

**Friday 12th
June**



Madron Daniel CofE school

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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you and your family are well and managing as we complete week 12 of lockdown.

Re opening of the school

As you know the school opened on Monday 8th June for Reception children, Year 1 and Year 6. We have one teacher and two teaching assistants working with the children each day. We have put in measures to observe social distancing as much as we can, have kept a strict regime of handwashing and have very limited resources out in the class room with each child having their own collection of resources.

Although school is different the group have settled in well this week and Mrs Miles, Mrs Smith (Fay) and Mrs Rylett have worked as a strong team keeping the children safe. We have also spent a lot of time outside, even when it is raining. We are blessed at Madron to have a wonderful outside spaces.

Home Learning

While some children are back at school over half our school is still needing to learn at home. We wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate all the learning you have been doing with your child at home. We know it hasn't always been easy and some days have been better than others. We know that some of you have had to balance this with working from home as well. So we just wanted to say a big Thank You for responding to home learning positively and we hope it has been rewarding for you—on some days at least! On the pages that follow are just a few photos of the learning that has been taking place. We are pleased to hear about the learning the children are doing and the children's resourcefulness and creativity.

Now we have opened the school to wider groups of pupils, home learning will still be there but will change to ensure that staff have a good work-life balance and we are mindful of their wellbeing.

Home learning for children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be the same as before with work posted daily. The children will have English and Maths to do each day and some optional activities.

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 who are the target groups invited back to school, teachers will be preparing lessons for the children in school and giving you resources for home learning with your child if they are not returning to school. We will be signposting you to resources to use with your child. Many of these we will have been used before as teachers have included these in their daily posts to the children. I am sure you will appreciate that staff cannot be preparing for teaching in school and spending as much time on setting and responding to home learning. Please be mindful that teachers on duty in school will be teaching until 12:30pm each day and therefore will not be able to respond to emails and queries about learning during these times. However, we will still be here to answer queries, support you and to celebrate achievements but please be understanding and patient as we try to balance the demands that working through these times bring, these are different ways of working for us all.

School Improvements

Work had just started on the new playground fencing to help keep children safe at school. We are now pleased to announce that this is finished. We are really pleased with the work and the whole site has been opened up to the fantastic view that we have from Madron.



We also have a new entry buzzer at the main reception door. Mrs Gill and Mrs Vernon are able to talk to and see visitors without leaving the office. This too has improved the security of the school.

Over the next few weeks the gazebo will be replaced. We are constantly improving the learning environment at Madron to make it safe and first class quality for the children.

We are taking this time to further develop the EYFS outside area, Attached to this newsletter is a list of things we need so if you have had a lockdown clear out and have anything you think might be useful to us please contact me or Mrs Miles.

Life in Lockdown

We are very aware that lockdown may have affected your family in different ways. These might be financial pressures, mental health or physical health issues. As a school we want to be there for your family and would appreciate your openness and honesty in bringing any matters to our attention as we can signpost you to help. We have had a generous donation from the Rotary club and can use this with towards uniform purchases for September. We also can signpost you to resources to help your child with coping during lockdown. Some of these are on our website under the Well Being tab. We all need to look after our well being in these times which have been challenging for everyone. Please phone the school, leave a message or email me if there is anything you are worried about.

Free School Meals

Children attending school are being provided with a packed lunch every day. If your child is not yet attending school we will continue with the food packages from Chartwells and also the extra provided by Penlee Cluster of Churches.

If your circumstances have changed it is worth applying for Pupil Premium to enable your child to get free school meals and also brings an income into the school to support your child's learning.

You can apply here

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Staff changes

This is a hard announcement to make. It is always hard when a member of the Madron School family moves on. Mrs Hulse will be leaving the school at the end of this term to take up an Early Years post at Sennen School. I am sure you will be pleased for Mrs Hulse as she has contributed a great deal to the school over her time here and developed our commitment to outdoor education through the forest school work. Mrs Hulse has writes:

Dear Class 2,

I was hoping that I would be able to say goodbye to you all in person but due to lockdown this may not be possible. So I will write what I would have said: It has been an absolute delight teaching you this year (and for many of you, years!). I will miss you very much and hope that our paths cross in the future. You are all amazing in your different ways and you will always be very special to me!

Take care and look after each other,

Mrs Hulse x

As a school we wish Mrs Hulse every success in her new post and look forward to hearing her news and keeping in touch.

We will be making arrangements soon for the teaching in class 2 next year. Watch this space.

Finally we hope you and your family are well and let's hope the summer returns next week. Please contact us if you need any support with your child's learning at home or wish to

Kindest regards,

Hilary Tyreman

Awards this week at school

On Tuesday we celebrated Empathy day. We read Elmer's Birthday by David McKee and on Thursday read the Shepherd Boy by Kim Lewis.

You can read these here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cITgSbPU9ec>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8y3EKdLD80>

We used our imagination to think about the feelings of the characters in these stories.

This week in school we have been looking for children who show empathy towards others. We have given Empathy awards this week to

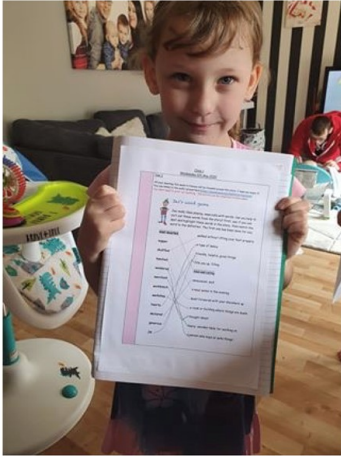
Renesmee and Lucy for noticing when their friends needed help. Well done!



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Together we can make a difference

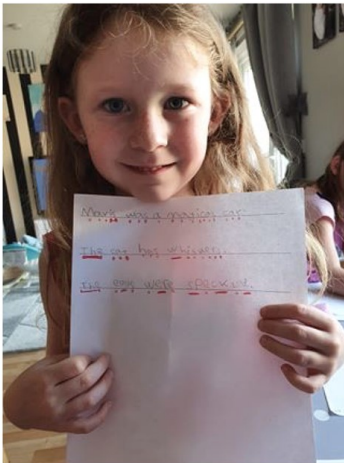
Celebrating Home Learning



Liara worked out the meanings of some unfamiliar words

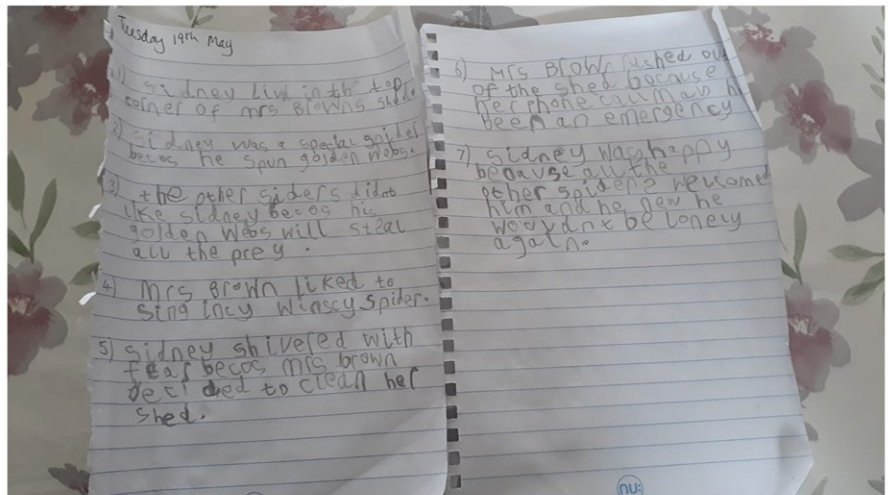


Freyja weighed out the ingredients and made cheese straws



Kacey has been working in her sound buttons in her writing

Rhys has been answering questions on the story.



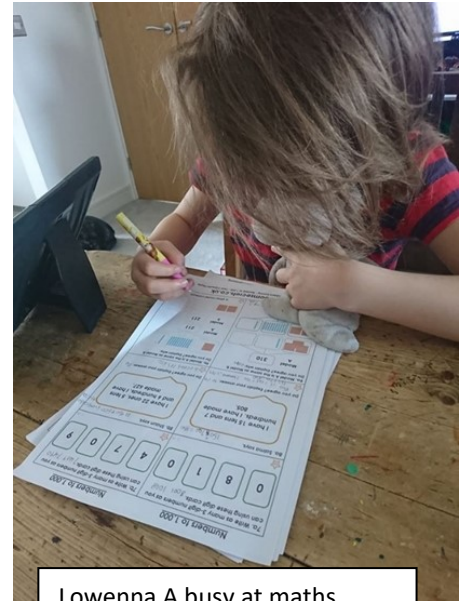
Lowenna B working hard at

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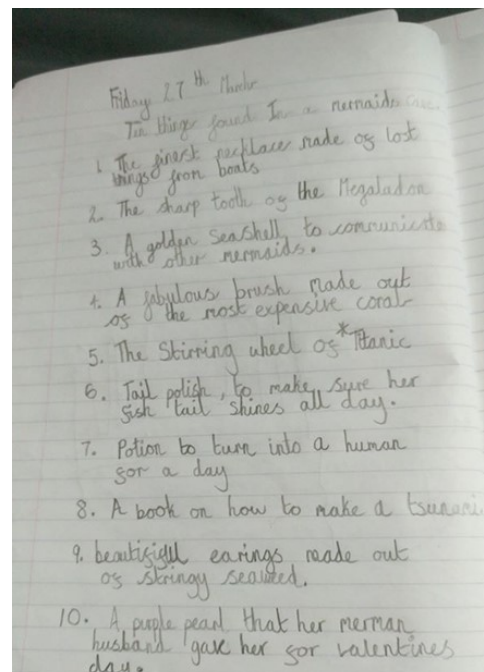


Rory has been measuring how tall his sunflower has grown.

These are some of the learning in lockdown. Please keep sending your photos to your class teacher and get your learning in our next newsletter!



Lowenna A busy at maths



Ella -Ten things found in a mermaid's cave.

