

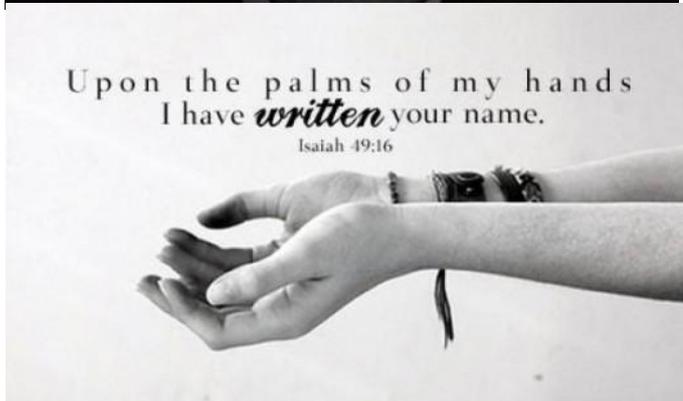
Dunn Street Primary School Leavers' Assembly 2020 – Hands

During the last two months, we have become acutely aware of the importance of our own hands and the hands of others. We have seemingly continually washed our hands in order to keep ourselves, and those around us, safe. We have admired the caring hands of others who have worked tirelessly to keep us safe. Our hands are often used as a representation of our actions.

**Task 1: Please answer the following questions...**

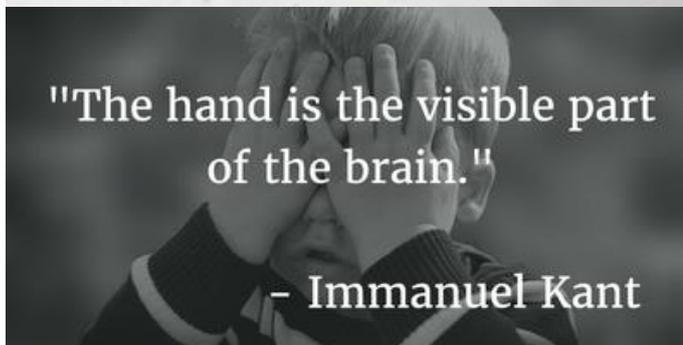


How are you going to use your hands, for all who live in it?



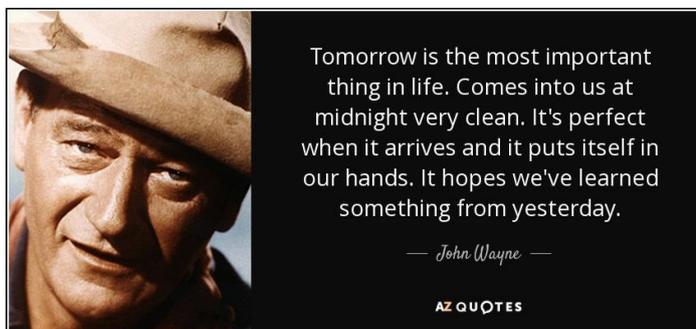
Look, on my palms I've inscribed you...

This shows that Christians believe God is always with them. Who, or what, will you keep with you as you move through the next stage of your life? What will you inscribe on your palms?



Your actions (your hands) show how you feel and think (your brain).

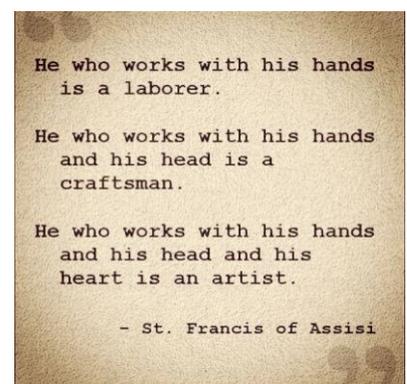
When you move to secondary school, how are your actions going to show people what is important to you?



What have you learnt from your time at Dunn Street and how will you use this for your "tomorrow"?

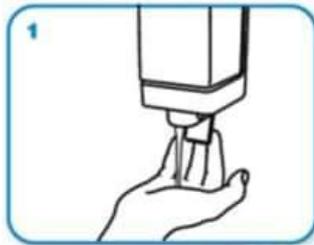
**Task 2: Can you find a quote, or do you know of one, about hands, that gives an important message to you?**

**Task 3: What are your memories of the Y6 pupils? Share your favourite memories of class members.**

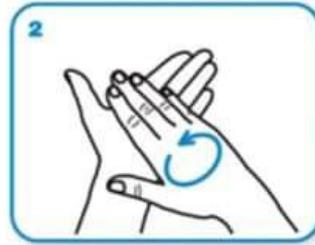




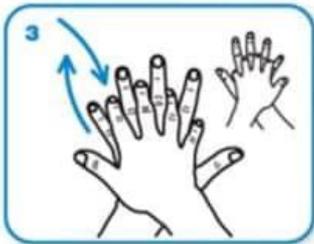
**out, damned spot!**



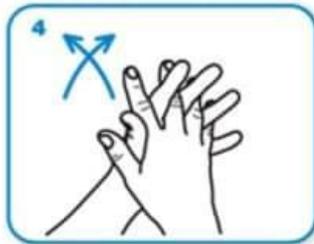
**Out, I say!**



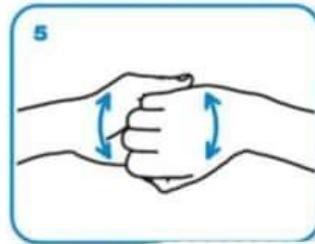
**One, two. Why, then,**



**'tis time to do 't.**



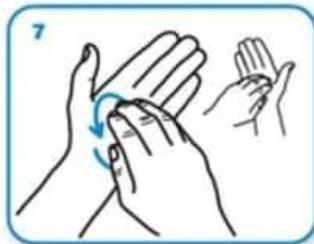
**Hell is murky!—**



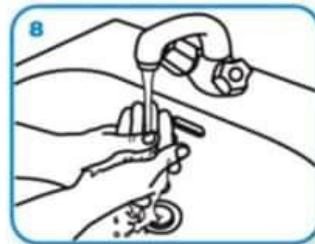
**Fie, my lord, fie!**



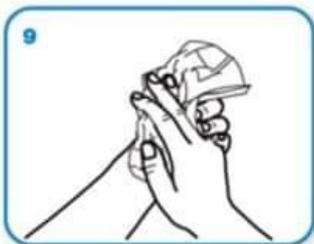
**A soldier, and afeard?**



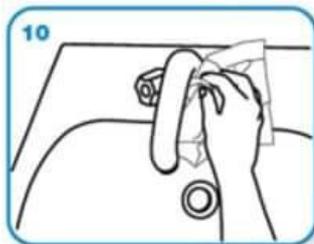
**What need we fear  
who knows it,**



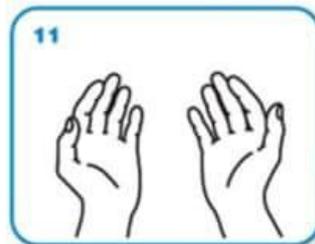
**when none can call  
our power to account?**



**Yet who would have  
thought**



**the old man**



**to have had so  
much blood in him.**

If you haven't seen the handwashing instructions set to Lady Macbeth's fractured soliloquy 'Out damned spot' you've not been visiting the right bathrooms. The poster adapts World Health Organisation's guide to the use of soap and water, using Shakespeare's words to establish the proper length of time to spend on sanitising.

In the context of the play *Macbeth*, those instructions are, of course, rather self-defeating. Lady Macbeth, sleepwalking in her chamber, 'rubs her hands' for 'a quarter of an hour', lamenting 'what, will these hands ne'er be clean'. She can still smell blood: 'All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand'. While soap does indeed

incapacitate the COVID-19 virus, it cannot help mitigate the psychological aftermath of murder. Lady Macbeth's involvement in the assassination of King Duncan echoes in her conscience. Her confident words to her nervily blood-stained husband – 'A little water clears us of this deed' – come back to haunt her. Lady Macbeth's hand-washing is the sign of guilt. It speaks of a contamination that can never be washed away.

**Task 4: Guess Who... please email a video of a close-up of your hands as you wash them and then pan out to reveal you (approximately 20 seconds long)!**