



# LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Weekly Bulletin 4: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, you have made it through to the end of your fifth week of Lockdown 3 and home schooling – I am sure none of us ever imagined 2021 starting in this way! But, it has and we are getting on with it and whilst it isn't easy, we are surviving.

I think it is definitely making us all really appreciate those little things in life that we have just taken for granted for so long. It is now 46 weeks since I last hugged my Mum and I know I am not the only one who is in the same position. But as Captain Sir Tom Moore said, there are brighter days ahead and things will get better. We have to believe that for our own sanity I think.

I hope you have found the activities and events of this week timely in giving you and your children that little break that was so needed. I think we have had a wonderful week of fun, action and activities, and I must say that Paul Whittaker, The Beat Goes On and Joanne from Little Mis-Fit have all been terrific! We hope you have enjoyed them as much as us. It has been lovely to be able to share these special sessions with you as parents and carers too. Usually, we just get to write about them, tweet about them and tell you about them, but so many of you have been able to experience them first-hand this week too which is so special. I hope it helps to give you an insight into what goes on during our creativity weeks in school!

## **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is: **An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.** We are planning a number of different activities for the children during the day which is more important than ever at the present time, with children on their devices so much and the internet being the main way of being able to keep in touch with each other. Our assembly will be about online safety and we are also holding a parent session about online safety too.

In these unprecedented times, children are spending more time online than ever. How to keep them safe whilst still providing opportunities for communication, collaboration and entertainment can be tricky for parents and carers to navigate. Please join us for this online session as we look to give you easy to implement tips to help keep your children safe online and inform you about the features of the latest popular games, apps and sites.

The session will be led by Mr Bailey and all class teachers will also be part of the session. The workshop will take place from 4.15pm – 5pm and then there will be time at the end of the session for questions and answers. Please note, that whilst there is nothing inappropriate for children within the session, this is aimed at adults rather than one which you actively encourage your children to take part in too. We look forward to seeing you there.

The link for the session is below:

<https://zoom.us/j/98857828230?pwd=YzhndEtGeTJEZ0RXtkk0aGpOYy9hUT09>

## **Spread A Little Love Project**

We would like to encourage all children to take part in this project which is also today's Twitter Challenge. The challenge/project is to make a card and write a message of positivity in the card that can then be delivered to elderly people in the village, including the residents of Lynwood House. It is so important to reach out to the elderly community during these difficult times and we feel that as we approach Valentine's Day, this is one way of showing our love to them all and that they are not forgotten! If you would like us to distribute your card for you, please drop them into school before 10am on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

## **Lockdown/Home Schooling Survival Kits**

We hope you have all received your survival kit now. These are for you as parents (not your children for a change!) who are doing the unimaginable! They are just a very small gesture to let you know that we do think you are doing a totally awesome job and you have our utmost respect, admiration and support too! We hope you enjoy them.

### **Story time**

These have been very popular this week and we think it is a lovely way to sign off the end of the school day. They will continue daily at 2.45pm from now. We have staff queuing up to read to the children and we have some lovely surprise readers for you next week! We won't tell you who is going to read when but it is worth you turning up as you may get some nice surprises!

### **Now Press Play Flagship School**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been informed that as we are viewed as a beacon of excellence for Now Press Play, we have been awarded Flagship School status. This is a huge honor for our school and demonstrates both the excellent relationship we have with the company and the superb resource it is! We now have access to the 'At Home' version so watch out for this coming after half term!

### **Early Years News**

Thank you for your continued contributions to Evidence Me. We very much enjoy reading about your child's achievements at home and finding out how they have engaged with the tasks we are setting. If your child had been in school with us, we would have been adapting the activities on offer to match their current interests, so it is always useful for us to know what they are currently enjoying. This allows us to tailor what we offer to really capture your child's imagination. Please let us know if there is anything your child has especially enjoyed over the past few weeks or if they have any recent interests that they would like to share with us.

If you are planning to tidy up and sort out at half term, please think of us in EYFS before you get rid of things we might find useful. We can make use of all sorts of things including scarves (the floatier the better!), buttons, wool, gift bags/wrapping paper, left-over wallpaper, nuts and bolts, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, oddments of fabric or ribbon, offcuts of pipes or guttering, shells, stones, corks, crates, cable reels, carpet offcuts... the list is endless. We are still searching for an old rowing boat if anyone can source one! We will quarantine anything we are offered until we can make use of it. If in doubt, please ask!

### **Positive Thinking**

***Never forget how far you've come. Everything you have gotten through.  
All the times you have pushed through even when you felt you couldn't.  
All the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was.  
All the times you wanted to give up but you got through another day.  
Never forget how much strength you have developed along the way.***

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that is concerning you, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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