

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last half term Year 4 had the exciting opportunity to work collaboratively with Abbeyfields Year 4 to create a time capsule. There were so many amazing contributions from the children and we wanted to share this experience with you. Below is our press release which will feature in the Morpeth Herald.

School children send a message to the future

Year 4 pupils at Abbeyfields and Stobhillgate First School in Morpeth have come together to work collaboratively to share their experiences (virtually) as they live through the Covid19 pandemic.

A time capsule filled with photos, paintings, and details of day-to-day activities which tells the story of the last 6 months has been buried at each school for future generations to unearth. The aim is for the time capsules to be found by school children in the future so that they can find out about the lives and experiences that Abbeyfields and Stobhillgate school children had while living through history.

Pupils have been reflecting on their lockdown experiences and have been creating stories, poems and pictures to share those thoughts and feelings.

Glen Whitehead, Headteacher at Stobhillgate First School said:

"Our children have been amazing over the past 6 months and we were keen to capture their positivity, resilience and community spirit in some way. It is clear that this period of time will be studied by school children in years to come, so we wanted to make sure that we gather some important historical sources that future generations can use!"

Sandra Ford, Headteacher at Abbeyfields First School said:

"It is really important that we capture this unique moment in history and it is truly fascinating to think that this might be discovered in years to come. The whole school community has pulled together and we have worked as a family to ensure that we looked after each other every step of the way."

As the only two Morpeth first schools, in the Three Rivers Learning Trust, they are always looking for ways for their pupils and staff to work in collaboration. Both schools have lots in common, they have wonderful opportunities for outdoor learning as well as many other enrichment activities to inspire and engage children and ensure they are happy and confident.

