

# St Benedict Biscop Newsletter



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Value for Summer 1: Friendship



## Thank You

As the government announcements and guidance for the potential reopening of schools has come through this week I have had lots of very kind messages of support and encouragement from our families. Every one of these is appreciated and they all have been shared with our whole staff. They say that difficult times bring the best and worst out of people and I can definitely say that the parents of St Benedict's are the best.

Thank you for your ongoing support, I hope you and your families are all well.

## Nursery

**Piper** really enjoyed celebrating VE day at home with her family. She has also been writing her numbers and CVC words, doing her letters and sounds, painting and completing the home learning work.



**Isaac** has been busy planting some peas, beans and strawberries in his back garden. He has planted one in a glass jar with wool, so we can hopefully see 'Jack's beanstalk' grow! He has also been enjoying home learning with Mummy.

**Frankie** has been enjoying listening to his phonic songs, sounding out his phonic sounds and is doing well with his number work. He has also enjoyed being with his brothers in 'lockdown', mostly playing football, cricket, dodgeball, going for long walks and swimming in their hot tub!

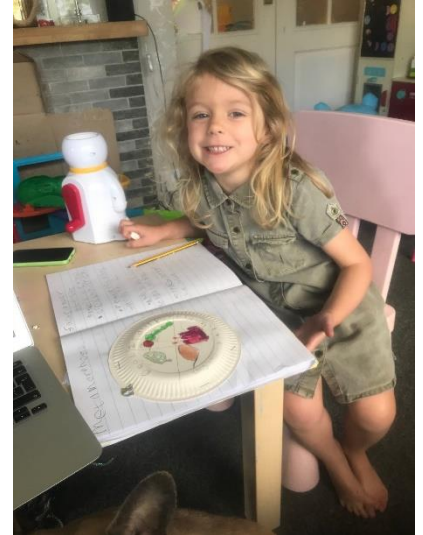


## Reception



**Henry** had a fantastic time celebrating VE Day with his family this week! He was so helpful in the kitchen, helping to bake a very tasty Union Jack cake. Henry enjoyed baking the cake so much that he decided to bake another one the next day! I am so impressed Henry, it looks absolutely delicious.

This week **Phoebe** has been planting lots of different flowers in her back garden and is really excited to share the progress of them with us. She has also learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and included some very interesting facts of her own. She then went through the frog cycle as she found a frog in the garden! Brilliant scientific learning Phoebe.



## Year 1

**Luke** for showing amazing enthusiasm in the VE day celebrations, doing lots of research and learning how to bake scones.

**River** for being super helpful at home, showing a passion in his daily exercises and celebrating VE day with a high level of enthusiasm.

**Jack** for showing enthusiasm learning new skills at home like making pizzas, building his computing skills and persevering to catch a fish.



## Year 2

**Evelyn** has been working incredibly hard at home and at school. We have had the pleasure of seeing Evelyn at work, as one of our key-worker children. She arrives every day with a huge smile on her face and an enthusiasm for the work she needs to complete. Evelyn – you really are inspiring, well done!



**Stanley** has been keeping us up-to-date with his fabulous work. He has enjoyed planting, practical capacity problem solving and lots of lovely writing. This picture captures Stanley's excellent attitude to learning beautifully!



Well done Stanley – keep up the super work!

**Ava-Lillie** has been staying very active over recent weeks. She has also been using her amazing creative talents in lots of different ways – very impressive work Ava-Lillie! We loved the street sign she created in celebration of V.E day; she even made the newspapers! Well done Ava-Lillie – we are proud of you!



## Year 3



**Austin** has also been trying hard with his work at home and has really impressed me with the super attitude he has shown towards learning his tables. He has also been trying hard with his English work. He has discovered Harry Potter and challenged himself to re-creating 'Hogwarts' out of recycled objects, it looks amazing! He is having lots of fun with his brothers and is keeping fit and healthy with bike rides, walks as well as playing football, cricket and dodgeball. Well done Austin!



**Declan** has been working hard on his work at home and has also been completing some tasks his Beaver's leader has challenged him with as well as baking cakes and bread rolls. He is keeping himself fit with warm ups and doing Joe Wicks and Cosmic yoga workouts. I was very impressed with this press up position! He has enjoyed working with 'Scratch' on his computer and I was really pleased to hear he is enjoying reading some more of 'How To Train Your Dragon'. He has been busy designing and drawing his own dragons which he has given some super scary names to such as 'Venomous Darkbleeder'! Well done Declan!

**Hayez** has also shown a good attitude towards her work at home. She has been working hard on her writing and completing work on her computer. She has enjoyed reading books to her cousin through an online reading program and has been learning how to write a letter which she sent to her grandparents which was wonderful to hear about. She helped keep her family's spirits up by making and posting lots of Easter cards. This is a great photograph showing how Hayez threw herself into preparing for VE Day. Well done Hayez!



#### Year 4



I am very impressed with **Korey** as he is working really hard at home completing all maths and English set, so much so he has nearly finished his work book. He is choosing several topics to work on each week as well as working hard on TTRS. I am also proud that he has been practising his handwriting, I cannot wait to see it on our return. Over the weeks, he has been keeping busy working hard in his garden digging and turning over soil and then helping with chores around the house to hopefully achieve his 'home help' badge from cubs – I'm sure you won't be far off Korey. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Molly** has been so busy at home during this lockdown, I'm not even sure how she has the time to fit it all in. She has been completing all her maths and English, TTRS, reading various novels (then watching the films and making comparisons), baking, virtual guitar lessons, helping teach her sister to ride her bike, running with her mom and entering the virtual competitions (to name a few). I was super impressed with her DT/Art project this week where she designed and then created a pop-up Colosseum – she carefully



used a craft knife and even put sand on the floor in the centre and around the outside. Keep up your brilliant work Mol!

**Jemimah** has been working very hard during lockdown. She wakes up each morning and does Joe Wicks exercise class with a couple of others in Year 4. She then has been completing her maths and English, working hard on her times tables (she got 99/99 this week ☐) and mastering fractions. She has found a new love for photography and has been taking lots of lovely photographs of nature. She has also been working hard towards her Brownie badges – she even did a camp at home to attempt a record which they achieved. Well done Jemimah.



## Year 5



**Max** has really impressed staff in school - he has persevered with all learning tasks and completed them to a high standard. Max has also shown a mature and caring attitude to others - well done Max!

**Maisie** has been super busy, working and helping at home. Maisie also helped to decorate her garden and made cakes for VE day. Maisie has been talking to her neighbour (from a safe distance). Her

neighbour has taught her lots about the war and she has given him company and shown great compassion during this time. Well done Maisie 😊



**Florence** has been working incredibly hard to complete all of her home learning and extra activities too. Florence has been baking and even created her own 'spa', writing a treatment list with prices on. A creative and fun way to use maths in everyday life! Well done Flo - you are a superstar.



## Year 6

I wanted to say a big well done to **Archie** this week. He has been working hard at home on his school work, but has also been busy outside; he has been dog walking and fishing when the lake opened this week. I was also pleased to hear about his hard work in the garden, Archie has made a patch from scratch and is growing, mint, raspberries, strawberries, chives, rhubarb, lettuce and parsley. He has planted 300 cottage garden bulbs and they are just shooting through now – super work Archie!



I would like to celebrate the work **Crystal** has been doing this week. Crystal has been working hard on her school work and getting to grips with long division. She has also been getting busy in the kitchen and has baked some fabulous looking chocolate chip scones and a mini egg cheesecake. Crystal has enjoyed her has been baking and has also spent time puzzling, reading and going on bike rides – well done Crystal.



## Well Done!

Every week during this period I have been so proud and impressed with the amazing things you are all doing. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the children making the most of this opportunity to develop skills that we do not cover in school such as cooking and gardening. Every week the thing that comes through most strongly for me is the positive attitude and amazing nature all of our children have. I always say to every visitor to the school we have the best children and families and they are what makes St Benedict's so special. Well done everyone!