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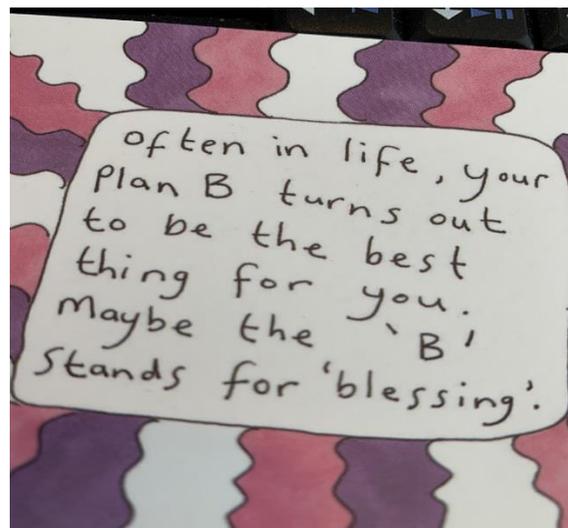
Dear all,

So sorry to have under-delivered this week! No assembly and no letter til now! The excuse is a good'un: we had no internet for the first half of the week, and it's already shortened by the Bank Hol, so normal service will be resumed next week. Perhaps we will have some interesting things to talk about together following the Prime Minister's announcements on Sunday evening, but in the meantime, carry on staying home and keeping safe for yourselves and everyone around you.

I know it's hard – we just got off the phone from my mum in law who can think of nothing she wants more than to see us all, give everyone a hug and have a picnic. She feels quite flat and like she can't raise her energy to do anything. Have you experienced that feeling during all this?

We said to her, start to picture in your mind how great it will be when we can get outside, and have safe activities together as families, 'socially distancing' still, but being able to see and hear one another without a screen in the middle. We could even start planning the menu and how to get a table big enough to spread out at! Sometimes it feels better once you turn your mind to some planning for the future and picturing those good times to take you away from those flat or overwhelmed feelings. You could make a few notes of what you want to do in a notebook or a journal or share them with someone else.

It's about seeing what we can do to make the best of this 'Plan B' that we've all been thrown into the middle of, like it says on this week's Wisdom Card:



And so I am wondering, what have been some of your 'Learnings in Lockdown'? What's gone well for you and your family? What have you learnt about yourself, or about how you like to work and what you've enjoyed the most while we haven't been together? What's been tough for you? What would you like us to think about as we plan school life and your learning for the future? We're going to be asking you these sorts of things lots as we go forwards, but feel free to share with me anything that pops into your heads at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Next, let's get to some of this week's super work, starting with Aden, who is a chef in the making, and who's made this yummy chicken pilaf, and his ingredients and write up are below for you, in case you'd like to make it – congratulations, Aden:



The ingredients are:

Half of one red pepper, half of one orange pepper, half of one yellow pepper

3 short carrots, 1 onion

11 ounces of basmati rice, 3 Chicken Fillets

Pinch of Salt, quite a lot of turmeric don't know the exact amount but it looked like 1/4 of the container

Butter, 1 chicken stock cube.

Equipment:

1 Wok, 2 Knives (but can use 1), 1 wooden spoon, 1 Wok lid, 1 cutting board, 1 Sieve, 1 Kitchen Scale, 1 Kettle, 1 Microwave, 1 Mug, 1 Measuring Cup

Here is the recipe (of what I can remember):

We first cut up the ingredients, we cut the carrots and onion into brunoise cuts and then cut the pepper into julienne cuts. For the chicken we cut it into 1 inch thick cubes (We did wash the knife and the cutting board before placing the chicken onto it). We then microwaved the butter so almost all the solids would be melted. The total preparation took approximately 30 minutes. We then turned the pan to heat 5 and poured in a little amount of butter from the top of the mug to cover the wok surface. After this we seasoned the raw chicken and placed it into the wok and covering it with the lid so all the flavour doesn't escape. We cooked the chicken for roughly 5 minutes. This is so the chicken is cooked half-way. We put on the kettle and put the chicken stock cube into a measuring cup and then put the fruit (peppers) and vegetables into the wok, this includes the peppers, onion and carrots. We then put back on the lid and waited for around 2 minutes making sure to stir it so every part of the ingredients would be cooked. After the 2 minutes we washed the rice using a sieve to get rid of any starch and added the stock to the wok and then we added the turmeric put on the lid and waited for around 15 - 17 minutes. We made sure to stir it every couple of minutes so the rice wouldn't stick to the bottom of the wok. When all the cooking had been done, we added a little more butter on top of the ingredients and blended it in with 2 forks to add a little buttery taste to the dish. We used a serving spoon to dish up the Chicken Pilaf. My entire family had some of it and they liked it!

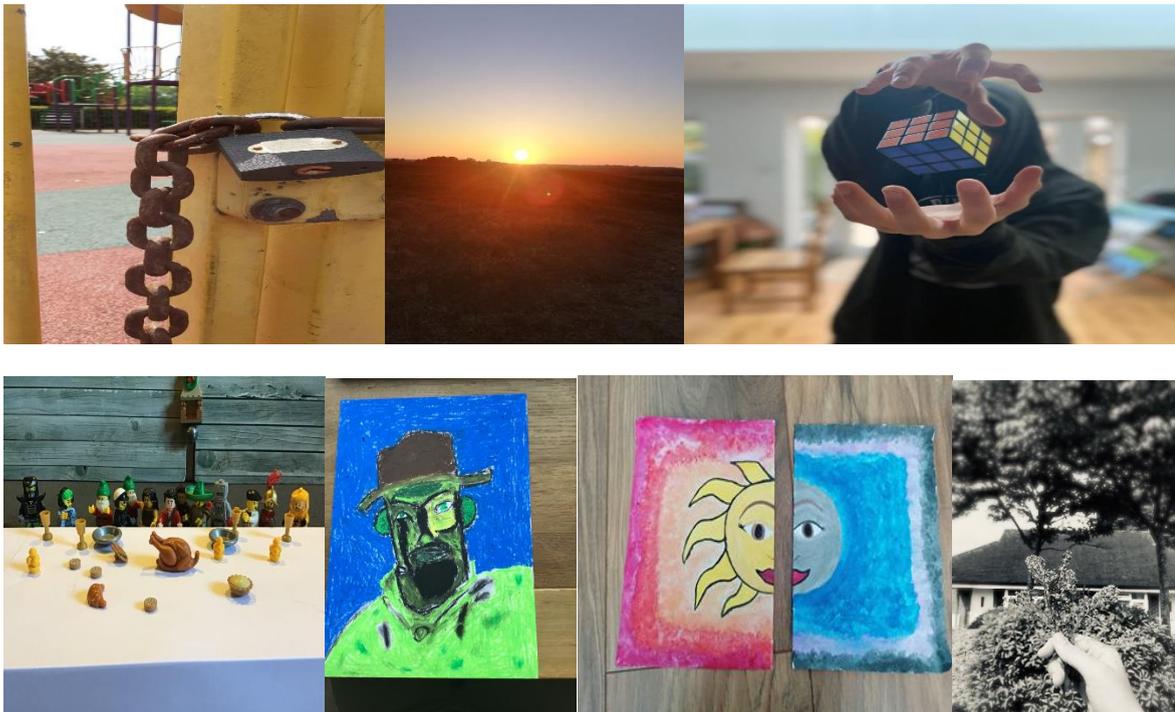
Moving to the performing arts now, when you want a good rock out, check out this fantastic playing in his music work from Joel, and thanks for sending it our way, Mrs Stratford:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pyfnnnep9bdnych/Joel%20Adamson%20-%20Supersonic.M4V?dl=0>

A fantastic entry in to Mrs Rees' Noadswood Sofa Sessions, don't you think? Remember, we can all send in a performance to her – here's the rules and regs again – and if you enter, copy me in at headteacher@noadswood.hant.sch.uk so we can all share in your talent:



It's been another bumper week of excellent art and photography – I could have filled a whole book with these, just this week, and Mr Wilkinson and I have been talking about how we can showcase all the superb work when we can be together again. This week, I am giving a shout out to Chloe, Luke, Toby, Henry, Lauren, Ben and Valentina – well done, one and all ☺

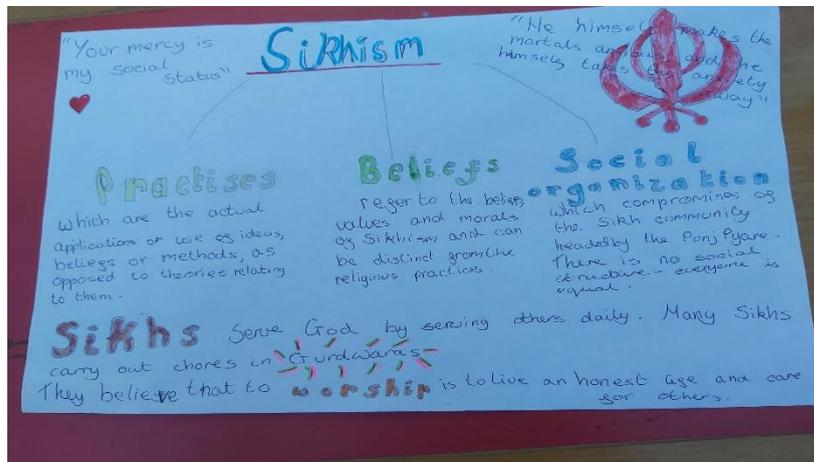


Well played, guys. And well done, Erin, who's been thinking carefully about evidence to back up her ideas in History, and Jake and Robbie for their super scrummy looking baking:

I don't think she does deserve the title of bloody Mary as she thought she was doing a kindness to all the people that died. As Mary was a Catholic, she thought that by burning protestants she would relieve them from punishments in their death as they had suffered so much being burnt. This fact means that she didn't just do it for fun. She thought it had



Bobbie has been thinking hard to produce thorough research about Sikhism:



And Emily has shared with us her superb drawing of the king of the jungle – I love him!

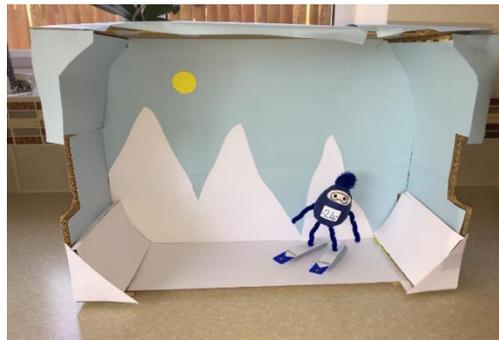


Finally for this letter in terms of work, I was super proud to read such a professional film review by Ellis which I really recommend all you budding writers and film fans to read, even if you don't know the film – I can see your name in lights in the written or film world, fella. We are so very proud of you, and you prove what I know to be true – Noadswood students smash it:

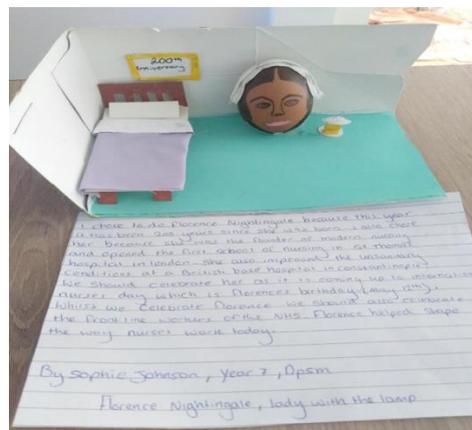
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Thank you to those of you who entered the History competition over the Easter break to create a figure in history using eggs or empty toilet rolls, two things it can be hard to come by in lockdown – you're all superstars and your certificates will tell you how pleased with you all we are. We judges had a tough task selecting those to be placed in first, second and third places, but we did it.

In third place, it's Sophie with Eddie the Eagle Edwards, who represented GB in the Winter Olympics ski jump event in 1988, which was a big deal as no Brits had made it to that event since 1928:



In second place, we've got Florence Nightingale by another of our Sophies:



Such detail has gone into the research, the egg itself and the room she's in. But our winner is Callum with his empty toilet roll Albert Einstein, done with such style and care:



Congratulations to all of our winners and to everyone who pitched in to this competition so brilliantly well. I so enjoyed looking at them all.

While we're on competitions, I'd like to share with you Mrs Sullivan's Citizenship Challenges that she sent out to you all, some of which I have written to you about before:

Current Citizenship Events!

1. **VE Day is on Friday!** Please have a read through the VE Day lesson sent to you, for this week's Citizenship lesson.

2. **Neighbourhood Story Swap!**

Some of our neighbours down the road in our local care home actually experienced VE Day. We have the opportunity to find out their stories. As a school, we would like to do a 'Neighbourhood Story Swap', as part of National Share A Story Month.

Write a story about YOUR life, or just write a story, about what it's like to live through these times, or just write a story! Our neighbours will do the same, and together we will create a living piece of history!

3. **Hedgehog Awareness Week** is this week. Please see the attached hedgehog paraphernalia and find out what YOU can do to help this important animal. A good website to investigate is <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org> Our very own Shannon Laws is currently creating a Hedgehog Quiz Challenge, which will be out next week.

4. **Recreate a Masterpiece with Stuff found at Home Challenge**

Can YOU recreate a work of art or photo from history with things you find at home?! Look at these examples! I bet YOU can do better! 😊

-Get creative! -Have fun! -Email your entries to: nicola.sullivan@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

***Remember, there are two other 'Share A Story' Month challenges going on at the moment-**

a. Write a piece of prose, poem or story up to a maximum length of 500 words. The theme for this May is the Planet we Share

b. Create a wish tree of all the things you want to achieve for the future of the planet –send a photo and provide a list of some of your wishes for the future.

If you get on board with any of these, copy them to headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and I will share them in these letters.

Pets are next – obviously! Starting with Bobbie's cat, who also posed brilliantly to form part of his photography work, and Ben's dog, taking a dip in the pool on one of the lovely hot days we have had:



Mrs Dean's dog wins the 'funky hair on a pet' award for the week – obviously if you feel you have won to steal this award from her dog, you know where to send the photo evidence:



I'll leave you for this week with a reminder that it will be VE (Victory in Europe) day when you receive this letter. It would be lovely to hear about anything you do to mark it – bunting? Posters? Petals in your windows? Speaking to people in your street from a safe distance? If you take any pics or get up to anything special, remember to send them through to us at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

I'll be thinking of you all and back with more fun, good work, and sticking togetherness next week,

Stay safe and take best care,

Miss Marshall

