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'Tomorrow will be a good day...together we can ensure that it will be'

Sir Tom Moore 1920-2021

Dear All

Another discombobulating letter, coming to you on Thursday rather than Friday. For the last two weeks we have been rather short staffed and have not been able to give our teachers their weekly PPA slots. I'm sure that you can appreciate that the teachers have been working exceptionally hard and need time to plan with their partner teacher for next term's work. Therefore, in consultation with the Trust, we have decided to close the school next Friday to the children who have been coming to school. We will be offering a limited number of childcare places to critical workers who cannot find care for their children. If you wish to be considered for a place, please email admin on admin@judithkerr.anthemtrust.uk.

No Screen Day

Sitting in front of a screen all day, day in - day out, can take its toll. It is certainly not good for the mind, body or soul! To that end, we have taken the decision to suspend online learning for the day and have a 'Wellbeing Weekending' on Friday 12th February. Instead, we will have a '**no screen day**'. We want the children to take a break from the screen and re-energise themselves. To help, here are some things to do that are fun, non-screen activities that can be done at home and support independent learning.

Here are some fun and meaningful ideas to choose from:

1. **How many different words can you make from the letters in these sentences, below?** Grab a pencil and paper and write a great list!
'Learning from home is fun. My teachers are the best.'
2. **Thank a community hero.** Think of someone that helps you in some way and write them a short letter to thank them.
3. **Get building!** You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!
4. **Can you create your own secret code?** You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Then you can get someone else to try and crack it?
5. **Start a nature diary.** Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?
6. **Hold a portrait.** Draw or paint a member of your family or a pet or even someone you haven't seen for a while (try drawing from memory)
7. **Build a reading den.** Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!
8. **Use an old sock to create a puppet.** Can you put on a puppet show for somebody?
9. **Design and make a homemade board game** and play it with all your family.
10. **Do something kind for someone.** Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with their tasks?
11. **Can you create a story bag?** Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story.
12. **Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden.** How fast can you complete it?.
13. **Keep moving!** Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.
14. **Write a play script.** Can you act it out to other people?
15. **Read out loud to someone.** Remember to read with some expression.
16. **Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.**

17. **Junk modelling!** Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with all of them.
18. **Draw a view.** Look out of your window and draw what you can see.

Changes of Staff

With the term coming to an end, we sadly will be saying goodbye to our Year 3 part time teacher, Ms Anke. We wish her well as she ventures off to new pastures. I will be covering in the interim, needless to say, I can assure you that the teaching will be nothing short of outstanding!

Weekly Activities/Challenges

Physical Challenge

Well done to all of you who completed the sitting on wall challenge! This week's challenge is how many stand up and sit downs (not using your hands) can you do in one minute? I completed 21 ½ (the ½ is very important)!

Recipe Vlog

Thank you for all the recipes we've received. I particularly enjoyed the vegan brownies and the Jamaican-inspired patties.



To view all the videos we've received, click here:

https://anthemtrust.sharepoint.com/:f/s/JKP-ParentCommunications/Ei0dOPph5z9LvRuhjPe8h2oBe07EixbQpHdFv_9P0N7vDA?e=GGZg5z

Thank you for all the Mog Chronicle articles – we are in the final stages of producing the latest edition and will pass this on to you as soon it is ready.

Fashioning!

Fashioning! Get ready for Karneval! It's that time of year again so we would like to invite all children in school and at home to dress up for Karneval next Thursday. We will then have a special assembly to see some of your amazing costumes! So, what are you going to dress up as?

Fashioning! Mach dich bereit für Karneval! Es ist wieder soweit und wir möchten alle Kinder in der Schule und zu Hause einladen, sich nächsten Donnerstag für Karneval zu verkleiden. Wir werden dann eine spezielle Schulversammlung haben, um einige Eurer erstaunlichen Kostüme zu sehen! Also, als was wirst du dich verkleiden?

100 reads

A big well done to the following children for achieving their 100 reads! Perhaps we could have some girls next week!



Have a good weekend everyone, perhaps there may even be a chance of some fun in that white stuff!

Jo

