

APLEY NEWS

Headteacher News

We recognise that returning to school will be a huge milestone for children following the closure of schools for the majority of children during the global Covid-19 pandemic. We acknowledge that our children's world as they know it changed, their routines also had to change and for some, their anxieties heightened due to the uncertainty that surrounds them. Our ultimate priority is for our children to safely return to school with care and compassion at the heart of the transition so they are able to learn to learn again.

We will be sending more information about September over the coming weeks and again just before we return. Please ensure we have the correct email address for you as this is the quickest way we can get the information to you. We will also put copies of any letters on the news section of the school website.

Headteacher awards for this week are awarded to:



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| Sydney G | Freddie W | Joshua Y | Alyssa M | Abigail L |
| Isabella C | Niamh W | Olivia C | Jordan H | Hackson H |
| Finley S | Aaron W | Annabelle C | Emmy C | Elijah |
| Alisha P | Macy D | Thomas D | Ross M | |

I've seen some fantastic home learning work again over the last week. Home learning awards this week go to **Sydney G** Y3, **Freddie** and **Josh** in Y2 and **Alyssa** in Y6. I am extremely proud of the efforts you have made, well done. We will post your certificates out to you.

You should be receiving annual reports soon. They have been either hand delivered or posted to you this week. If you would like to speak to the class teacher about the report please contact school to arrange a call back.

We have received some good news recently. Work on our Daily Mile track can now begin next week and this should be completed ready for September. We are really excited to get this up and running!

Thank you again for your continued patience and positive feedback whilst we navigate the new guidance. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ellen Smith - Headteacher

Fabulous Firebird Creations

Year 6 created some fantastic artwork based on Stravinsky's 'Firebird'. They listened to the music whilst using art pastels to build layers in their interpretations. Take a look at their brilliant creations. **Miss Plant**



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



Winners!

#VirtualSTWSchoolGames



Getting **Hearts** Beating Faster
energize
Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Active Partnership

Feeling Energised

Apley have been taking part in the virtual school games competition over the last six weeks, and the event was organised by Energize. The competition had been adapted for lockdown by challenging children to demonstrate their sports skills, with a variety of different challenges at home, and it has been declared a great success.

Sisters **Zara** and **Ruby** deserve a special mention as they took part in all of the events and did Apley proud! Not only did they take part but went on to win the following events:

Cricket Winners

Boccia Winners

New Age Kurling Winners

Dodgeball Winners



They won 4 events out of 6 events, which is just amazing!

Congratulations girls for being such sporting superstars. You should receive your prizes soon from Energize. **Miss Cassidy**



Budding Performers

This week our Year 5 children did an amazing performance of 'This is Me', from The Greatest Showman, using Makaton. They were so proud of themselves and so they should be.

Mrs Richards





TT Rock Stars Winners

This week's winners are:

Year 1: Madi S, Year 2: Megan, Year 3: Finlay C,
Year 4: Esha, Year 5: Zara H, Year 6: Alyssa M

Well done to all of this week's TT Rock Stars top users! Keep up the hard work.

Mr Taylor

Lots of Lovely Learning

Madison has been a busy girl again with her home schooling, with lots of White Rose maths, reading, and art projects. She has even tried some of her own art in the style of the artist Piet Mondrain. Lovely colours Madi.

Madi has also worked hard with TT Rock stars, Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize with a real interest in History. Some of her favourite lessons have been about Florence Nightingale, Queen Elizabeth 1 and Queen Victoria. She has also enjoyed learning about some amazing female explorers such as Amelia Earhart and Valentina Tereshkova.

There has also been lots of reading, gardening, baking, bike riding and learning how to skip. Amazing efforts Madi, well done!



Mason's Surprise

Mason's mum got in touch with us this week as Mason has just lost his first tooth. He really wanted to show his school friends, who he has been missing very much. Mum wanted to surprise him by sending his photo in for the newsletter so his friends could see. Congratulations on the tooth Mason!



Terrific Titanic

Finlay is fascinated by the Titanic so has completed a mini project on it. He has built the Titanic in Lego and by junk modelling/paper mache, and painting too. Finlay has researched the events of the Titanic, read a non fiction book about it, labelled the parts of a ship, written a newspaper report on the event and written a diary entry from the perspective of the first person to see the iceberg. This is so impressive! Well done. Mrs Richards





Lunchtime Lovelies

This week we would like to give a special mention to our fabulous catering team. Led by Mrs Pagett, the ladies have been working hard behind the scenes doing a fabulous job of looking after the children and supplying them with a super lunch each day. There's been a lovely selection of sandwiches and on Fridays the children have really enjoyed a hot meal choice. The team take the time and care to package together each individual lunch box with everything the children need and send them down to the classroom for them to enjoy. They do miss serving the children in the hall and look forward to seeing all their smiling faces again soon. Thank you Mrs Pagett and team. You have done a wonderful job!



We also wanted to thank our fabulous Lunchtime Supervisors, led by Mrs Thomas, who come in every day to help out with their own little 'bubble' of children each lunch time. They help keep them safe at lunchtime play and make sure they have an enjoyable lunch break. They help ensure that the teachers get a break too at lunch times and they have been here every day to play their part. We thank you all for your fabulous support and for being there for the children.





Lunchtime Supervisors Award



Congratulations to the following children who have received lunchtime supervisor awards this week.

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| Ben F | Kaja | Stacy Q | Ryan S | Niamh M | |
| Violet | Hermione | Jake T | Macey-Mai | Gabby | Evie K |
| Sebastian | Alayah M | Freddie P | William K | | |

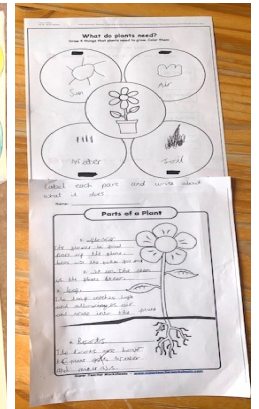
This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team and some of the class teachers for some great reasons such as always being kind and polite, being extra kind, listening and following rules, lovely table manners and many more!

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!



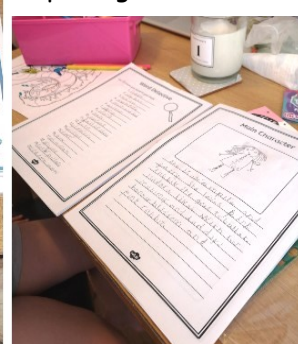
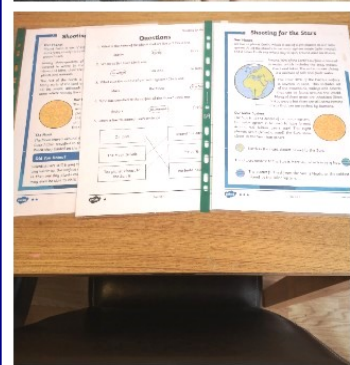
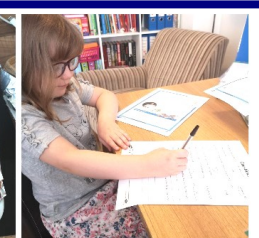
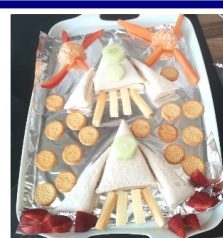
Fun and Games

Scarlett, from year 1, has had another productive week. She's been working through the home learning on the website and also completing the daily White Rose work sheets and Oak Academy English/Foundation lessons. She has been really looking forward to finding out who her teacher is for next year and, like lots of children, she is really looking forward to seeing all of her friends again.



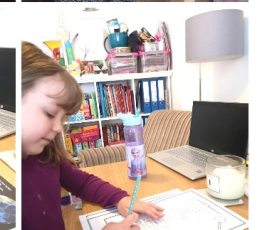
Jenna's Joy

Jenna, from year 1, has had another busy week completing her White Rose maths and geography classes on Oak Academy. She has also enjoyed learning about space and the planets, having fun and getting creative by making her own space launch. She has been learning about nouns, adjectives and verbs using her Isadora Moon book to complete her reading activity worksheets, and has still found time to do lots more baking and exploring for forest school.



It has been a pleasure following your home schooling learning journey.

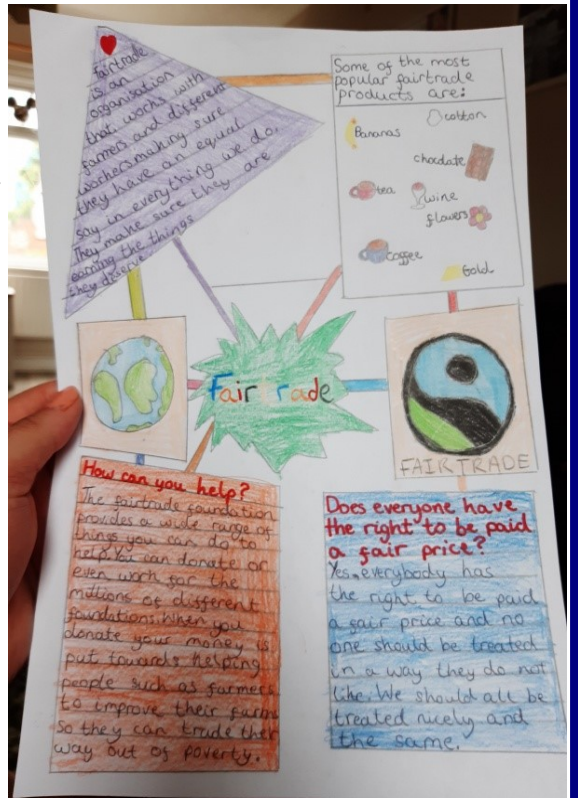
Thank you to everyone for all the smiles, photos and news that has helped brighten our days here at Apley. :)



Fairtrade Presentation

This week, the year 6 children who are in school have been completing a project on Fairtrade. Throughout the week they have carried out a variety of different tasks, such as a presentation and pieces of art, to further extend their understanding of Fairtrade. We hope that the year 6's at home have taken part too and we would love to see your work. There are more details and instructions and 'Top Tips' on the website, in the year 6 classes section.

As extra inspiration, here's an excellent, very informative poster which Alyssa has made at home which shows how you can use an attractive layout to communicate your ideas. **Miss Whitehouse**



Sprouting Plants

Bethan from year 5 has been looking after the baby spider plant she had from our class spider plant since the autumn term. Bethan's cared for it ever since and this week she came down to find that it's spouted a little baby spider plant of its own! This is fantastic and has made Miss Plant very happy - well done Bethan!

Miss Plant



A great big thank you!

You have all been amazing, sending in your lovely photos and samples of work, activities and projects. We have enjoyed seeing all of your smiling faces and brilliant art works as well as sharing your stories and adventures through the newsletter and website.

We hope to continue to do so when we start back in September, even if it is a monthly special edition as opposed to weekly 8 pager.

Meanwhile, we have one more newsletter next week, before we break up for the summer so if you have anything that you would like to share, please do send it in to a2190@taw.org.uk, and let's make the last one just as fabulous. All the very best, **Sharon.** :)