

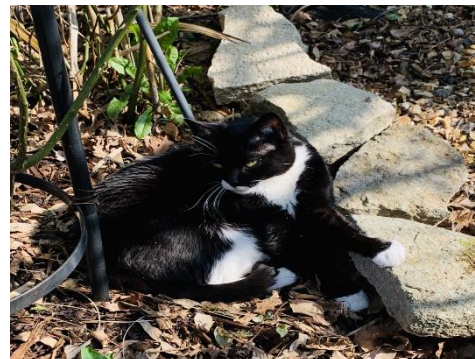


Dear all,

How is the first week of this unusual sort of Easter Holidays going for everyone? I am sure the sunshine is both helping, but also making you long for the places you can't go when you usually would – we all feel a bit the same and I am so proud of you all for staying home, keeping safe and looking after our community and our NHS. It's no small thing you're doing and it gets bigger and more brilliant by the day.

Have you been able to get outside? I know that's easier for some of us than for others. But if you can, it's a proper mood lifter. I've managed to get out for a good old walk per day each day so far, and it's been great to see that life's still going on out there!

Building on all of our rainbows that Mrs Hockings sent out, check this rainbow out made by my lovely neighbours, Lauren and her two girls, from crepe paper – it's brightening up my little bit of the street:



Above, you've also got our third cat, Alice, who is, not gonna lie, easily the laziest of the three, but she does have an instinct to follow us when we go for our walks – you know the family member who likes to get under your feet at just the wrong moment? Are you ever that person, or is it your annoying brother or sister? We've all got to avoid tripping over each other right now, haven't we, more than normal? When Alice follows us, we say to each other, 'Don't look at her, it'll encourage her to do the wrong thing', and that's another reason for it being a really good idea to 'create a little shape for your day' so you're not looking at all the things that are definitely going to rub you up the wrong way more!

The third photo is where I prove to you that my family and I are part of the many who've planted seeds during all this – things are going well so far! How about sending me three pics that give us a window on your world? They don't have to be super productive things – it's the hols after all – but we'd love to see each other's worlds a little, while we can't see each other. Send them to headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and I'll have 'em in next week's holiday letter.

Meanwhile, there's been a super crop of pictures sent my way of things you did at the end of term, or during this week already. First, it's the lovely work that the young people who have been in school this week have been doing:



Mrs Hockings raided her craft things at home so that the girls could make some Easter thank yous from our school to local shops and the chemist, those places who are doing their all to keep things going for us right now – well done, Shannon and Sarah, you've done us proud, there.

Zoe sent Mr Hewitt and me this picture of her delicious baking – so wish we could sneak a taste, Zoe! Don't forget to make some when we're back together. Mr Hewitt also noticed the rather lovely lawn they're sitting on and I agree! Well done to the whole family!



Tom's been busy doing some super professional whittling work with wood:



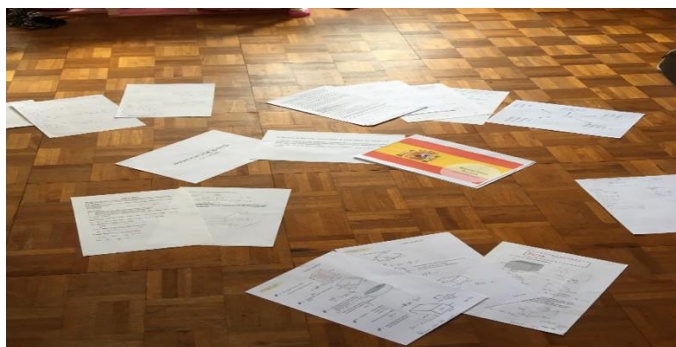
Really top work – the sort of thing you can picture on the craft stalls of the future, I would say! And Finn had great news that his entry to the national competition, 500 Words, got through to the second round. To do that, he's pushed about 130,000 entries out of the way, to get through to the final 5000 nationally, so what a winner he already is. Thanks for promoting this competition, Mrs Sullivan!



Toby's been thanking the NHS with some creativity with Lego, and the beautiful rainbows and other uplifting drawings have kept coming from Sarah, Isha and Amy – well played, guys, your community will look the brighter and better because of what you've done, just like this letter:



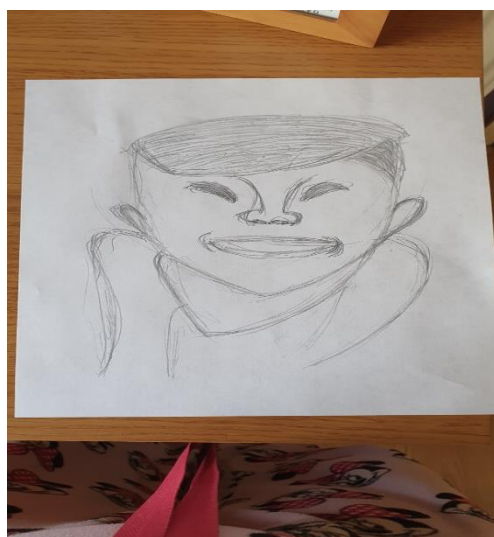
Robbie shared his Week 2 work – top lad, you’ve made massive efforts to keep on top of all of your learning here, and you’ve made sure there’s real variety to what you’ve done, too:



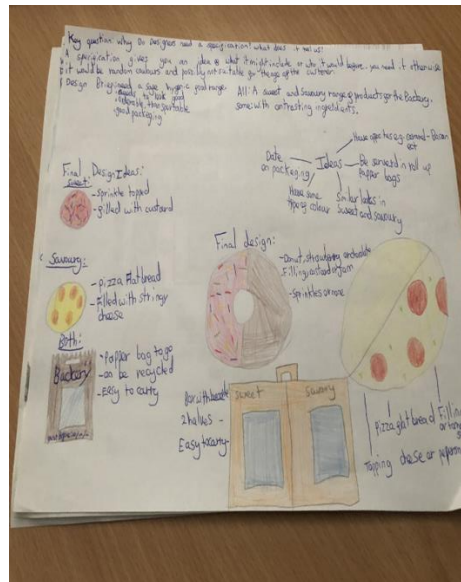
And Tyler and his family shared with me how it’s been a winning combination between learning and life skills that’s been making his and his sister’s weeks go as well as possible – we’re all really proud of you, Tyler, and of all you guys making such varied efforts to be productive and stay as upbeat as you can, whenever you can.



I like the look of that planetarium a lot, and I also love this art work by James – that guy has a cheeky look in his eye, and such a warm smile!



Finlay was busy with his very yummy D and T design work, amongst lots of other good stuff:



And finally, for work today, Breanna's been keeping it so artistic and creative with all of her work, from a Kindness competition entry (have you entered any of them yet?) to her Music research and then her History WW1 work:



Now, I don't want this letter to end without pets, and not just mine, so here's a good'un for you. Morgan's dog, Nala, has no time to waste posing for the camera – she needs to get out for her walk. The family are very proud of her, as they rescued her from the streets in Europe last November and she's doing great:



If you've got a dog, are you taking your turn in walking him/her? You'll feel really good if you do. No dogs in this house at the moment, and I sometimes groan a little when it's time to get out for a walk, but as soon as we get going, it's really refreshing and it turns into much more of a hike.

Looking forward to those three pics of what you're up to or those competition entries we mentioned to you in the letters and messages from your tutors at the end of last week to headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Meanwhile, here's two other ideas for you: Claire in Y11 told me that every Friday evening at 7pm on the YouTube channel, The Shows Must Go On, they're showing a different musical, free, if that's something you or your family would enjoy. And then there's yet another offer from writer, Chris Bradford, this time a free eBook if that's your thing:

FREE Young Samurai ebook!

To celebrate the Virtual Author Visit this Friday 10th April at 10am, Puffin Books are offering The Way of Fire eBook for FREE!

Available from Amazon, Apple Books and Kobo: <http://ow.ly/jAmU50z24YY>

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Tune in at 10am for the Virtual Author Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hslaP2-1t8o>

Hope you all can enjoy the Easter weekend with some chocolate or something you find as good to eat as I find chocolate – remember to create your day, your way, as best you can so that you feel a little bit of achievement, a little bit of connection with your family at home or online with your friends and family you can't visit at the moment, and that you've done some exercise of some kind. The chocolate or favourite foods feel even better when you've done something good, your way, with your day.

Back with you next week – keep the pics coming, keep safe and well, and in this together,

Miss Marshall