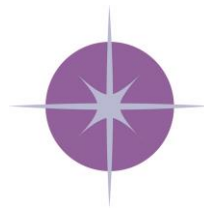




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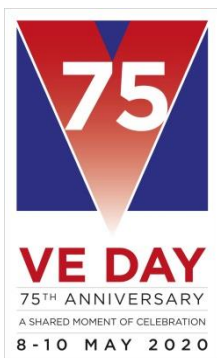
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Dear Kingshill family

My goodness - it's May! I hope you are all still well and managing to keep safe. We have been blessed with some lovely weather haven't we? My garden has never looked so tidy and my front drive is gleaming after my jet-washing fun! Then the rain came...still, I'm sure I can find lots of jobs to do indoors too! I can see that everyone is keeping busy at home – well done!

We are also keeping busy with home and school work. The office staff and I have lots to do in terms of the administration and infrastructure of the school, and we now have regular 'virtual' meetings with governors and the finance, safeguarding and leadership teams at the MAT central office. Staff continue to work at school and at home, preparing resources and writing school reports for the end of the year. These will come out as usual in term 6. I must thank them for all they are doing – they are a brilliant team and it's not easy being a 'remote' staff.



Next Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday to coincide with Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day, which marks the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II. If you are celebrating in any way we'd love to see your photos. On the website there is a list of suggestions for home learning activities on the Home Learning Page.

We have had an email from Mr German, our North Somerset PE Association lead who has set up a Sports Logo Design Competition:

'Most of the world's top sports teams have a logo that is instantly recognisable. This logo is really important in representing the character of the team in the eyes of the players, members and supporters. The logo not only identifies the team, but should also represent the characteristics and qualities of the organisation/team it represents.'

We invite pupils to design their own unique school sports badge. As an example, St James' Primary may choose to become the St James' Jaguars, or the St James' Superstars. As well as creating an eye catching design, think carefully about how this may positively represent the sporting values of your team (and school).'

If you want to take part then please send a copy of your design by email attachment or take a photo of your design and send that to school. Closing date is Monday 1 June.'

Our Catering Company Chartwells have sent us some more cooking activities for you – we've sent the email directly to you...hope you enjoy them!

'Our cook-along videos have launched with new features on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please visit our [youtube channel](#) to cook with our chef Andrew.

*The videos will not only help keep the nation's children entertained, but provide them with yummy, **healthy** snacks made using ingredients from their **store cupboard**.*

The super yummy kitchen has been designed to support healthier snacking, positive mental wellbeing and the chance to learn new skills, alongside a health and wellbeing challenge and supporting schools to meet curriculum requirements at home.'

Mental Health Awareness: During this difficult and uncertain time, we are aware that it can be a very challenging time mentally for young people. Here is the link for the updated CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) website. It was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support children's mental health and well-being. We hope that you find this useful.

https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR2UyP--BuXWS9irEgXRBjkmoXR3JAEbMD4KZyH1NuNhXC_7MK_PIJU64ng

Argentum Lodge - As you may know a group of Kingshill pupils regularly visit Argentum Lodge Nursing Home in Nailsea. I gave them a call this week to see how they all are. I'm pleased to say that all is well there at the moment and they send us all their love and look forward to seeing the children again very soon. The children in school made them this lovely card!



Lots more lovely photos this week.....

Sam has built the Rocky Mountains out of Lego.



Seren, Dexter and Jacob have been busy!



David has been using things from around the house to experiment with making bridges and ramps.

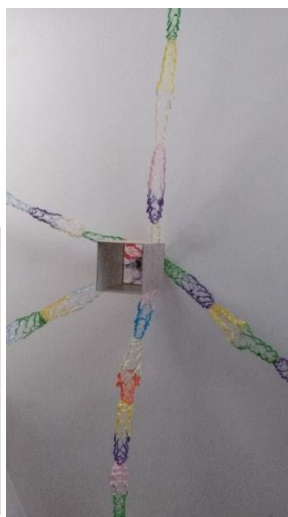


Sam has made and decorated gingerbread biscuits. He has also enjoyed building and painting an outdoor coffee table from unused pieces of wood. He had a fire in the fire pit and toasted marshmallows to make smaws. That night Sam slept in the tent in the garden with his Dad. Apparently it was great fun although Sam said his Dad's snoring kept him awake!



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Ibrahim made Ramadan decorations.



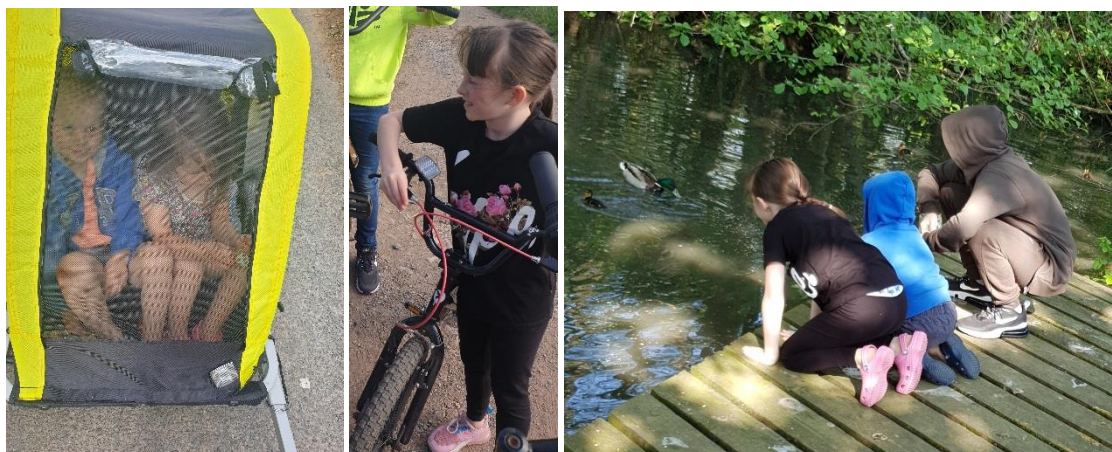
Ellie Mae has been washing the cars.



Hayden and Riley have been making masks.



Lexie and Ryan went on a bike ride exploring the local area and further afield. They rode 23.8 miles! They stopped a few times so that Lexie could take pictures. Lexie and Ryan are going to use them to write a diary.



As well as enjoying the Topaz virtual disco Ivy has been getting creative by making some flip flops out of paper!



Erin and her dad made delicious banana loaf. Rohan drew a lovely picture of a fruit bowl.



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Finnley had great fun building a pirate ship using cardboard building blocks. Using a picture of the ship he had to count, construct, and follow instructions. He then decorated it and dressed up as a pirate captain!



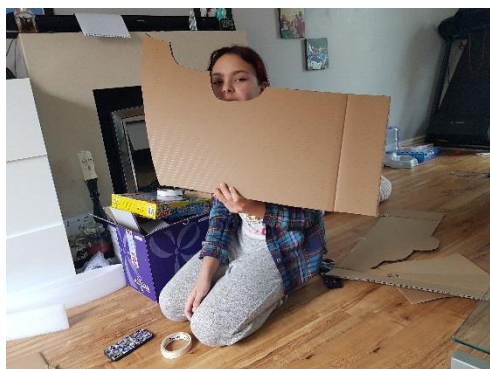
Ruth made a Mediterranean Sea topic creation. Hannah and Ruth made this joint picture of themselves with paint pens.



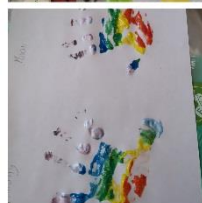
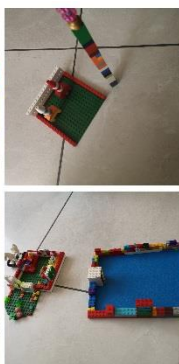
Haydn has really enjoyed his maths this week. He has had fun doing some computer coding on Code of Combat. Haydn also had fun catching some tadpoles with his brothers and sister. They have made a little home for them so we can watch how they grow.



Katie is currently building a galleon. She has so far drawn and cut out the side panels out of cardboard, and has made the masts out of lolly pop sticks, toothpicks, and string, stuck together with pva glue. Next steps are making the bottom structure, painting, and making the wheelhouse.



Aurelia and Marcus made a mosaic rainbow picture. Aurelia and Marcus have been busy doing the lego challenge and some painting. They have made the Chartwells Recipe "Barry Bean Cheesy Mash Muffins".



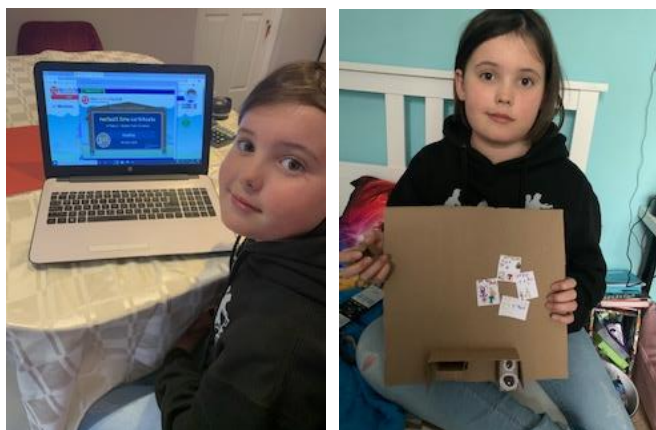
Emilia made a moving gymnast.



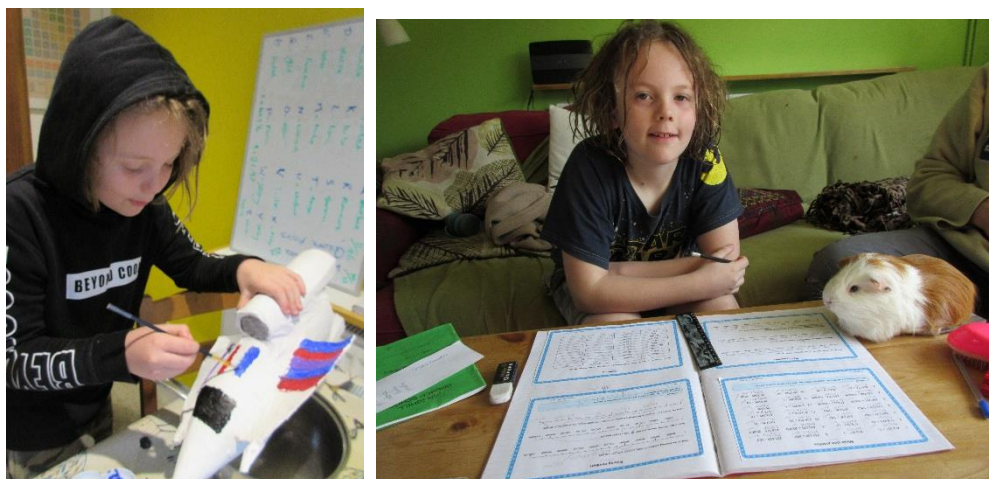
Bora has had another busy week!



Tilly is really enjoying the Math Factor - she gained first place!



Marvin painted a rocket and did maths with the guinea pig!



Along with her school work, Sophia has been doing PE with her daddy lifting weights, and she also went on her first road bike ride.

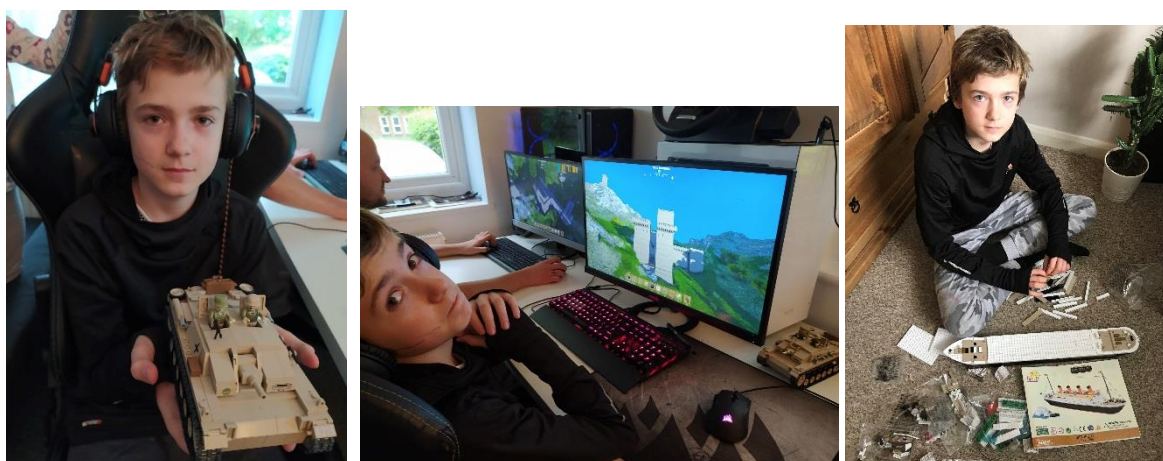


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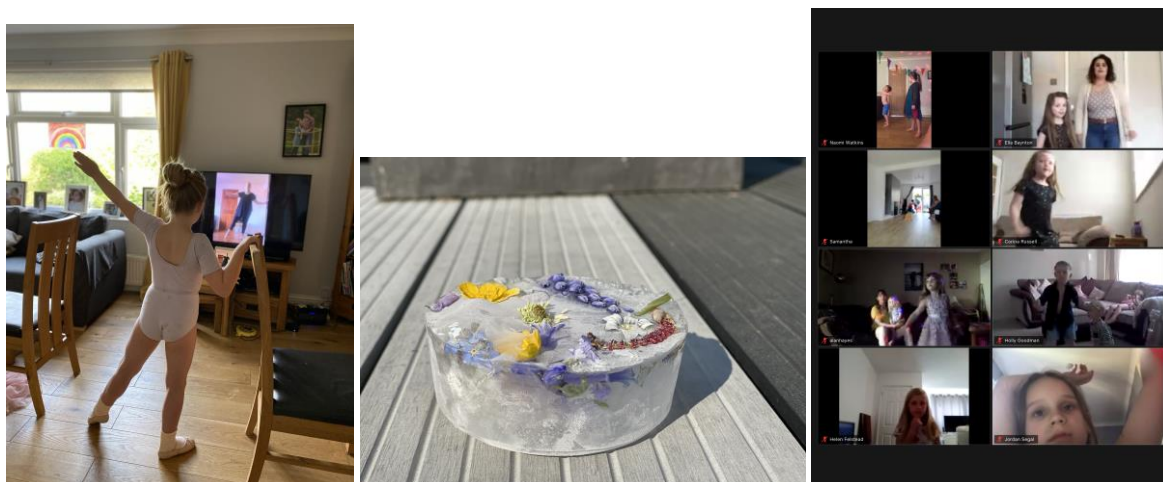
It was Jacob's birthday on the 20th of April so they had a small family party.



This week Bartek built a tank, a medieval castle with his dad and has starting building the Titanic.



This week Naomi collected leaves and flowers and froze them in ice. They went on a long walk to enjoy the sunshine before the rain came. Naomi has started this term's dance lessons via zoom. The highlight of the week was a zoom disco for Topaz class.



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St George's Day Photos:

Aurora's St George's Day photo.



Kalan in his Beavers uniform



Ewan in his Cub's uniform.



Tilly in her Cub's uniform



Megan in her Brownie's uniform and Lauren in red, white and blue, (Lauren was due to start Rainbows after Easter).



Messages this week

From Mrs Bennett

Hi Emerald Class,

I hope you've had a good week and been keeping yourself busy. I've been trying different ways to keep active with my family and we've been enjoying following Oti Mabuse's dance tutorials - we particularly like her Harry Potter inspired routine. The baking is continuing and I made a rainbow-shaped cake and decorated it with smarties for the coloured stripes and marshmallows for the clouds. If you're doing any baking I'd love to see what you've made and please send any tried and tested recipes in, I have a special book where I write all my favourite ones and I love getting recommendations from other people. I've been noticing lots of changes on my daily walks and have really enjoyed seeing all the bluebells and flowering wild garlic in the woods. My next challenge is to identify all the different bird song I can hear - so far I only recognise the call of the black bird. What bird song can you hear on your walks?

Sending you all lots of love, stay safe.

Also from Mrs Bennett - a challenge:

Aldi - official sponsors of The Olympic Team GB - have created a great resource for children to try at home. The activities build on basic knowledge about healthy food and habits, providing opportunities for pupils to expand their vocabulary in: naming and describing foods; discussing and building basic cooking skills; exploring foods from other cultures; getting active as a group; having fun thinking about food and sport; and considering taste and flavour.

There are 4 activities to complete and some Japanese-inspired recipes for you to create and taste if you're feeling adventurous! Find the resources on the Home Learning Section of the Website

- 1) HEALTHY A-Z: Writing or drawing a healthy food, sport, action or active game for each letter of the alphabet. How many letters can you complete?
- 2) SEASONALITY WHEEL: Match the foods to the season or seasons (spring, summer, autumn, winter) in which they are at their best in the UK.
- 3) TEAM GB TRAINING BINGO: A group game where you can pretend you are taking part in various Olympic sports
- 4) TASTE TREASURE HUNT: Match the tastes to the foods

We hope you enjoy having a go at the activities, remember to send us any pictures of what you get up to.



From Mrs Wilson:

Hi Sapphire Class. It has been lovely to see some of the wonderful things that you have been getting up to through the photos on the recent newsletters. I have really enjoyed seeing them and so glad that you are finding such a great range of activities to do at home with your families! Amazing! I have kept myself busy by doing A LOT of baking! We have also enjoyed doing some jigsaws and crafts. Last night, we did a family 'camp at home' in our tent in the back garden. It was not very comfortable, but it was a fun adventure! I miss you all and hope to see you soon. Stay safe and well.....and keep sending the photos in!

Birthdays this week: Bora and Toby – Happy Birthday!



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Finally, some thoughts for this week.

As we sat outside in the glorious sunshine we were chatting at home this week about holidays. This summer we were due to go to Spain, touring in our caravan. Sadly of course we can't go this year, so we started looking at old photos and chatting about our more recent holidays to Pembrokeshire. When we go to Wales we love to walk along the coast path and one of our favourite walks is in the area of the Strumble Head Lighthouse. It stands on Ynys Meicel (from the Welsh: St. Michael's Island), a rocky island at the northwest corner of the [Pencaer](#) area, five miles west of the town of [Fishguard](#), in northern Pembrokeshire. It's a beautiful walk, and ends with a lovely view of the Lighthouse.



Nowadays of course lighthouses are used less, as we have highly sophisticated GPS systems etc. but many are still in place if only to look at or visit and they are a reminder of the sea's power and the vulnerability of ships at sea. The lighthouses served to warn ships of dangerous coastlines and hazardous rocks, but they also showed the safe entrance to harbours, a guiding light to show the way home. Lighthouses always make me think of one of my favourite songs by one of my favourite bands – Rend Collective. It's called 'My Lighthouse' – the children all know it as it's one of our favourites to sing together at school! The Band is from Northern Ireland and one of the members Chris Llewellyn said of the song...

'Living in Northern Ireland, lighthouses are something we see quite often on our coastline. For us, it has become a picture of the faithfulness of God and His constancy in our lives. He is this unshifting Light. We all go through seasons of storms, troubles and sorrows, and we can count on Jesus to be that Fire before us the same way He led the children of Israel in the desert by Fire. He still is that Fire before us today, like a lighthouse.'

I thought this was quite poignant at the moment as we all go through our own storms in life. For some, comfort can be drawn from their faith, for others it can be family, friends or just the sheer goodness of humanity around them. It's important to try and take comfort in something, whatever that is. I've added the lyrics below and a link to the you tube video - it's a good song with a catchy beat – maybe have a listen. When all this is over, let's hope we can all take lovely holidays again and enjoy the beautiful places both home and abroad.

God Bless, take care and stay safe
Mrs Thomson



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My Lighthouse - Rend Collective.

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore
I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reAlJKv7ptU>