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Dear all,

We hope you're all doing ok today, whether you're here with us or at home, and I thought I'd just let you know a couple of updates.

It's been so good to see pretty much every student here with us responding just brilliantly to working sometimes with staff covering lessons, and in a day that's normal in some ways, but so not in others without so many of you with us. Everyone is playing their part, here or at home, by being their most calm, and their most considerate.

We went ahead and ran our 'Memory Garden' planting activity, that those of you who are members of our Bereavement Group will know all about. We wanted to make sure all the plants we've had donated by garden centres didn't go to waste. We were so sorry not to have more of you with us, but the guys did you all proud, and there will be pictures and comments on social media and sent to members personally by ePraise this evening. Here's a taster pic of just one of the planters:



We know that some of you have had glitches accessing your work on Frog – we're so sorry about that. You can imagine that, suddenly, so many people, all over our nation, are working from home and so many more young people and staff are using platforms like Frog than usual when we're all together. So there is some creaking, we know, and we understand that'll be frustrating for you. I want you to know Mr Hewitt, Mr Wells and Mr Moody are working as hard as possible on resolving these issues, but there are some aspects of this that go way beyond Noadswood and our kit... bear with us and we'll keep you all updated.

Yesterday our amazing Head Boy and Girl, Ellis and Becky, came to see me, and, after asking how we're all doing as staff, bless them, started talking with me about prom planning for when things get more back to normal. Like I said yesterday, we were so sorry to need to halt the original Prom plans, but we'll be working behind the scenes on what we CAN work towards. in the future

Finally for today, it's been so lovely to present Joe Buckmaster, Year 8, Anderwood, with his History Hall of Fame prize this afternoon. If you're working from home and want to send me any pics or examples of your work, I would LOVE to see them! There'll be some special prizes and certificates from me when the gang's back together again!



With my best wishes and big thoughts about you all,

Miss Marshall

Headteacher