead and played two teams. Each team was coached or refereed by a Year 6 sports leader (Jake and Kenny coached whilst Theo refereed). The boys played so well, with great goals in both

games. We look forward to heading to Knollmead for the next game next term!

Primary High5 Netball

Twenty teams (175 children!) took part in the High5 competition held at Kingston Grammar School's playing fields. We won the first heat, beating Latchmere amongst others. The second round proved tricky, as with no break we went straight into two gruelling matches, where all the players were sky-high! We came out 3rd in that round, which left us 5th after the finals had been played. The children played very well and it was a good learning experience (for us all... again!). Big thanks to Ms Rego for her amazing coaching skills and Mr Gait for his valuable assistance.



Mixed Year 5/6 Quicksticks tournament

Our mixed team of Year 5/6 children played through the sleet and snow on a bitterly cold day at Surbiton Hockey Club for the Quicksticks tournament. They gave it their all, losing the first two matches, drawing 2-2 in the third match and winning the final match 6-0 against Lovelace! Chloe in Y5 was an amazing defender and Theo in Y6 scored all six goals. It was a great learning experience!



Year 5 Girls Football

A miracle - it didn't rain during a sporting fixture! The Y5 girls started with a 5-0 win against St Andrew's and St Mark's, followed by a 1-0 loss to Lovelace. We drew with Malden Manor 0-0 and beat Fern Hill (2-0) and Our Lady Immaculate (2-0). There were plenty of injuries, but the girls ploughed on! Areeba was amazing in defence and Maysoon and Inaya scored the goals. This meant that we came 2nd overall and the girls will go through to the finals at Kew AFC in April. This also means that both the Y5 boys and the Y5 girls football teams have got through to the finals this year - well done all!

Badminton!

The Year 5 and 6 children spent an afternoon playing various badminton related activities at Chessington School recently. The children were assisted by the school's Sports Leaders and the activities were led by Badminton England. They also focused on working on their forehand and backhand grip, footwork and difference stances. All of which will set them up for further badminton practice at Green Lane in the Summer Term. The giant multi-racket shuttlecocks were a winner as well!



EFL Pre-match on-pitch appearance at Craven Cottage - Fulham V Preston

Our mixed Year 5/6 football team made their pre-match on-pitch appearance on Saturday, 29th February at Craven Cottage. The children didn't let the snow and sleet dampen their enthusiasm and were even congratulated by the Fulham goalkeeper, Marcus Bettinelli.



Sports Relief 2020 High5 Netball Blue Staff v Yellow Staff 7-4

In aid of Sports Relief the Green Lane staff undertook a gruelling game of High5 Netball. Mrs Henderson, the once regional level netballer, scored the most goals, with Mrs Hughes showing the yellows who's boss. Mrs Jonsson was like a silent ninja in Goal Defence, with Mrs Cunneen displaying some excellent goal shooting skills. Mr Fairclough was obstructing left, right and centre and using his forest taught survival skills to barge through the defence. It gave the children great delight to see us pitted against one another and there may even be a staff netball team on the horizon. Watch this space!



Surrey Primary Schools Cross Country Races

Fourteen of our pupils ran in the Reigate Park races on Saturday, 29th February. For some of the children it was their first time running in an actual cross country event. They all did really well and were chosen to represent Green Lane from the timed trials at school, which is an achievement in itself. Theo in Y6 accomplished a personal best, with 07.05, 14th out of 86 children. Harris's time (Y6) of 07.40 was excellent, especially considering it was his very first cross country event. Dylan led the way for the Y5 boys with a time of 08.08 and Lila in Y5 came in with a fabulous time of 08.31 in her first ever race. Special mention goes to Matilda and Yeeun in Y6, who weren't able to complete the race due to injury, but were very brave. Well done to all!

