

April 2020

Newsletter

Dear Colleagues,

At this time of the year I am usually welcoming you all back after the Easter break! Sadly that is not the case. We can all be sure that, for many years to come, we will remember 2020 and the impact it has had on the world, our country, our locality, our roles in education and our children.

Despite the impact of this situation what has struck me is the amount of love and kindness that has been shown – real care for our neighbours and communities.

Everyone has taken time to reflect; appreciating many things that we have, perhaps previously, taken for granted in our busy lives.

What has not been taken for granted, however, is how all staff across the academies within the Trust have pulled together, putting themselves on the front line to ensure our children and their families have the support they have needed in these difficult times. Words cannot express our gratitude, sheer admiration and respect for you all!

Trying to maintain some normality and joy we have provided our termly newsletter to share some of your amazing work. Every single academy has gone that extra mile and we simply wanted to say a huge thank you to you all!

What a team!!!!

Take care of yourselves, stay safe and contact us if you need anything at all.

God Bless

Sue Wedgwood (CEO St Chad's Academies Trust)



The Invisible Enemy

Lena at Brewood Middle CE Academy.

Well done Lena!

The virus lurks the roads,
Out of reach for those who are isolated in their homes, Creeping unseen,
Looking for those who aren't clean.

We are at war with an unseen enemy,
Fighting back, trying to find a remedy,
We will serve justice for those who have fallen,
As long as we live in harmony and we are all in.

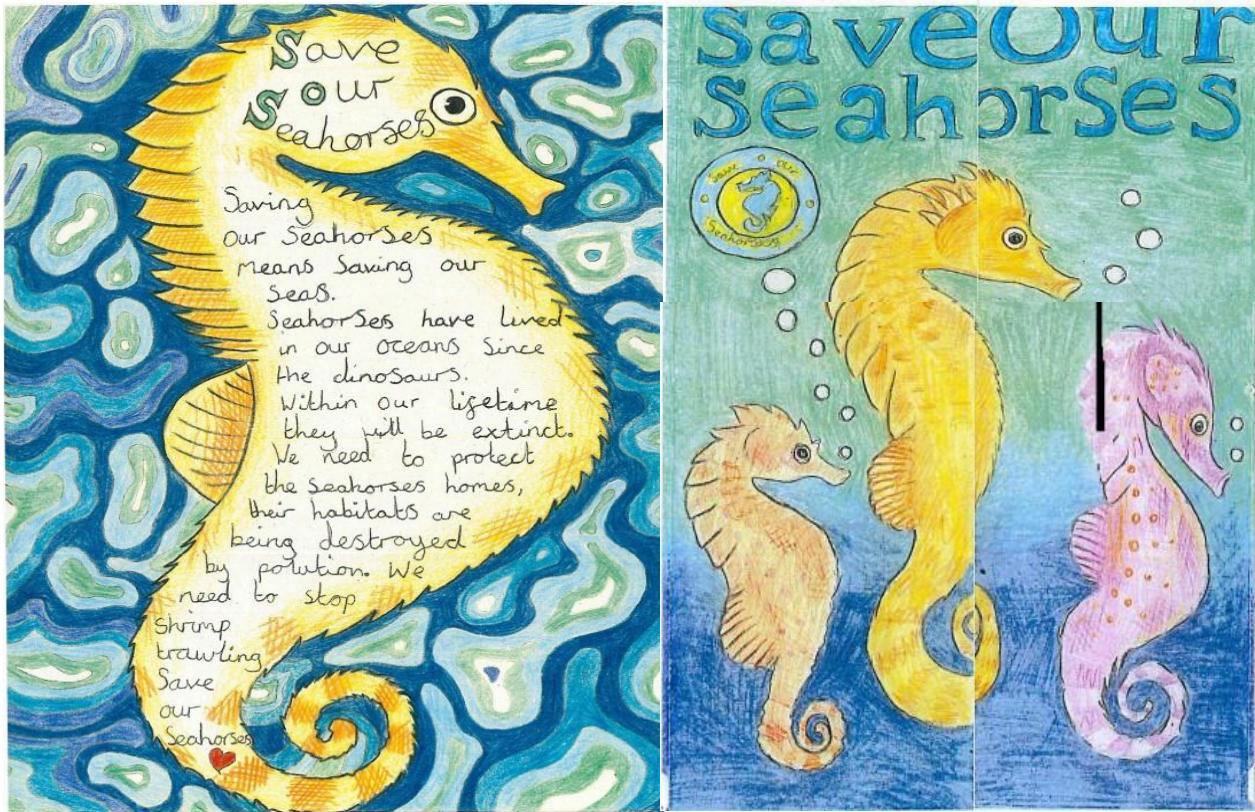
This virus may have put us at a distance,
But it can think twice, if it thinks that it can wipe out our existence! Because we will persevere,
And get through this tough year.

Because it is the little things that count,
Not stock-piling so others miss out,
Keeping your distance from those you have seen,
And most important be hygienic and stay clean!



This Courageous Advocacy in action at St. Peter's with a child creating a poster and information booklet regarding seahorses.

This was sent to Andrew Mitchell (MP) and who has invited the children to a meeting with him to discuss their concerns in more detail.



The extinction of seahorses is predicted to happen within 20-30 years, if nothing is done to prevent it.

Top ten tips for saving Seahorses.

1. Don't buy dead seahorses from giftshops.
2. Don't buy seahorse medicines.
3. Make sure your pet seahorses were bred on a farm, not from the wild.
4. protect the seahorses world.
5. Stamp out destructive fishing.
6. Take a stand against climate change.
7. Go see the seahorses.
8. Go dive for seahorses.
9. Send in your seahorse sightings alive or dead, to British sea horse survey.
10. Spread the seahorse love.

It is now illegal to deliberately harm a seahorse or their habitat, current fishing practices are detrimental to the survival of seahorses.



A Message From The Finance Department.....

Our teams have all been asked to provide a positive and uplifting piece for the newsletter, one which should have no reference to COVID-19; when talking about Finance, positivity is always challenging, and trying to find anything which does not relate to COVID-19 is currently akin to finding a polar bear in a snowstorm. So, the Finance Team have diligently and with all good grace abandoned the fruitless search, and have instead come up with the following jokes to make you smile during these challenging times;

Why is money called dough? Because we all knead it.

How much money does a skunk have? One Scent.

Why don't cows have any money? Because farmers milk them dry.

What did the cat say when he lost all his money? I'm paw!

What did 0 say to 8? Nice belt!

Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because seven ate nine (you have to say that one out loud).

We understand that some of the following may be of an acquired taste...

What does an accountant say when boarding a train? Mind the GAAP.

Why did the accountant fall off his bed? He didn't have a balance sheet.

How many accountants does it take to change a lightbulb? 2 – one to change the bulb and one to check it was done within the budget

My pet snake is exactly 3.14 metres long. He's a πthon

Shall we stick to the day job?! Thought so... On a serious note, we would like to thank all of our academy finance colleagues who have been continuing to undertake their extremely important roles in particularly difficult circumstances; we know the job is never easy, and we appreciate your efforts!

St Johns Stafford CE Primary Academy

The posters at St John's were created by the key worker and pupils. These are displayed outside the academy for all to see.



World Book Day 2020

St James Cof E Primary Academy

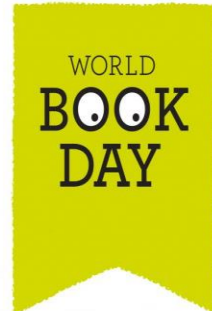
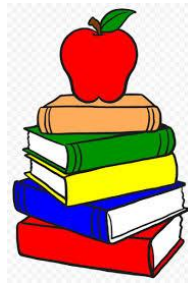
Churchfield CofE Primary Academy

At Churchfields they opted for the 'create a favourite book character from a potato' rather than dressing up this year. I'm sure you'll agree that the results were amazing.



Mereside CofE Primary Academy

Some of the children at Mereside CofE Primary Academy re-created some of the scenes from their favourite books. If you look closely you might be able to work out what some of their favourite books might be.



Trinity CE Primary Academy

A Community coming together as staff prepare food hampers!

Thank you!



Trinity Church of England Primary School

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn

