



Knowle CE Primary Academy – Remote Learning Update

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Express Yourself!

Last week marked Children’s Mental Health Week in school and we were delighted to see many pupils taking part in a range of activities to promote positive mental health and mindfulness. Whether at home or in school, pupils were singing, exercising and showing off their artistic and creative talents...



Mental Health Week in the Infants

In the Infants, Nursery children created their own worry monsters, who listened to the children’s worries before gobbling them up! Reception used the story ‘Stickman’ to explore their own family trees. The children thought about the people who love them and created beautiful artwork, where their families were represented as stick men!

In Year One, children completed a squiggle drawing challenge and watched in amazement as their squiggles turned into wonderful creatures, including pandas, snakes and dragons. As part of their Africa topic, Y2 produced beautiful poetry and artwork. Children also took part in meditation and yoga exercises inspired by African animal poses!



Mental Health Week in the Juniors

In the Juniors, children used regular exercise breaks to help maintain positive mental health and I was particularly impressed by the planks I witnessed in Year Six! Children also expressed themselves via the power of music, including the Punjabi music shared by pupils in Year Five.

Animal origami proved a particularly popular challenge in Year Four, where dogs were by far the most favoured design. In Year Three, pupils demonstrated their creativity by designing their own gardens. Here, one pupil’s thoughtfulness shone through in his garden design for dementia residents that may have visual impairments. Well done to Finley!



Y2, what do you like about yourself? *“I like that I’m me.” “I like that I’m eccentric.” “I like that I’m different to everyone else.”*



Stickman inspired family tree, by Jonas YR



Dog origami (above) and Matise inspired artwork (right) in Y4



Garden for dementia residents, designed by Finley Y3



TT Rockstars



- ▶ Congratulations to 4S, who once again top Knowle's participation charts for TT Rockstars. However, 4S need to watch out: 3S and 3W are hot on your heels! Last week, Miss Fulker set each class the challenge of improving their participation levels and just about every class managed this – well done! This week, children in Y2-6 will be competing against their peers as they challenge each other to 'Rock Slams'. We hope you enjoy!

Information for Parents and Carers



- ▶ A new webpage has been created to provide information to parents and carers in Solihull regarding remote learning. This website outlines what to expect from remote learning in Solihull schools, including technology tips and useful frequently asked questions:

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/remote-education-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Parent Feedback

Thank you to all of the families who responded to our questionnaire regarding remote learning. We are pleased to hear that so many families feel appropriately supported. We have analysed the feedback and will be making some changes to our practice in response to your suggestions. The questionnaire results and our response is attached to this newsletter and will also be available on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts over the past half term – children, parents, carers and staff! I wish you all a happy half term.

Mr Stonehill, Vice Principal and Remote Learning Lead