

THE KEY STAGE 3 POST

Issue 7

Year 8

This Week's Message...

I hope you and your families are well.

As the world attempts to regain some normality with primary school students returning to the classroom, shopping centres starting to re-open from Monday 15th June, and people meeting in groups of six at a safe 2m distance, I started to think about the things we have got used to living without since lockdown, and the appreciation we now have for the things around us that we once took for granted. I'm now more tuned in to the birds chirping in the trees, and I enjoy the peacefulness of not hearing as many cars on our roads or planes overhead in the sky.

There is no doubt that 2020 will be recorded as a pivotal moment in history. The success of the next chapter will depend on our actions. There will be no 'normal' for some time because normal is broken, but is this such a bad thing, or is it our chance? To live in a 'new' world where we embrace the changes and where the planet that we live on, and all of the life on it, are treated with respect and are cherished.

Last Friday was World Environment Day. I ask that as you go about your new 'normal' that you try not to revert back to old ways, but instead start preparing for a better future for "in the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity".

This week's picture and quote to reflect on.....

What if 2020 isn't cancelled?
 What if 2020 is the year we've been waiting for?
 A year so uncomfortable, so painful, so scary, so raw - that it finally *forces* us to grow.
 A year that screams so loud, finally awakening us from our ignorant slumber.
 A year we finally accept the need for change.
 Declare change. Work for change. Become the change.
 A year we finally band together, instead of pushing each other further apart.

2020 isn't cancelled, but rather the most important year of them all.

- Leslie Dwight



Take care and keep safe,

Miss Munns.



SHOUT OUTS

Top good comments!

- Somto M - 8SHP
- Japjit S - 8SHP
- Mela B-R - 8CRC
- Naomi E - 8GOC

Why not try this week...

making an origami animal!



Wall of Fame!

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| Sophie T
FDT | Krhys S
FDT | Parm R
FDT |
| Narjes S-S
FDT | Jasmeen A
Geography | Kieran B
Maths |
| Yuvraj K
Maths | Ranjot S
Maths | Katerina N
English |

Well done to you all, keep up the good work!

This week's home share!



Anna-Marie C (8CRC) was set an enrichment task from the RE Team to make or design something that would encourage her to go outside, enjoy the fresh air and appreciate nature. Anna-Marie decided to design a plant pot which focuses on all the different people who are currently helping others in the pandemic. What a thoughtful and imaginative idea Anna-Marie – well done!

Don't forget!

Parents please email any images to your child's Year Leader to have an opportunity of appearing in next week's issue! For safeguarding reasons, this must come from the email address the school has on the system!

Bringing the community back together...



Well-being Tasks

“We have learnt that amid the fear, there is also community, support and hope!”

“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.”

Thomas Jefferson

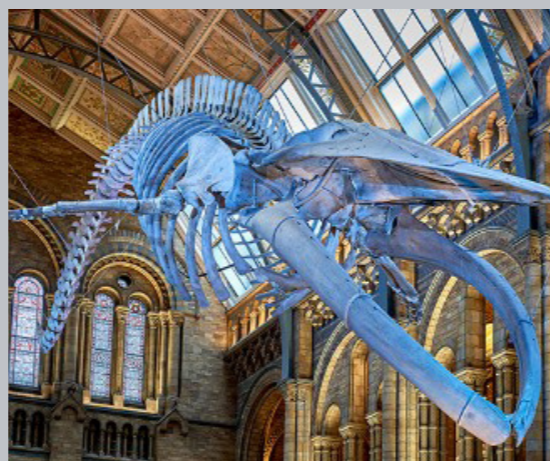
We have mentioned that this time will go down in history. When we look back, it is easy to find hope in moving forward! For this week's well-being task, the deputies would like you to take a virtual tour of ANY of the 13 attractions at the Natural History Museum.

You can access these tours using the link below:
<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>

When you have taken your tour, write a short (no more than half a page) review of the attraction that you viewed. You can use pictures to help with your presentation.

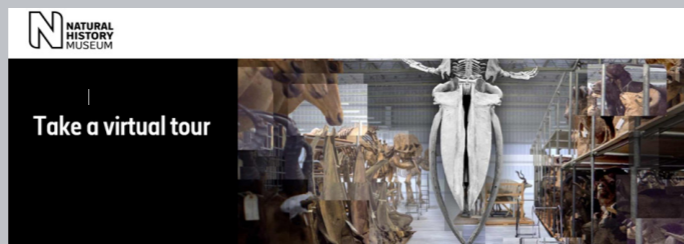
Feel free to take as many virtual tours as you wish and make the most of this excellent opportunity.

Click on the image below for the PDF version of this task!



Submit your work to your Year group deputy to receive a good comment reward!

Miss Marchant - Year 7
Mr Khan - Year 8
Miss Adamek - Year 9



HOME – SCHOOL SUPPORT

Dear Parents/Guardians

As a school, we recognise that your experiences of lockdown, just like our own, would not all have been plain sailing. We also understand that, for some of you, there is a real danger of feeling isolated from your friends, family and community at this uniquely challenging time.

Whilst we, at St John's, have been working hard to try to further enhance our communications with you through our weekly Newsletters, we understand that isn't necessarily the same as speaking to a member of our community or hearing a familiar voice.

Therefore, from this week onwards, we are offering you the opportunity to contact the school to request a 'call back' from a member of our Year Group Pastoral Team. Whether it is a concern you may have with Home Study, a particular problem that you or your child is going through or even an opportunity to have a general chat with someone from St John's, if you would like to speak to a member of our Pastoral Team, please email your request through for a 'call back' to the relevant pastoral manager email address below and we will get in touch with you in due course.

We would love to hear from you, so please do make use of this opportunity.

Year 7 - Miss J. Styles: jstyles@stj.kent.sch.uk
Year 8 – Mrs Hodges: Lhodges@stj.kent.sch.uk
Year 9 - Mrs L. Buckingham: Lbuckingham@stj.kent.sch.uk

Show My Homework is changing its' name!

There will be:

- ✓ A new app icon and website logo (see below)
- ✓ **NO** changes to the way you currently use or access the app and website.



This Week's Prayer

*Holy One, Creator God,
you created one human family
but our selfishness led to division between the nations.*

*To bring us back to you, Jesus prayed,
“Father “I pray that they may be one, as You and I are one.”
Now as we celebrate our different heritages, we pray that
within our homes, parishes, the whole Church and the world,
the diversity of all the people
will enrich our experience rather than narrow our vision,
will deepen our understanding rather than ignore what
divides us,
so that we can recognise You present in every one,
from every place and background
and then together work for peace and harmony
and the reign of all that is good and holy.
Amen*

Bringing the community back together...

