



How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard

Winnie the Pooh

26th March 2021

Easter Break

This term has held enormous changes and challenges for every single child at St Lawrence. For the children who have been at school throughout when their peers were not, who went from being in a small group to a group of 30. For the children who returned to school part-way through lockdown who went through two transitions.

And for the children who once again were at home for months who returned suddenly to a full school.

These changes have been exhausting, overwhelming, and often confusing; for both children and grownups alike. But the enormous variety of difficulties faced by everyone have also presented us with yet another example of the extraordinary strength, flexibility, stoicism, and optimism these children carry with them every day. We have no doubt that this is a generation that will be the most incredible adults, and go on to do extraordinary things..... because they already are.

This Easter Break is EXTREMELY well earned, and we hope you all manage to RELAX. Spend time with each other without it being about school work. See friends without the fear of rule-breaking. Go for as many walks a day as you like – or none if you don't want to. Make choices, because so many of them have been taken away from us for so long. And enjoy them.

We will see you all on **Tuesday 13th April**, and hope you have an amazing two weeks.

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ICT in Year 5

Year 5 have been working on excel this week. They used the data from Top Trumps cards and had to categorise the information onto the sheet, label each section, colour the boxes and put the information in borders. They worked independently and all did really well.



Headteacher Awards

Matthew and Alaiyah in Foundation Stage; Stanley, Olive, Holly, Luke, Betsie, Billy, Reniyah, Noah, Evie, Max, and Lacey in Year 2; Logan and Kamari in Year 3;

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CELEBRATING EACH OTHER, AND THE JOURNEY WE ARE ON

A Wonderful Easter Gift

We have been given the most incredible collection of treats, cards, and homemade gifts from Aveley Lodge Care Home for Easter.

The generosity and kindness we have been shown from the staff and residents over the last year, when they themselves have faced the most immeasurable challenges, has been extraordinary. Thank you so much, we cannot wait to properly connect with you when we can to show our gratitude!



Kindness Feathers

After lots of cutting out we have finally finished putting together our display of all of the kindness feathers from the project we completed during World Book Day with local author Genevieve Yusuf from JaJaJa Books.

Her story The Resident Pheasant was all about kindness and it inspired all of these WONDERFUL feathers. We are blown away by all of the beautiful messages that have been written and decorated so amazingly.

Thank you so much for getting involved in our lockdown whole school projects. We can't wait to show you all of our displays in person, hopefully soon.



Tree Spotting

Here are Orange Circles having fun looking at the deciduous and evergreen trees on our rec this week.



Engineers in Year 2

This week Year 2 were engineers of their very own megastructures. They made the tallest towers they could using just 20 art straws and 1 metre of tape through teamwork and experimentation, and then built bridges using 25 lolly sticks. Through trial and error, they established the areas of their structures that needed **STRENGTH**, how best to gain **HEIGHT**, and the importance of **WORKING TOGETHER**.

