



West Lodge Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Respecting each other, learning creatively, challenging all.

Dear Parents/Carers,

1st May 2020

I hope you are all well. Thank you for sending in the different class videos – they are wonderful. They really put a smile on the faces of the staff – everyone has enjoyed watching them! We hope you enjoyed the latest staff videos: Count on Me – thank you to Mr Went and Mr Jefferson for organising these – it is our special message to the children. Here is the link if you haven't seen them. <https://www.westlodge.harrow.sch.uk/emotional-wellbeing/>

We hope you have enjoyed the autism acceptance activities this week and that you have deposited some special memories in the time capsule. The new home learning plans for next week are now on the website. <https://www.westlodge.harrow.sch.uk/home-learning-week-4/>

The collaborative project for next week is linked to Art – and in particular the art of Andy Goldsworthy (click the link for some inspiration) [Andy Goldsworthy Art in Nature](#). He is a British artist known for his 'land art' sculptures and photographs all made from natural materials. Mrs Taylor has organised the project and placed all the relevant resources on DB Primary and on the school website. We hope you feel inspired and enjoy making the art work – please remember to send photographs of the completed pieces to your classteacher.

We talked through Sewa in assembly this morning and we aim to bring some joy to residents of care homes, who are finding life particularly difficult at the moment. I have asked the children to write a letter or draw a picture to provide some cheer to the residents of care homes. You can find the presentation here [Sewa Day Assembly](#), I sent the recording via ParentMail. We would like the children to email photographs of their letter/drawing to joy@sewaday.org and to cc their classteacher into the email.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day – Friday 8th May is the day of celebration to mark the actual day in 1945. The first VE Day was a celebration of the end of war in Europe. It was a brief pause in the difficult and challenging times before getting back to the task of rebuilding the country. VE Day is also a time of remembrance. It is about paying tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation, from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces to evacuees and those who served on the home front. Although many events are cancelled we still want to mark this national event together. We are joining with other local school communities 'Street Party at Home'. Street parties were a feature of the very first VE Day and have been a part of national commemorations ever since. We can't have a 'street party' this year, but we can create our very own 'Street Party at Home'. Now is the time to bake a cake, raise a glass, decorate your house, wave a flag and join together with our community in commemorating this significant event. We felt that this is a great opportunity for our school communities to be connected and together. We'd love you to send in your photographs so that we can share them online. Send one or two pics (we can't cope with more!) to office@westlodge.harrow.sch.uk



Please see the additional letters which have been sent out:

- 1) Composer of the Week - Holst
- 2) Our exciting new physical activity challenge: Pinner to New Zealand.

Key dates and times for next week: **Assemblies** – Monday 4th May 10:30am (Peace & Resolving Conflicts) 10:30am (VE Day). **The Land of Roar Storytime**: Monday 4th May 2:30pm (episode 1); Wednesday 6th May 2:30pm (episode 2); Friday 8th May 2:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support – it is very much appreciated.

A quote from Captain Tom to finish the week: **'For all those people finding it difficult at the moment, the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.'**

Have a lovely weekend,

Jim Dees

