

Lydgate Junior School
NEWSLETTER
June 2020



In these unsettled times, I have been pleased to hear about projects, activities and achievements our pupils have undertaken outside school. I'd like to share some of these with you.

Congratulations to

Jacob B (3N/R) who passed his grade 1 cornet exam - which he took online. Well done **Jacob!**

Dottie M (3AW) who raised over £300 for the Sheffield Hospitals Charity by completing 1,000 cartwheels. Well done **Dottie!**

Allen Y (4JP) who came second place in the Elementary division at the 2020 WER (World Education Robotics) contest trial. He completed it online and has now earned the status of team leader. **Well done Allen!**

Harry D (4R/D) has been writing a weekly newspaper to share with his grandparents who are self-isolating. What a brilliant way to keep them in touch! Very enterprising **Harry!**

George G (4S/S) and his brother **Sam** have been running to raise money for the NHS - 3000 laps of their garden, inspired by the wonderful Captain Thomas Moore. They've already beaten their target of £150 and raised over £300. Fantastic work boys - keep on running!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samandgeorge3000>

Harry G (4R/D) and his brother received a very special message from none other than Tim Peake! They made a [fantastic space station](#) over the Easter holidays and were delighted when they received a picture of Tim spacewalking with a message to the boys and all at Lydgate Junior school written on it. Wow, how amazing is that?

Betty T (4R/D) really has had her hands full. [Look what happened - lock down puppies!](#) They are adorable. Josh & Daniel H (Y4R/D & 5NL) are now the proud owners of one them called Jazzy.

Huge congratulations to **Ella S (4CW)** and all her family on the safe arrival of a new baby girl. We know **Ella** will be a fantastic big sister. Lovely news to share.

Sophie H (5RJ) was inspired by reading 'A Long Walk to Water' by Linda Sue Park and decided to do her own long walk to raise money for Water Aid. Normally at this time of year the Y5 children at school do a river walk, following the path of the Porter Brook, learning about the features of the river as they go. They usually try and carry one litre of water for the whole journey (nearly seven miles) to try and understand what it is like for children in other parts of the world who have to walk this far every day to collect water for their families. Despite being stuck at home, **Sophie** still wanted to do her own river walk, so she set out to do it and raised an impressive £290 in sponsorship. Well done **Sophie!** We know some other Y5s have been inspired to do something similar and we'd love to hear how you are getting on.

Tommy (6BB) has been working hard on a charity project for Burngreave food bank. He's been making hamma bead badges and selling them in aid of the food bank. He made a grand total of £62.50 which has been sent to the charity. Tommy has volunteered at the food bank in the past and looks forward to doing so more regularly in the future. Well done **Tom!**

Congratulations to **Ted S-S & Jake C (6S/W)** for being awarded the Sheffield Steelers Lacrosse U12 VP and Most Improved honours for the 2019/20 season!! Such an amazing achievement, well done boys!

Well done to

Beau P, Raya T, Laila B, R C, Alice F-F, Raul G, Daniel H, Ella J, Samed K, Hannah K, Alfie R, Alex T, Thomas A, Harry A, Scarlett H, Jed J, Max J, Alex M, Jake C, Geonu K, Sam K & Bosan S who we can see have accessed **LEXIA** from home. Their commitment and hardwork is to be commended. Well done, keep up the good work!

All in this together!

Our pupils and staff have really engaged in our Rainbow Wall and dancing videos. The spirit of "All in this together!" has been captured on facebook. Parents can see the videos and photographs [here!](#) You can also request to join the facebook group "Lydgate Junior School - All in this together" [here.](#)

Virtual Festival Choir

The Sheffield Music Hub have launched a free [Virtual Festival Choir](#), providing the opportunity to continue singing and producing music even though people can't meet in person. Music is there for everyone no matter what the situation. It's there to cheer us up, make us want to dance and sing, or distract us from everything around us.

Staff

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Parker, who retires after 16 years with Lydgate Junior School. I'm sure you all wish her every happiness and best wishes.

We have also appointed Rosalie Hayden as Class Teacher to our Y3 cohort for September 2020. All the candidates were excellent, but Rosalie impressed us on the day. We know the children will love her.

Thank you!

Over the past 11 weeks, our staff have worked hard during these very challenging times, many of whom have worked every day and throughout the holiday periods. I thank them for going over and above what is asked of them, whilst also juggling their own home circumstances.

I would also like to thank all our pupils who have managed incredibly well during these unprecedented times. Their dedication, resilience and smiles have been a credit to themselves, staff and you as parents.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our parents for their patience and support during these uncertain times, and ever changing challenges. I've received some lovely emails thanking myself and staff for the incredible job they and the school are doing. It's been uplifting to hear this support!

Stay safe and hopefully see you soon.



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