



June Newsletter 2020

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear all,

It was lovely to welcome more of you back to school on Monday 15th June. Although we had a slight blip due to heavy rainfall, we ended the week on such a wonderful note after watching all your music concert entries. Nishkam Primary has certainly got talent!

We are still here for all of you during this lockdown and want you to know that if you need any support, please contact us. You would have started receiving phone calls from your class teacher over the last week. These will be weekly phone calls to touch base about learning and wellbeing. Please let them know if there is anything you need.

Another huge thank you to all our children for showing the virtue of excellence through their learning. It has been a pleasure to see a love of learning still thriving via our online platform and within school. In addition, we wish to thank all our staff for their hard work, ensuring that our online learning continues to inspire and motivate our children. This has been a very surreal situation for them to adapt to and we are grateful for their support and creativity during this time.

We hope and pray that we all continue to remain optimistic during this challenging time and look forward to seeing more excellent and inspiring work.

Mrs Westwood - Principal
Mrs Kaur – Interim Headteacher
Miss Prior – Interim Deputy Headteacher



Happy Father's Day!

We hope you all had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day. The children were very excited to tell us all about how they spent this special day – we heard that there was a lot of cake and fun walks in the park!

Thank you to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and cousins who are great role models for our children.

School Reopens

Since lockdown, our school has been busy supporting our key worker families. Over the past month, we have been preparing the school for the safe return of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Here's a sneak peek at what our school looks like with all our social measures in place:



Support for Families

We understand how difficult this time is for many families and would like to take the opportunity to share some helpful websites which have great advice.

Every Mind Matters



The NHS have created a new resource for all family members. It looks to address how children are reacting to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Please take some time to have a look. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/looking-after-children-and-young-people-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

Safeguarding

If you are ever concerned about your child and wish to talk to a member of the school's safeguarding team, please note you can email them direct via:
npsbsafeguarding@nishkamschools.org

Your concerns will be sent to the safeguarding team at school:

Designated Safeguarding

Lead: Mrs D Westwood

Deputy DSLs:

Mrs G Kaur
Miss Prior
Mrs Sembi

All concerns will be addressed within 24 hours.

Conflict at Home

This week some of our parents have shared concerns about siblings arguing at home.

It can be difficult on rainy days, when they aren't using up their excess energy but below are some tips that may help, especially for older children.

Plan breaks

Make plans to do something outside, independently to allow a break and time out from the environment. If isolating at home, children can still spend time together with friends over video or get into a routine of a doing an activity at the same time each day.

Reach out

Encourage children to share worries about any upcoming challenges with a trusted family member.

Be reasonable

If children are in a confrontational situation with a family member, ask them to think about their virtues and why they may want to stay calm and contemplate the consequences of any action.

Do a chore

Plan jobs or chores that become a natural reason to get out of any situations. For example, stacking the dishwasher, taking the bins out or walking the dog.

Communicate openly

Encourage open conversation about how you can best meet one another's needs.

If you're a parent, this might be saying, 'I would really appreciate it if you could help with the washing up'. Children could try saying, 'Mum, it would be really great if you could allow me some time to myself'.

News

The NSPCC website has a great advice section, sharing tips on:

Keeping children safe from abuse
Staying home alone
Mental health
Online safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Watching trusted news sources will play a part in helping children to feel informed and aware of the situation

Newsround is a great starter before the morning's lessons begin
www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

IMPORTANT - Library Book Return

As you are aware, your child was issued with two school reading books in preparation for lockdown. These books will now need to be returned to school to ensure we have our library ready for September. If your child is currently in school, please send your child into school with their books only (no bags or reading diaries). A box will be placed within the school entrance for your child to leave their books in.

If your child is not in school, please make arrangements for their books to be delivered no later than the 10th July. To ensure safe distancing and delivery of books, boxes will be placed on the inside of the gates on St Michael's road every day after 9:30am. Please place a slip of paper with your child's name in the front of the book. Then, bring the books to the gate, press the buzzer and feed the books through the rails of the gate into the box. The office staff will collect the books once you have left. The boxes will remain by the gates until 2:00pm. If it is raining, please press the buzzer and wait for a member of staff to collect the books safely from yourself.

If your child is in Year 6, they were issue with a CGP SATs revision guide. These guides are to also be returned. Please follow the above guidance when returning.

Please note that these reading books are school resources. If your child's books are not returned, a fee will be issued via Parent Pay to ensure a replacement book can be reordered.

Nishkam Virtual Concert

This year we saw our very first Nishkam Trust Virtual Concert. All Nishkam pupils from Birmingham, Wolverhampton and West London had the opportunity to showcase their musical talents.

It was such a delight to see all the entries and see the amazing talents our Nishkam pupils have. From singing and tabla, to percussion and vaja, there was such a huge range of musical skills shared.

We want to thank all our children for their efforts – it takes a lot of courage to perform to an audience and all entries showed diligence, creativity and excellence.

Once the concert is launched, We hope you enjoy the collection of chosen entries from across the Trust and are inspired to try something musical yourself. Watch this space for the final video.. it is coming very soon!



Nishkam Summer Artist of the Year

After the success of our previous Art competition "Nishkam Portrait Artist of the Year" we are giving our children another opportunity to show their creativity.



At this strange time we all need to practise the virtue of Optimism, so we have selected that as the theme this year. We challenge you to draw, paint, collage, sketch, model artwork based on **Optimism**. You may even choose to create digital or video artwork on this theme. This might be an abstract view of how Optimism feels or a picture of something that makes you feel optimistic.

The competition will be bigger and better than last time! Winners again will still be selected from each class, but this time we have two local artists on our judging panel. We are lucky to have Saranjit Birdi and Caroline Jariwala supporting us in this competition.

It is our hope that winners will have their work exhibited in school, but only when we are open to all and it is safe to do so. Winners will receive prizes and certificates upon their return to school.

All entries must be submitted on the portfolio tab of Class Dojo by the **10th July**. Take extra care to ensure the photos you take of your artwork do it justice as this will be what we use to judge. Make sure you keep your artwork safe for a possible exhibition.

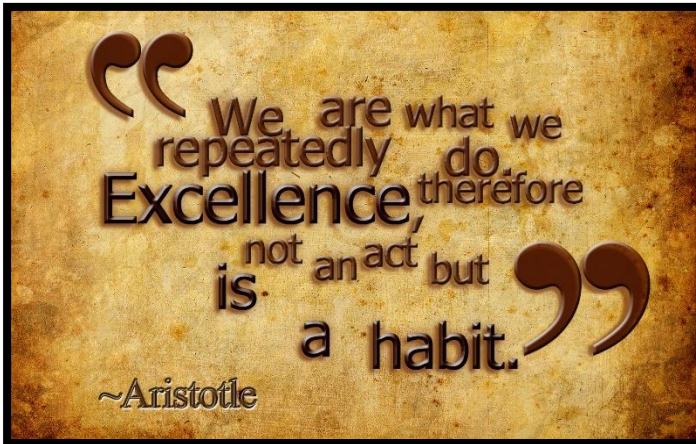


Whole School Virtue - Excellence

Take the time to reflect on what excellence means to you...

"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece."

JOHN RUSKIN



"Excellence
is not being
the best;

it is doing
your best."

What our Nishkam Passport says...

Excellence is giving your best to any task you do or any relationship you have. No matter what you are doing, excellence means you are giving it the best that you have to give. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed is the fruit which grows from it. Excellence in your life is bringing your gifts to fruition.

Signs of Success

I give myself fully to whatever I do.

I give my best to relationships.

I set noble and realistic goals.

I don't try to do everything.

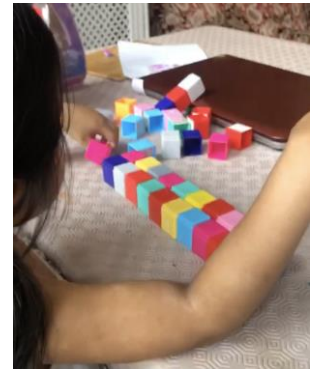
I develop my own gifts.

Excellence gives me high standards.

As a whole school, we have been focusing on the virtue of Excellence. It has been a pleasure to see the children showing the virtue of excellence in all their home learning. Take a little peek at what each year group have been up to during lockdown...

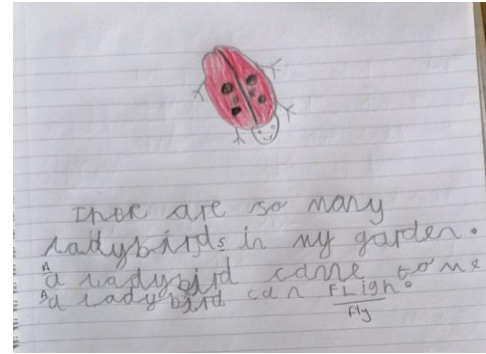
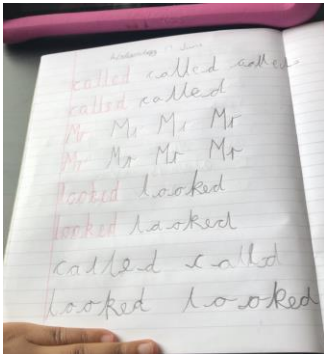


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We hope all our families are well and making the most of this precious time with their children. Our thoughts are with you and we look forward to having lots of fun together again in the future. The whole Reception team sends their love and best wishes.

In Reception, we have been striving for excellence in our Maths work. Children have been challenging themselves to represent numbers to 30 in creative ways using objects and pictures. We have also practised ordering numbers and learnt to count in 2s.



Our Literacy work has been another opportunity for Reception to practise the virtue of excellence. We have seen amazing improvements in our children's pre-cursive handwriting. Many of our children have been sharing their fantastic phonics work and super sentence writing.

Our topic "Amazing Animals" has given our children the chance to develop the virtues of creativity & excellence. We have seen amazing masks, collages and drawings.





Maths

In Math's, we have been learning about money and time. We are stunned to see your wonderful work and the commitment that you show for every task. You are all doing great!



English

In English, we have enjoyed reading a new story, 'The Snail and the Whale'. We have loved looking at your magnificent work each day!

Service

Year 1 have worked extremely hard with all their learning at home and we couldn't be any prouder of their resilience and excellence. We are also very grateful and thankful for the support of all parents with continuing excellent learning at home. We are excited to see some of you back in class and are looking forward to seeing the rest of you in the future. Keep working hard and stay fit and safe!

Lots of love,

Mrs Kumari, Miss Bath and Mrs Marwaha



Non-Core Subjects

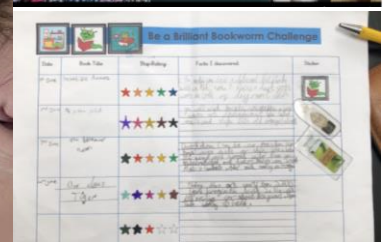
For our non-core subjects (D.T, Art and PSHE), we have enjoyed baking, showing our talents, making things, being creative and decorating wish jars!



Faith

You are all true Niskam learners because you have been using your virtue of excellence at home and have been baking and cooking scrumptious food.





Compassion



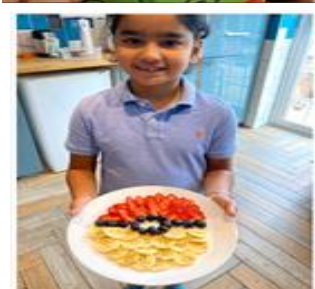
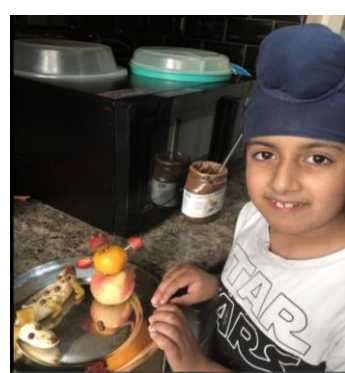
Dear Compassion 1 and 2,

We are very proud of the resilience and optimism you have shown towards your continued learning. You have constantly been practicing the virtue of excellence in all your daily tasks. We have seen amazing improvements in your work, handwriting and overall presentation. You have also shown the virtue of creativity by producing some fantastic food art and carrying out different experiments in Science. We are so proud!

In Maths, you have tried so hard. You are learning to read a range of scales relating to mass; this includes those with missing intervals. We added, subtracted, compared masses and solved word problems too.

Our thoughts are with you and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Love, Mrs Islam and Miss Shaheen



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Forgiveness

Hi, Forgiveness!

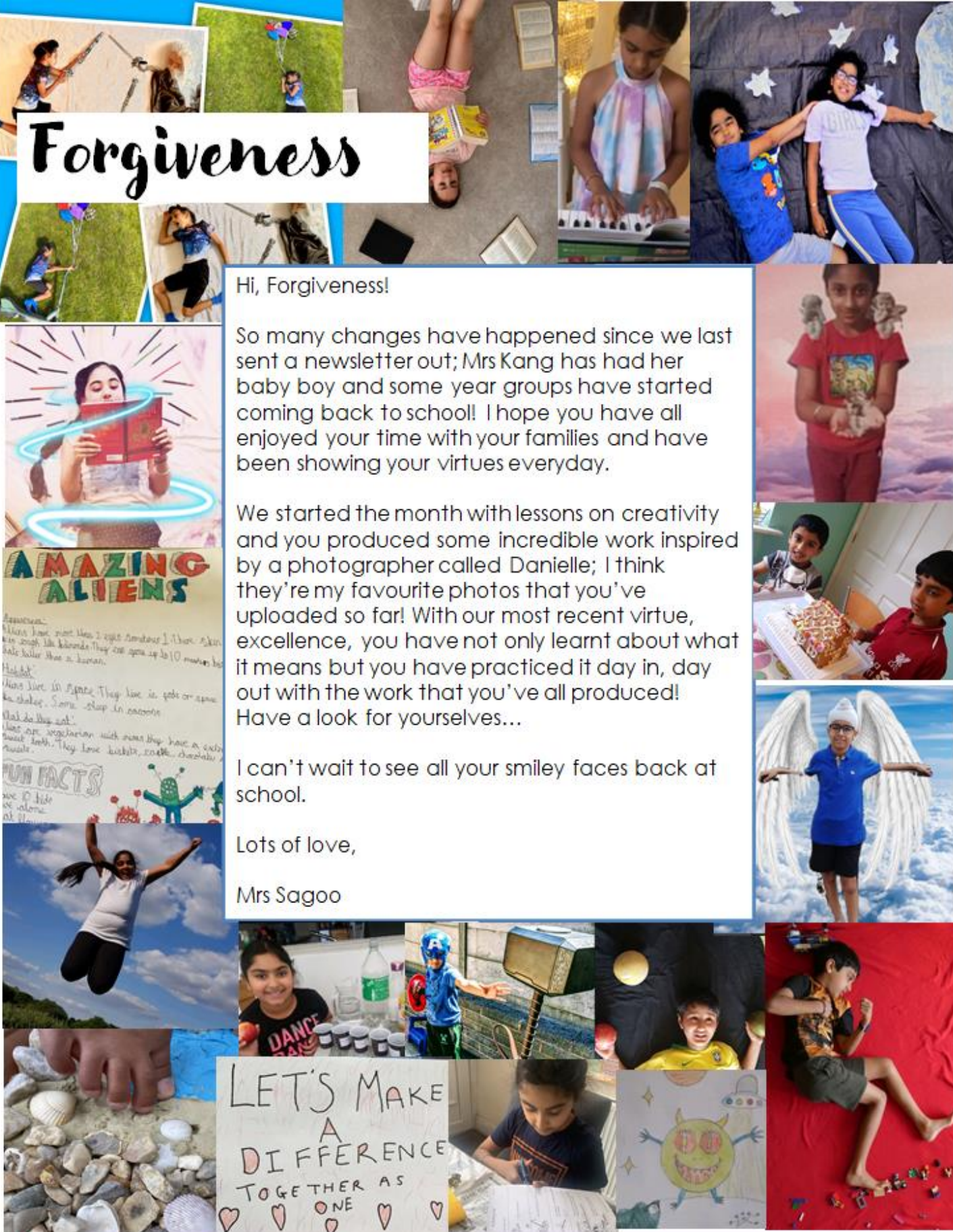
So many changes have happened since we last sent a newsletter out; Mrs Kang has had her baby boy and some year groups have started coming back to school! I hope you have all enjoyed your time with your families and have been showing your virtues everyday.

We started the month with lessons on creativity and you produced some incredible work inspired by a photographer called Danielle; I think they're my favourite photos that you've uploaded so far! With our most recent virtue, excellence, you have not only learnt about what it means but you have practiced it day in, day out with the work that you've all produced! Have a look for yourselves...

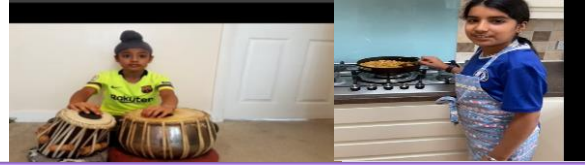
I can't wait to see all your smiley faces back at school.

Lots of love,

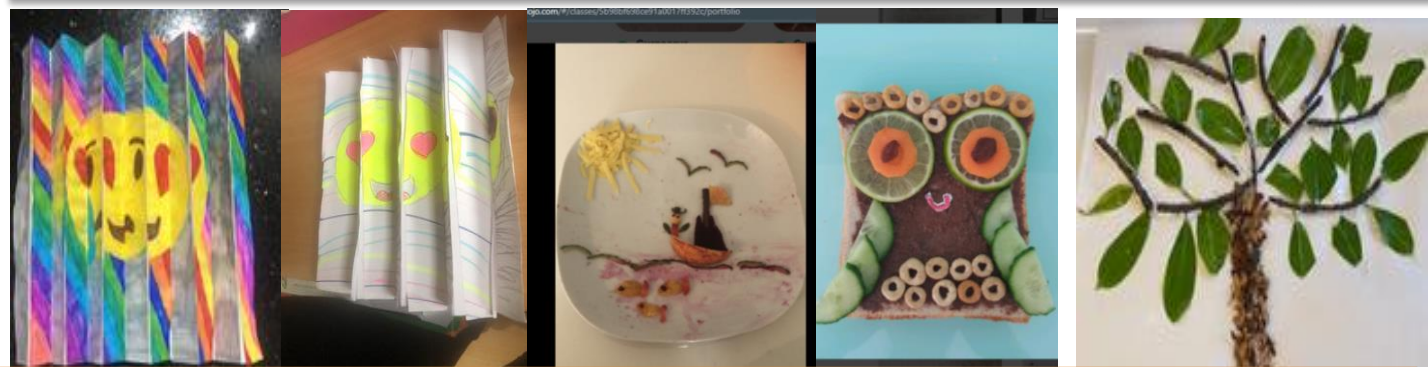
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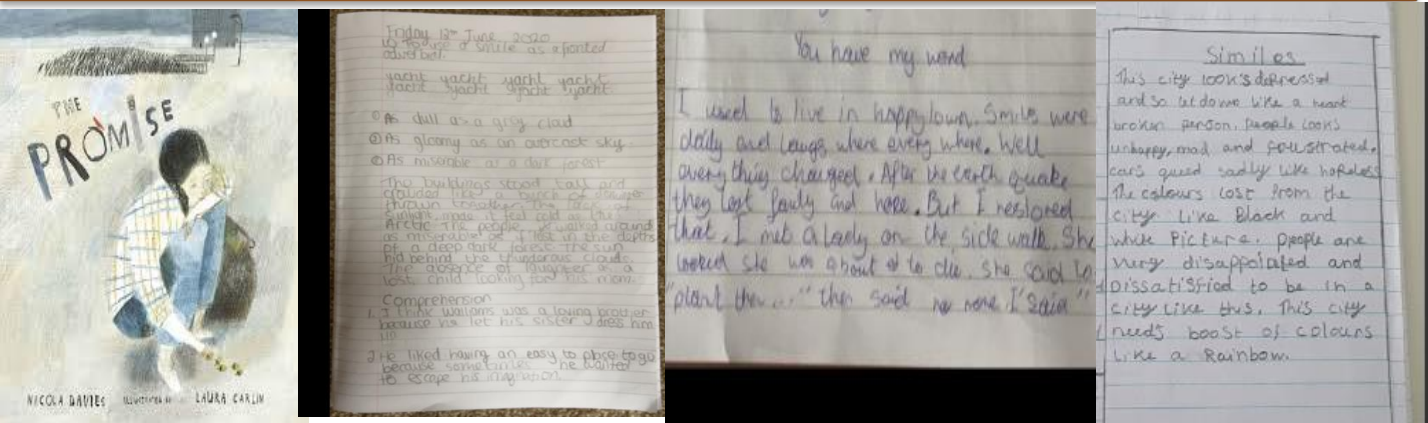
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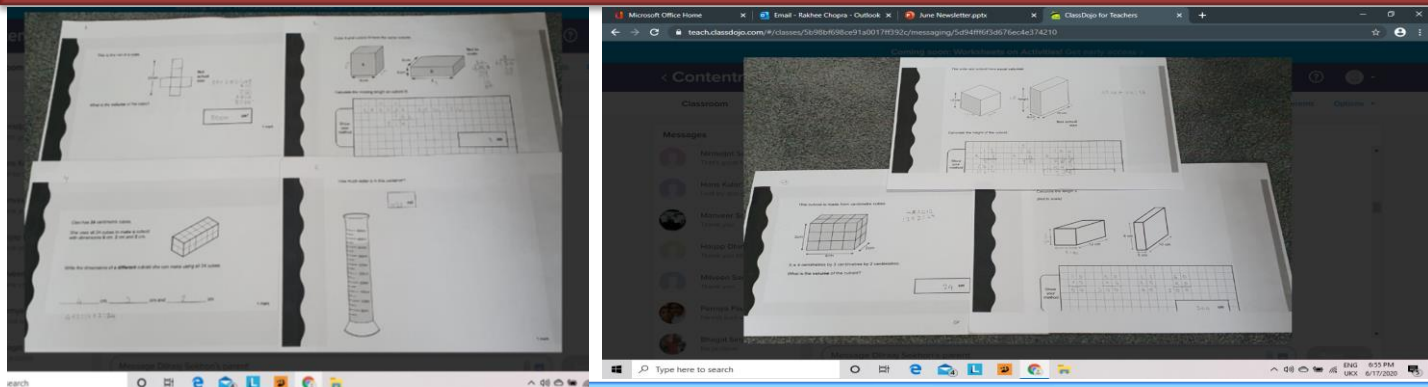
Hello Year 5! The Year 5 team are so impressed with all the work that you have produced so far. It has been lovely looking at your work and messages. We are so proud of you all!



Over the term, Year 5 have produced great pieces of Art including agamograph, food art and art made from nature.



In English, Year 5 have read the book *The Promise*. They have been analysing the story and developing their own ideas to produce a sequel to the story.



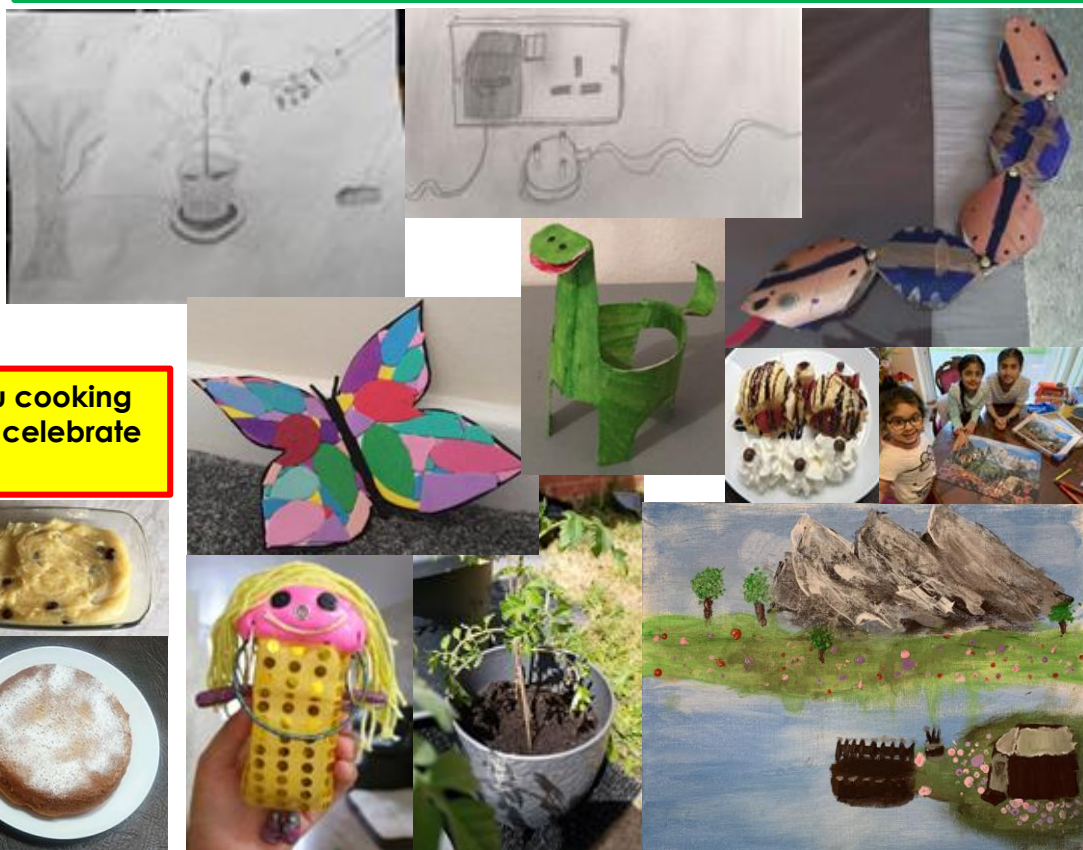
Year 5 have been working hard on calculating volume and converting into different units of measure. This week they have moved onto decimals and are looking at solving decimal problems and multiplying decimals.

Year 6, you're incredible! You keep using the virtues of diligence, determination and excellence to complete your home-learning activities! We couldn't be prouder of you!

In English, you've had to be incredibly versatile writers because we've: been planning, writing and editing portal stories; we've been experimenting with the concept of 'Slow Writing'; we've turned ourselves into both secret agents and sales people by inventing and then advertising gadgets for spies; and even finding time to write some poetry too! I have so enjoyed reading all of your amazing work!

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Your creativity has blown us away; you're such a talented bunch! You've been creating models of people we know, sketching observational drawings, creating moving creatures, painting, gardening, completing jigsaws and learning to cook and bake in the kitchen!



**We loved seeing you cooking
lots of sweet treats to celebrate
Eid Al-Fitr!**