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Year 7 Newsletter

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Year 7 Welcome

Week 6 of lockdown has been and gone, and I know that some of you have found the last week particularly difficult. Lots of you are missing your friends and dare I say it.... even missing school! Since the school closure it has been the length of time you would normally have for your school summer holiday, but obviously without the freedom, with a bit more structure than a normal holiday and the need to complete school work. I am very proud of the amount of positive feedback I have had from your form tutors about how you are all managing at home and especially pleased with some of the marvellous comments your teachers are making about work you are completing. It is lovely to hear that some of you are developing skills that you wouldn't have necessarily had the chance to at school and that you are making memories with your families that you will be able to recall later in life.

It is important to still remember why we are not at school, socialising and seeing extended family and friends. Staying at home is still very much a priority and alongside that it is key to remember everyone is finding this situation difficult and worrying. Do the best you can to be helpful and kind at home, help to take away extra stress on your parents by listening well and following instructions, try hard to complete your school work the best you can and stay in contact with the outside world (remotely of course!). Staff at school are on hand to help with any learning problems you may have and to support your well-being. Please email or message through SMHW or Office Teams. Someone will get back to you and support you at this tricky time.

Take care, stay safe and work hard.

Mrs Wheeler

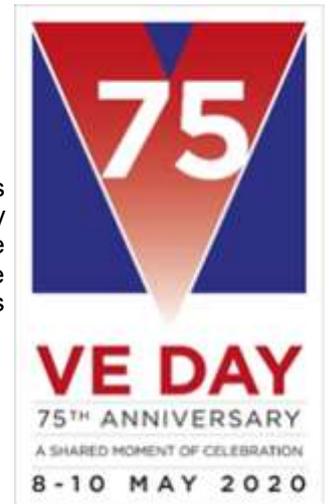
VE Day Celebrations

Friday 8th May is a National Bank Holiday to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe. This day is celebrated to mark the day on which allied forces formally announced the surrender of Germany, which brought the Second World War to a close in Europe.

Unfortunately due to the current circumstances many celebrations to mark this momentous day have been cancelled. It would have been a great reason for a street party or family gathering. Perhaps you could write a letter/email or telephone/video call an elderly relative or family friend who experienced VE Day?! What can they remember? What was the atmosphere like? How did they celebrate? To find out a little bit more have a look at this Newsround clip: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

Don't forget Miss Zysemil has set lots of different challenges to commemorate VE Day. I am looking forward to seeing some off your exhibits!

Make sure you have a day off on Friday for the Bank Holiday!!



Many staff have contacted me over the past week to highlight some of their students who are doing particularly well in completing home learning tasks. Well done to all of those who have this special mention:

Maths

Mr Woods

Well done to **Charlie Brown, Harry Cook, Lucy Gooding** and **Harrison Holmes** for completing their Mathswatch work to a high standard.

Mrs Ash

Well done to **Michael Gewitzke, Ronnie Nicholas, Charlie Rea, Izzy Elkins** and **Vinnie Edwards** for completing their Mathswatch tasks swiftly and to a very high standard.

Mrs Harris

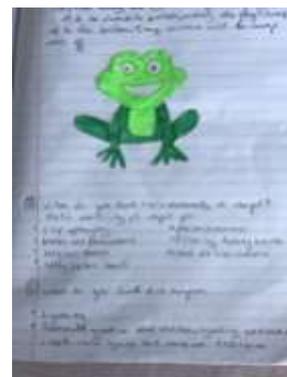
Well done to **Bailey Thomas, Finley Powell, Tillie Bansell** and **Ava Bolton** for fantastic work contributions during this time.

If you have a concern regarding your mental health or that of another student please email Mrs Wheeler: swh@cdarwin.com or Mr Bidwell: jbi@cdarwin.com

Science

Mr R Jones

Well done to **Lucy Gooding** for her outstanding electric frog work.



English

Mrs Holloway

Well done to **Finley Powell, Uziel Berkoh-Prince, Elysia Heggie, Chloe Brookes, Michael Gewitzke, Zach Morbey, Hannah Smithson, Taliayah Waite** and **Tillie Bansell** for completing high quality English work.

Mrs Mote

Excellent effort by **Ronnie Nicholas**. Well Done.

Mrs Dunmore

Well done to **Billy Hudson** and **Grantas Zirculis** for their excellent effort towards English work during lockdown. **Charlie Brown** deserves a special mention for his diary account of a day in lockdown - a lovely insight in to days at home and his gratitude for spending more time with his family. Well done Charlie.

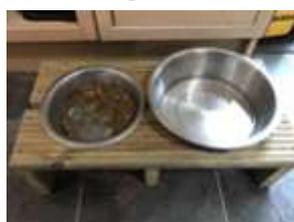
Drama

Miss Currie

Well done to **Evie McKenna** who rehearsed, learnt and performed a fantastic version of the Genie's monologue in Aladdin, complete with costume and props. It really made Miss Currie smile!

Design Technology

Mrs Tsang



Nathan Reeves
Food bowl holder



Oliver Rogers
Fruit salad



Oliver Adler
Fruit cake



Ronnie Nicholas
Rhubarb Meringue



Lucy Gooding
Mini Buns

Music

Mrs Kearney

Congratulating **Ronnie Nicholas** - this is fabulous! So organised and displaying a fantastic effort and achievement. Your analysis of the Kangaroo and Elephant pieces is very strong and I like your Elements of Music poster. Well done for recognising the Double Bass! Your work on instruments is very comprehensive and eye catching.

History

Miss Zysemil

VE day Challenge - well done **Sienna Hobbs, Jedd Hobbs** and **Eva Ruby** for her Carrot Cookies.



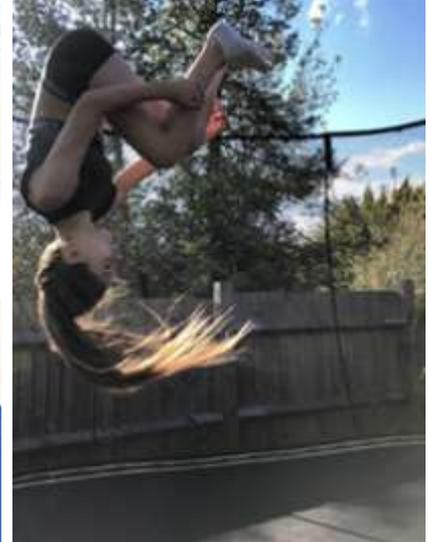
Mrs Wheeler’s Stepping Stones

Well done to everyone who has sent me their Stepping Stones to help them reach their future goals. It’s fabulous to see the range of ideas you all have with what you would like to achieve in the future.

Eva Ruby - Gymnastic Apprenticeships and Veterinary Science at University.

James Shanks - Car Mechanics business owner and electric guitar.

Mrs Davies/Mr Darwin



Well done **Isabelle Shorter** for learning to somersault on your trampoline!

Weekly Challenge

Well done to those of you who have coloured the mandala I gave you last week. Thank you Maisie Trigg for sending yours to me, it’s great! I look forward to seeing some more.

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My family and I have been busy with colours again this week - in the garden and in the kitchen. I hope you like our creations!



Important Dates

The last week has seen birthdays for the Queen, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, Captain (now Colonel) Tom Moore, and my son! Celebrations have had to be a little different to what was planned and I do hope that all of you celebrating birthdays at this time are making the best of things, hopefully with some cake and visual calls!

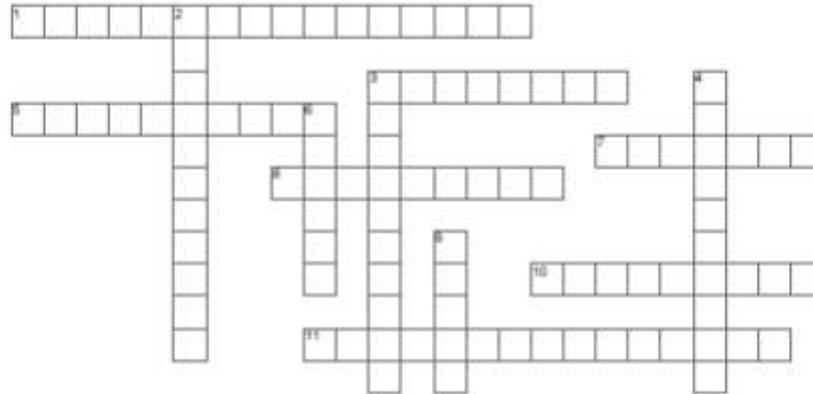


For those Star Wars fans amongst you this week marked a special day, so I thought the challenge this week could be a crossword. I’d love to hear from those of you who manage to complete it!

Name: _____

Date: _____

STAR WARS CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Name of Han Solo's ship.
3. Battle droid designed by the carnivorous Colicoids.
5. Princess of Alderaan that married Han Solo.
7. Amphibious humanoids native to the planet of Naboo.
8. Sith that use double-sided lightsaber.
10. Wookiee from Kashyyyk and co-pilot of Millennium Falcon ship.
11. Star Wars Episode VII

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2. Government established to replace the Galactic Empire.
3. Father of Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia Organa.
4. Laser sword.
6. First human to win the Boonta Eve Classic podrace.
9. Native home of the Ewoks.

DARTH MAUL	DARTH VADER	DROIDEKA	LIGHTSABER
ANAKIN	CHEWBACCA	THE FORCE AWAKENS	ENDOR
LEIA ORGANA	MILLENNIUM FALCON	NEW REPUBLIC	GUNGANS