

Thursday, 7th May 2020

We Miss You!

Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is the end of a short week of home-teaching and learning! Tomorrow's muted Bank Holiday allows us to shift our gaze from the current situation, which can bring a respite to the restrictions, challenges and feelings we face. Being told that we can't follow our normal routines for a short period of time is indeed hard. There are people we miss; there are places we miss; there are activities and events we miss. However, in this period of adversity—albeit shorter than WWII, there are positives to find amongst the constraints we face; this is our theme as we wait to see 'what happens next' in Sunday's announcement.

So, our wonderful PTA team devised a way for us to remain positive, focused and united through their [Bouncemania project](#); [Mrs Roll's](#) gathering evidence of children/adults who are improving their physical **Personal Bests**... And now [Mrs Edwards](#) is asking **ALL** of Team Chevening to contribute to a lasting memorial of our experiences, thoughts and feelings during this momentous period of time. WWII brought danger to Chevening through international conflict. Some of our community's older residents remember being in school during that time and shared their experiences during our 200th celebrations. We want our **Book of Hopes and Reflections** to be a treasure-chest for future children, staff and families, as they seek to understand 'what happened'. Please see more details in Mrs Edwards' email. Mrs McLean is keen to collect **photos of VE Day** celebrations too—with your consent, please [email](#) them to her.

With best wishes to all, *Miss Minnis*



*A few photos of special places around the school -
Can you spot your class?*

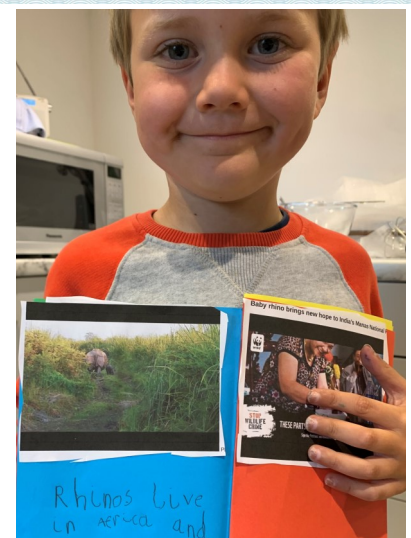
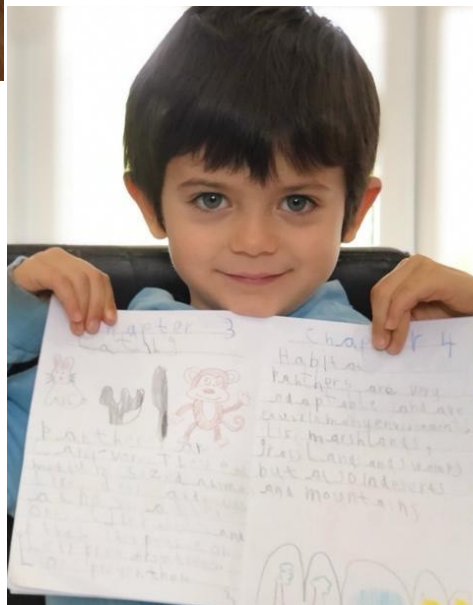
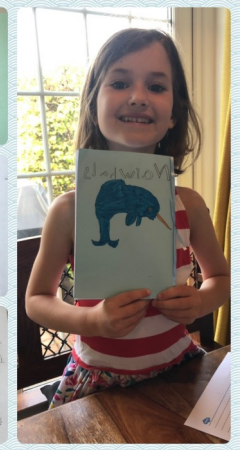
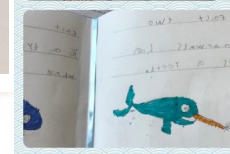
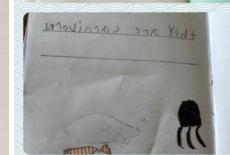
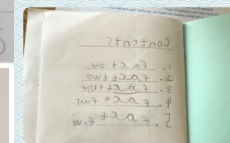
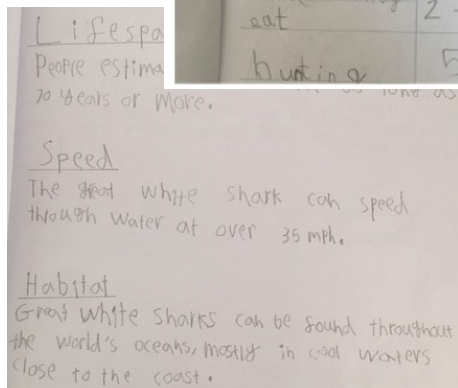
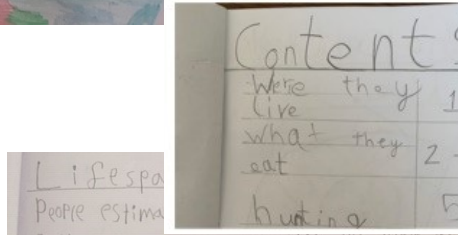
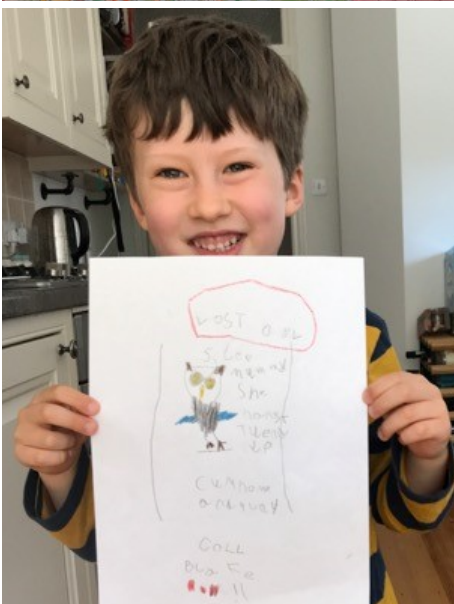
Christian Values

This week, even though we are not all together, are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

Isaac F COURAGE	R	For amazing independent writing
Jemima B COURAGE	1	For her fabulous portrayal for two people in a quiz about J S Lowry
Sidney P PERSEVERANCE	2	For trying to complete all of his home learning
Shivi D PERSEVERANCE & COURAGE	3	For continuing to endure with his challenge even when it feels tough
All of Class 4 LOVE & PERSEVERANCE	4	For being so enthusiastic in sharing their learning with Mrs Robinson
Annabel S COMPASSION	5	For planning to make VE decorations for her neighbours
Grace B PERSEVERANCE	6	For continuing to give 100% especially in Science this week

Home Learning Gallery -Years 1 & 5

Please visit [Class Pages](#) for all year groups



On-site Learning

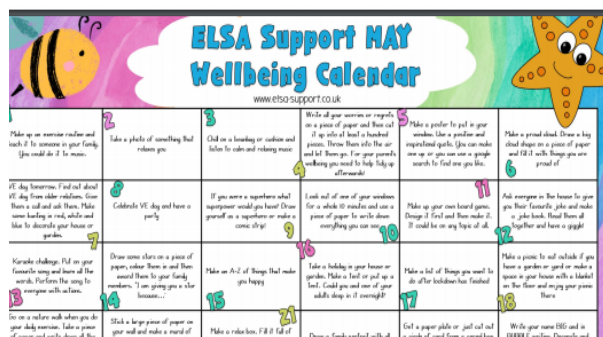
It was a bit like a party at times on-site this week, as we made a sound-track to the Wild Rumpus dance from the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'.



Online Safety & Well-being

We have mentioned www.elsa-support.co.uk online well-being resources in previous newsletters. There is a lovely well-being calendar for May, which is free to download. If you haven't seen it, please see this [link](#).

The ideas can easily be carried over or adapted if you are late starting...



Chevening's "Reflections of Hope and Courage"

Further to Mrs Edwards' email from yesterday, a reminder of Chevening's book of "Reflections of Hope and Courage". This book will be filled with contributions from members of our whole school community who would like to be involved.

The book will be a collection of writing and pictures which captures the current atmosphere and feelings of our community. You might like to think about the themes of hope and courage or even one of our other school values. For full details, please visit the "Reflections of Hope" page on the school [website](#).

Worship & Prayers

This week's Worship Plans have prepared us for [VE 75th Anniversary events](#)—an international celebration of Peace in Europe, marking the end of years of conflict, anxiety, fear, and loss— with celebrations of community joy and kindness. As we mark this anniversary separately in our households, it's an important opportunity to reflect and give thanks for those who gave so much to bring about peace and victory.

Please pray for on-going personal, community, national and international peace

If you are happy to share your experiences and activities, please email Mrs McLean photos of your [bunting](#), prayers, period costumes, songs, dances, tea parties, home-made cakes, carrot scones, cheese & Marmite swirls, etc, so she can collate them for our Prayer and Worship resources.

From Eloise's Great Grandmother's Diary

May 8th 1945: This is VE Day. I had a message from Peter to say he was in England. All day there have been celebrations over England and commentaries on the wireless. Mrs Long gave me red, white and blue ribbon to put on My babies prom. Churchill spoke at 2pm and then the King spoke at 9pm. We hung flags out. I fed my baby and then listened to the wireless until after midnight.



A Prayer for VE Day

From the Act of Commitment for Peace

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen