

APLEY NEWS

Headteacher News

Thank you again for all the feedback and photographs of home learning you are sending in, it's lovely to see all the new skills being achieved. I've heard about children learning to ride their bikes without stabilisers, have seen delicious looking examples of baking and cooking, I've completed some of the quizzes written by Year 5 with my family and there are some fantastic topic projects being completed and shared with us. You are all doing a brilliant job of juggling home learning with your other demands, thank you for doing this but please remember, there is no expectation for you to be trying to replicate a school day or print all of the activities to do. Please keep sending the photographs in, we love to see them and to share them in the newsletter with everyone else.

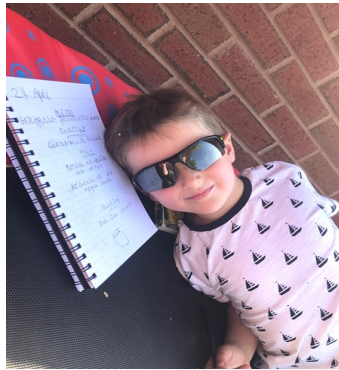
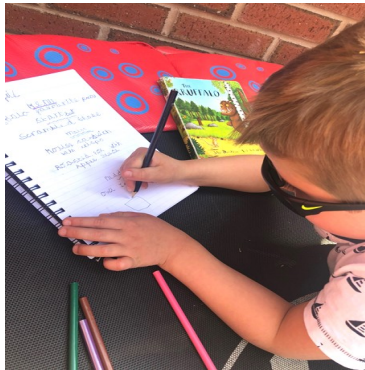
It's the VE day celebration next Friday 8th May and to prepare for this Miss Morgan and Mrs Beardwood have already posted some activity ideas on the website to help us all celebrate. If you are able to complete any of the activities next Friday, please send your photographs in as it would be great to be able to put together a special edition of the newsletter after the event, to share how Apley celebrated.

There is a lot of speculation in the news at the moment about schools re-opening. The Local Authority will be liaising with all schools, the DFE and the teaching unions over the next few weeks about how this can be done safely. I will provide more information as soon as I am able to do so.

Take care, stay safe, and I hope to be able to see you all soon.

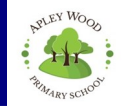
Ellen Smith - Headteacher

So, what have you all been up to this week?



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If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



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VE Day Celebrations



On the 8th May, we will all be celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We thought that it would be a great idea if you could still celebrate this at home. Here are some ideas of what you could do: design a teacup, design/create a medal, or decorate your house with lots of bunting. All of these ideas are on our school website with links to templates and information. If you would like to explain this event to your child, here is also a document that explains what VE Day is.

It would be lovely to see anything that you do to celebrate this occasion. Please send all of your pictures to the school email address, a2190@taw.org.uk, so that these can be shared, put onto the newsletter, website and twitter feed. Let's celebrate! - **Miss Morgan.**



At the end of the Second World War, families and communities celebrated by having street parties and singing and dancing. I would like you to recreate this in your own home by learning to sing a song that was popular at the time (see the link on the school website).

'We'll Meet Again' by Dame Vera Lynn was sung across the nation to celebrate the fact that separation from loved ones and hardship was coming to an end. I would like you to have a go at learning the song to sing with your family. The song will be a big part of this year's celebrations with a nationwide performance from doorsteps planned for 9pm on the 8th May. So give it a go!

I would love it if you could film/photograph yourself (with or without your family) singing and send it to the school email address.

You might even want to dress up in 1940s costumes and hold a garden tea party to celebrate such an important event. I look forward to seeing the fun you all have. **Mrs Beardwood**

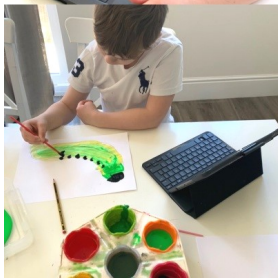
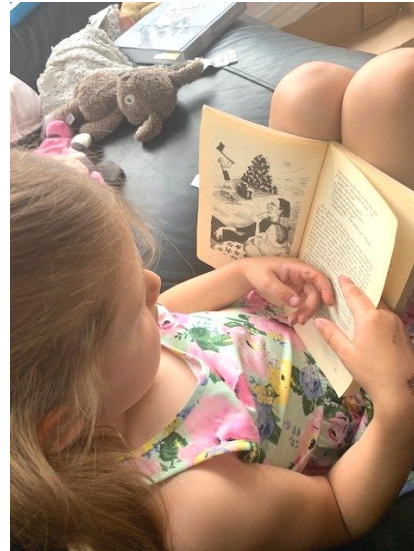
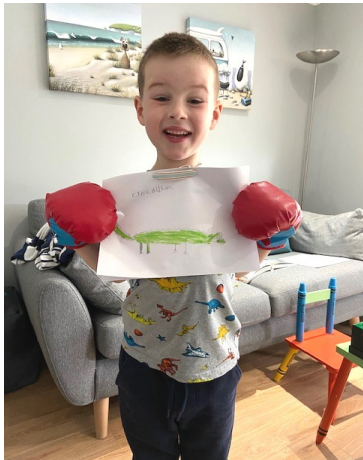


Working Towards Artsmark

We are delighted to let you all know that Apley Wood is now officially working towards an Artsmark. Awarded by the Arts Council England, Artsmark gives an opportunity for us to plan and evaluate our arts and cultural provision. Over the next two years, we will be building opportunities to create, compose, perform, visit, experience and participate in arts activities. In March, as part of this process, KS2 classes elected representatives for our Apley Arts Council and we held our first meeting. Once we return to the classroom, they will be running arts competitions and talking to their classmates to discover the kinds of activities pupils would like to see happen. We are really looking forward to their ideas and sharing examples of the school's creativity with you. - Mrs Beardwood



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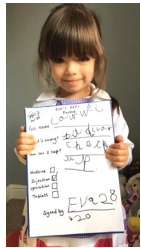


Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

24/7 Emergency Mental Health Helpline

The Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (the Trust that manages the BeeU Service) has launched an all age emergency mental health helpline that is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

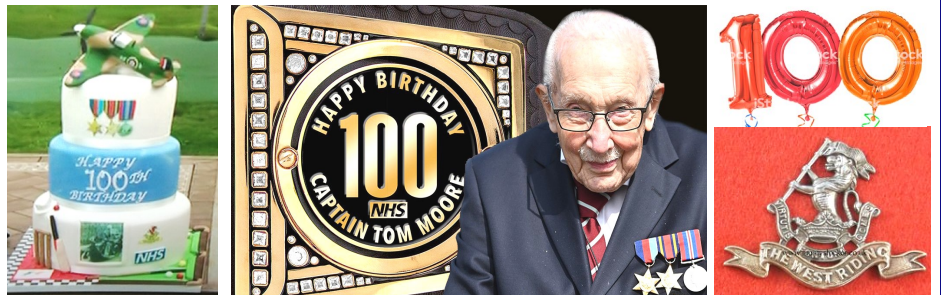
Further information can be found at: <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/emergency-help> or telephone 0300 124 0365.



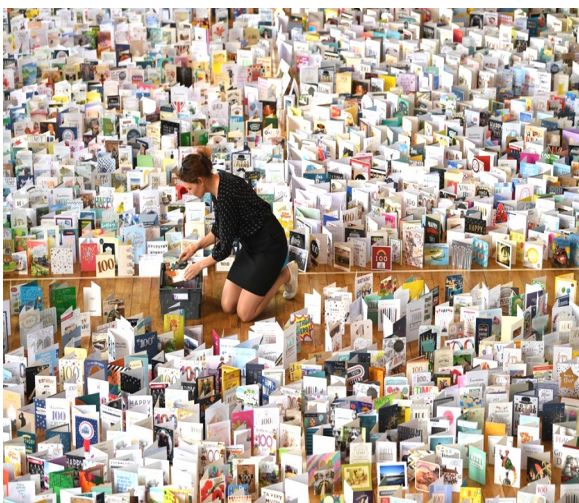



'Thank you' Captain Tom!

I think that we have all been following the fabulous story of Captain Tom Moore, now an honorary Colonel, as he celebrates his 100th birthday and has raised over £31 million for NHS charities. Such an amazing inspiration to others and a wonderful story that will be remembered for a very long time.



Tom has received over 150,000 birthday cards from all over the world to wish him a happy 100th birthday!



 Tom would have been just 25 when celebrating VE day in 1945.

Kindle Kindness Campaign

Telford and Wrekin council are proud to announce the launch of the #KindleKindness campaign. The aim is to raise £25,000 to buy 200 Kindle tablets (or similar devices) to supply care homes across the borough, and the Women's and Children's Centre at the Princess Royal Hospital.

During lockdown so many residents in care homes have been unable to have visitors, and they are spending long days without interaction from friends and family, with little technology to help them.

These devices will allow hospital residents, care home residents and new mums, download books, newspapers and magazines, take out a membership from the online library service; play puzzles and games and keep up to date on the latest news. They will also be able to access emails and in some cases have video chats with friends and family, ensuring they keep touch with loved ones.

It is campaigns like this that will ensure we are remembered for what we did to help others - coming together to ensure we get through these difficult times.

To make a donation, or find and more, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/kindlekindness>.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will be a huge help. Thank you.



Online Learning Support

The Government has launched the national academy to support home learning. Follow the link below, go to the main page where you can then select the year group. They are delivering three, one hour lessons daily for every year group and cover different subjects. They can be accessed at any time and no printing is required, the only resources needed are paper/pen and the children watch the video of the teacher delivering the lesson. Try it out at <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>



Rainbow Heart Hunt



So last week there were rainbow hearts dotted all over the newsletter. Did you find them all? If you had 42 as your answer, you would be correct! Well done. :-)
 We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing all of your news and photos once again and they are also shared with the teachers, on our website, and also the Twitter feed, so they brighten many people's day. You are all doing such an amazing job so keep up the good work, keep sending in your photos and achievements, and keep smiling! Stay safe and well, and until next time, all the very best. Sharon x