Good News!

Year 6 This week has been unusual because we haven't been at school and we have been learning from home. It has been a fun and different experience, but we are looking forward to getting back and seeing all our friends again. Learning online has been really focused and it has been easy to get on with our work without distractions. It feels really reassuring to know that our teachers are available in the live classroom online all day to help and support us. Our school routine has been exactly the same with break and lunch. It has been simple to get online and take part and wasn't anything to worry about.

In English we have been reading extracts about Harry Potter and practicing our prefixes and suffixes. In maths we have been working on fractions. Miss Bramley set us off in the live classroom on Google Classroom and then we went off to work and came back in when we were done. There was always an adult there to help us. We had set times when we all met up online which gave us structure to our day. Some people worked in smaller groups in different online classrooms. Our topic work has been about shadows and light and we actually got to do experiments on it at home. Scarlett and Luca

Note from Miss Bramley, Mrs Debenham and Mrs Brophy - we are so incredibly proud of each and every one of year 6 this week. The Ditton Lodge High 5 have been overflowing in the Google Classroom!

Year 5 This week in Year 5 we have been learning about Alexander the Great, how he lived and how he ruled. In Art we have made some beautiful Christmas cards using dot painting to send to the elderly to let them know we are thinking of them and to make sure they receive some happy post.

We have been practicing our persuasive writing and have written letters to Mrs Moore trying to convince her that we need a Ditton Lodge Dog!

We have also been learning about Nelson Mandela and all the wonderful work he did in South Africa and how he went to prison for 27 years just because he was trying to stop apartheid. Zoie and Samuel

Year 3

We have been writing a newspaper report this week about the Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe. We wrote it by hand in our SFA books, then we were allowed to create a real newspaper on the IPads. We typed our text and then added a picture and a headline. In maths we have been doubling and halving 2 digit numbers using the diamond method. We also had a go at multiplying by 4 – you have to double the number, then double it again! RE has been interesting this week – we have been learning about churches. The buildings all look different and we found out that there are 20 churches in the Newmarket area. We enjoyed tennis this week; we had a go at rallying the ball with our partners. We had to 'bump' the ball to each other so that we could control it. We found out that if you hit the ball too hard it was difficult to control. Millie and Lucas

Year 1 In maths we have been learning our teens numbers. Teens numbers are 11, 12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19! We had a special visit from Bailey, he is a puppy, he was soft to stroke! Freya

In PE with Mrs Paskell we played alien games, it was so fun! I liked stroking Mrs Liming's puppy. Lily

Year 4 This week in year 4 we have been predicting what will happen at the end of a story! We have come up with some fantastic ideas and have written them down to share with the rest of the class. We are still practicing our times tables and have been singing them along with a song on the whiteboard. We have also been playing some maths times tables games in small groups which has been lots of fun!

In Art we have been creating our Christmas decorations using pine cones and glitter! Anouk and Owen

Year 2

This week I have been decorating plates in art. We were making these for Christmas and learning about Clarice Cliff to help design our plates. Endri

I liked making my Christmas decoration this week. I made a Christmas tree and I added sparkle! Xhenete

Reception



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Miss Bramley's Memorable Moment



When I sat down to write my 'Memorable Moment' last week, I didn't imagine that I would be writing the next one from home, mid-isolation period! I admit to feeling pretty nervous about how this week would pan out. But I should have known better. Of course, everyone in the Ditton Lodge community has pulled together, stayed calm and positive and made the week a great success.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all of Year 6 for being so enthusiastic, mature and responsible this week with their online learning. They have helped to test our systems and have set the standard for learning in isolation. I would also like to thank the Year 6 parents and carers for their support in so many ways. But huge thanks also need to go to all the staff and children in school for making business at Ditton Lodge continue as normal and demonstrating our High 5 values so clearly.

Who received a Good News Certificate this week



Belkisa B Lily-Mai D

Ellie A Phoebe B

Aidan A Samson A

Toby G

Ru V

Leon O

Thomas G

Matthew B

All of Year 6 and their parents and carers



RIBIT Certificates

10th - Sahib D, Freya B, Bardia F-G, Ava O, Clayton S, Emily E, William J, Xakiera A, Jacob S, Ella R, Thomas G, Luca D, Arthur H-M, Leon O, Isabelle F, Olivia P, Amelie C-P, Charlie S, Albie W, Amelia G, Hermione C, Jakub K, Alex S, Millie M, Ben T, William P, Josie P, Lily-Anne M, Gregory B, Dexter P, Ben C, Ella J, Anouk G, Robyn S, Ivy C, Amelia B, Bethany H, April A, Lila P, Isla D, James G, Jack S, Phoebe B, Rosie B



Friendly Fish

Freddie R Yvonne S

Josie P

Ronnie D

Gary D

Sebastian S

Noah H



This Week's House Points Winner is:

Palace House 2135

Tattersalls House 1830

Severals House 1675

Hyperion House 1745