



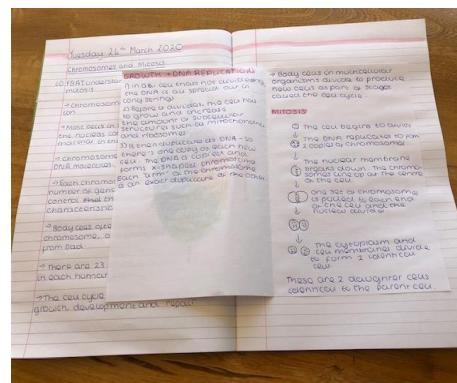
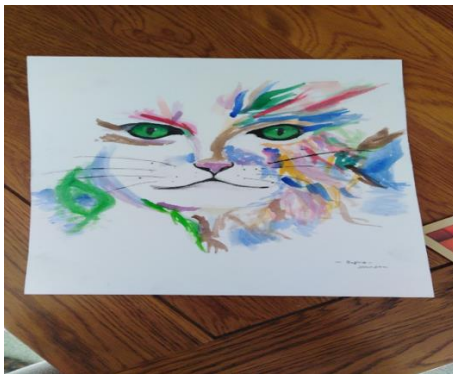
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Dear all

Thank you so much for all of the sharing of work that has happened in the last 24 hours, you awesome people – I was so excited, after reaching out to you all yesterday, to receive so many examples of fantastic work!

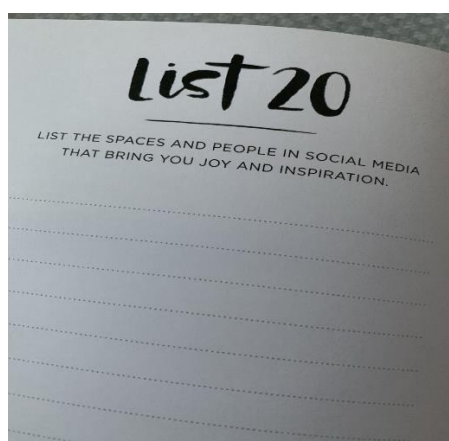
Here's just a few of them below – you are such a talented and hard working lot!



What an array! If yours isn't amongst the fantastic gallery above, it'll be tomorrow or the next day – I am so super proud of every one of you for working so hard in these uniquely difficult times. You're knock out! And I mean all of you, whether you've sent me work or not; your efforts are so valued by your teachers and will keep you in really brilliant learning and thinking habits for when we're back together again, and that's what it's all about.

I know it can't be easy for you to keep your motivation and a structure to your day – none of this comes naturally to any of us, so why not let me know your tips for a good day of online learning, or share with me what you're finding tough. Use ePraise or headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk – I would love to hear all about what's happening out there, and I can help or point you to someone who can.

Today, I checked out a book I bought for us to use together called, 52 Lists for Togetherness – it's togetherness we miss, isn't it, so I reckon it would be good to work on it in different ways right now. I opened it at random to this one:



Who or what would you put on your list? Being the 'old lady' I mentioned yesterday (about liking a good walk!) I like seeing all the news of my most fantastic cousin and her family on Facebook in Florida – she has three amazing daughters, and lots of grandkids now, too, and it's so great to see them. As well, she's a teacher but for much younger children than you guys, and so I love learning about what she does with them and how she's looking after them during these tough times. So she would go at the top of my list.

Another place would be the Twitter feed of a chap called John Tomsett, who's a vastly experienced Headteacher and just a really good guy, full of wisdom, heart and soul. A third one would be Gareth Malone's Twitter feed – he's the guy who forms choirs in places such as prisons, schools and with the partners of people in the armed forces. Have any of you, or your parents/carers seen any of his shows? I'm tuned in to his Great British Chorus rehearsal on YouTube as I write this – he's bringing us together as a nation through singing from our homes.

So that's the start of my list! What would be on yours? Share them with someone at home or with me on ePraise or at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk – we'd learn a lot about each other and what makes us feel happy by doing this. And it's also really important to focus on all the good stuff that there is on social media and to go after that stuff, every time we go online, and nothing negative.

I'll end by introducing you to one of my other cats – this lazy girl is Poppy:



I want you to know that we ALL permit you and want you to rock out your best relaxing at some point every school day – so if you're one of those people worrying when you can't get onto Frog for a period of time, or when you get really stingy eyed from too much screen work, or when you can't understand some of the work, those aren't the moments to keep pushing on until you get really wound up. Instead, be more like Poppy and have a rest, take a break and do something you enjoy, or have a chat with someone at home or online who makes you feel good. We want your wellbeing to be in the best state possible when we come back together, so don't stress – there is plenty of time to get things done, gradually and gently each day.

However, if you're one of those people who's like Poppy all day, every day, well, take it from me, in the end, you'll feel better if you put that structure into your day, make it easy on your families, and tick through some work! Figure out when's the best time for you to work, and stick to it – then your rest time will feel so much more valuable.

In this together, each day, with you all,

Miss Marshall