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Millfields Learning at Home and at School



Well, this is the week that we would have been electing our new Millfields prime Minister, and although this obviously wasn't able to happen this week, all of you have been very busy learning about democracy, with an emphasis on the right to have your voice heard. This has been particularly important in light of the recent tragic death of George Floyd that you will undoubtedly have heard about in the news over the last week or so.

In light of this, many of the discussions and debates this week on Zoom sessions have been around equality, anti-

racism and protesting - being heard. The children at Millfields, as always, have been very vocal, very animated, intelligent and empathetic in their views that they have shared. They have also been very busy making posters, writing reports and letters and thinking about how we can all help make the change that is needed for a better future that is fair and equal. Thank you to you all for getting so involved and working with your children and talking with them this week as we marked 'Democracy Week'. The success of the whole week was down to the brilliant planning and organisation from Emma -such fantastic engagement from the whole school community. There has been no campaigning, hustings or election of a Prime Minister at this time, but we are hoping that this will be something we can do in the Autumn term if and when we are all back together. In the meantime, a big 'thank you' to our current PM, Rosa Jenkins, for her inspiration and ideas this year and for taking the time to speak to you all at the beginning of the week via video link

I too, have been thinking about the effect that recent worldwide events, on top of a world pandemic, will have on the children at Millfields and beyond - the Black Lives Matter movement, debate on the removal of racist and offensive TV programmes/media content, as well as the removal of statues of people in the past who should never be revered and the need for a total revision of the curriculum that we teach in school. We, as a school, need to work with our children and families to ensure that they all feel supported, valued and connected to their communities. Their sense of belonging is paramount right now and I am sure you are all doing whatever you can at home to reinforce this message.

Children and families will have a range of emotions they are dealing with as this hateful injustice will quite rightly spark concerns here as well as abroad. Please [click here](#) to see the Mayor of Hackney's message which marks Hackney out as a borough that actively works to be Anti- Racist.

We have already been doing some work as a staff this academic year around 'Unconscious Bias', 'Equalities' and 'Cultural Capital' so we are already on the way to thinking how we at Millfields can make sure that the experience, including the curriculum, reflects and celebrates our diverse and inclusive community.

There is a link on the school website to a range of recommended books that you may want to read with your child if you have not already. I also hope that you will have watched this week's brilliant assembly prepared and presented by Vicky and her son, Sam, that focuses on tackling racism and being the change for a better future.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire that was sent out last week, and a big thank you for all the lovely comments, and also for your suggestions for home learning moving forward, and possibly into September. If you haven't already responded, please do so before the end of Monday 15th June and we will then be able to publish and share some of the stats and comments with you. On that note, I would just like to add that in terms of wellbeing and safeguarding for all our pupils, there are lots of things going on daily 'behind the scenes'. We are aware that not all pupils had access to IT devices at the beginning of the closure, but we have had several generous donations of laptops and devices that have been distributed to identified families; we have also been delivering paper packs of work to families who have been finding it difficult to access worksheets; we have been calling parents of vulnerable children, identified by social workers, or who have not engaged with zoom, email or Edmodo; we have been collating, collecting and delivering food boxes for children in receipt of free school meals; and have been sign-posting families and individuals to therapy and support organisations. If there is a child or family that you have concerns about, please do get in touch with me or Debi.

Finally, thank you as always, for all your support and for your good wishes and thanks to all the staff during lockdown. We will be welcoming more children back into school next week, so I look forward to seeing some of you then.

Take care, keep well and stay safe.

Jane



- World Gin Day
- Saturday 13th June
- World Blood Donor Day
- Sunday 14th June
- Nature Photography Day
- Monday 15th June
- World Tapas Day
- Tuesday 16th June
- Eat Your Vegetables Day
- Wednesday 17th June
- International Picnic Day
- Thursday 18th June
- Garfield The Cat Day
- Friday 19th June



NEVER ALONE

NISPCC: 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)

Mind: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)

Cruse Bereavement: 0800 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9-5)

Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs free)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 347 (24hrs free)

Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (24hrs)

ChildLine: 0800 1111 (24hrs)

Respect - Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)

National Centre for Domestic Violence: 0207 186 8270

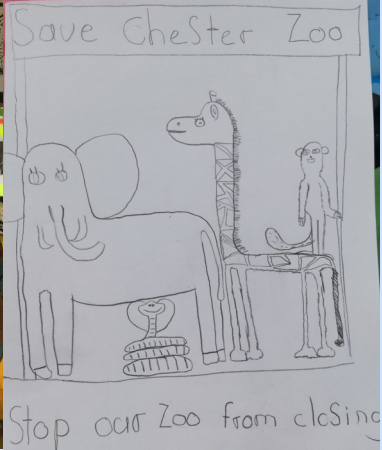
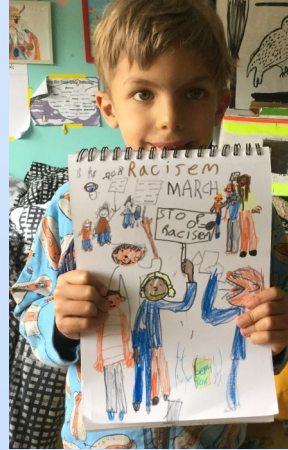
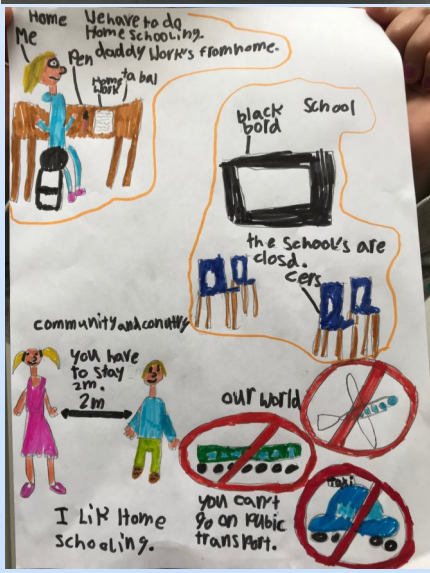
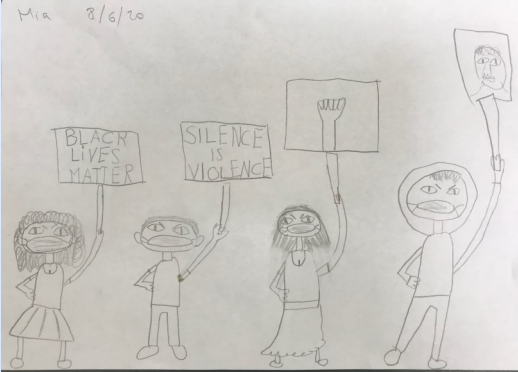
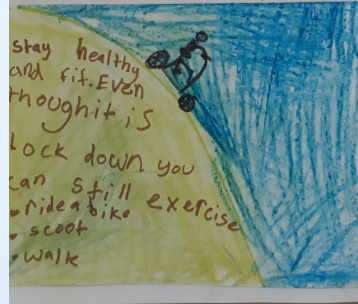
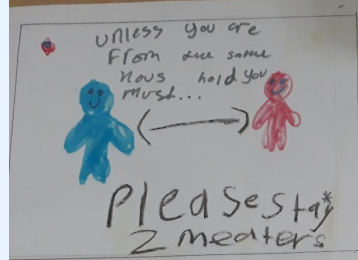
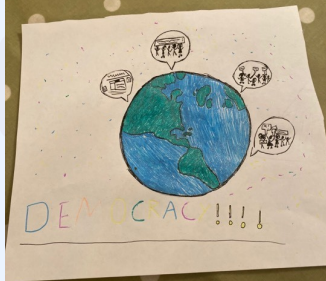
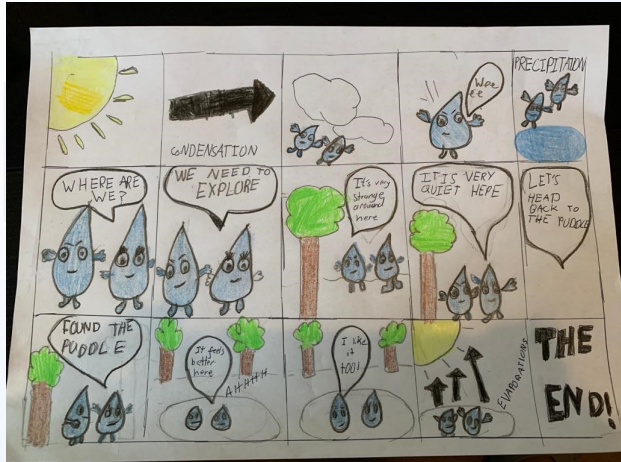




On this day in History...

Anne Frank gets her diary as a birthday present in Amsterdam - 1942

Home and School Learning!



The issue that is most important to me is crime. I think it is important because it is affecting my sleep because I am having bad dreams about crimes like shooting people, stealing things, going to fast and other crimes like that.

I believe that the following changes need to be made: 1) pay the police more so that they don't stop their jobs and 2) more police on the streets means criminals would be more afraid of being caught. I would like Parliament to pass a law to pay the police more.



Before having The NHS only very rich people could afford to go to Hospital to get medical help. Now everyone can get treated and helped.

Doctors, Paramedics, Nurses, National Health Service, NHS, Money from taxes is shared out by the government. Some goes to the NHS to pay for the staff, the buildings and the equipment.

Aneurin Bevan started the National Health Service on 5th July 1948.



My friends the Shapes

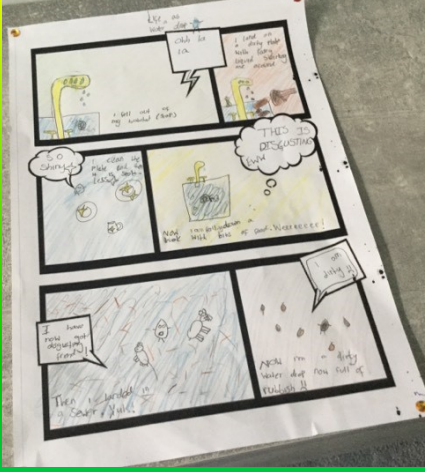
Sunny Square is my name
My 4 sides are all the same
Sally Circle big and round
All I do is roll around

Tracy Triangle is the name for me
Tap my sides and my three

Robby Rectangle is my name
4 right angles makes my frame

We are the Shapes We are all friends
This is how my poem ends!

We are FAMILY!!!



Wednesday 10th June 2020
Democracy lesson 5 - changes in our lives

What has changed in our home and school?

- We see our family all day
- We have to do school lessons at home
- more sleep

What has changed in our local area and community?

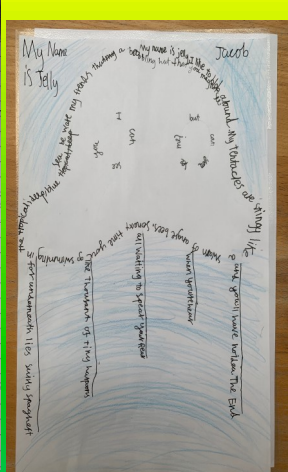
- Streets are more empty in London
- people must stay 2 metres apart
- people wear masks

What has changed in our country and world?

- a lot of flights have shut down
- there are less tourists
- Governments are losing money
- there are less vehicles driving which means less pollution

A positive change might be that people can catch up on sleep because they have more free time because they do not have to stress over work as much.

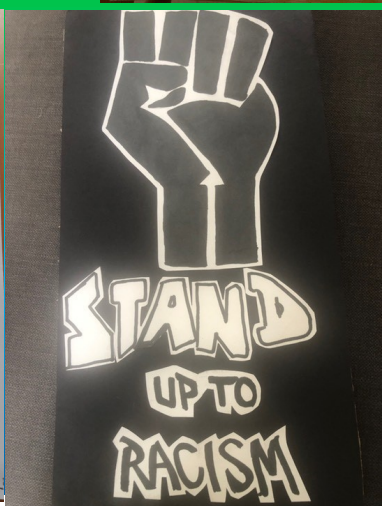
A negative change is that as people are staying at home, they are not really making any money so the government will make less money from taxes.



Happy Birthday to the children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week:

- 6th June ~ Sabiha H
- 7th June ~ Bluebell W, Chieyiem N & Cassius T
- 8th June ~ Arthur B & Judyann P
- 9th June ~ Inayah M, Amber-Rae S & Ayman M
- 10th June ~ Stella D & Sam H
- 11th June ~ Arlo H, Sebastian H & Asiya M
- 12th June ~ Mya M

Many happy returns to you all!



English as a Foreign Language	
LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH	
June	Portuguese
Word to Learn: Goodbye	Adeus