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Dear Parents and Carers,

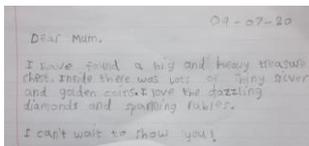
Wow! Another year has passed and what a year it has been. It's hard to believe that the last time I wrote a newsletter was before February half term.

Usually at this time of year, I would be telling you all about our Summer Fayre, the year 6 production and graduation. Unfortunately, none of those things have been able to happen this year but that doesn't mean that I don't have some amazing things to share. Over the last 4 months, the teachers and I have been so impressed with the effort and enthusiasm that we have seen from you all from the home learning and those children that have been in school.

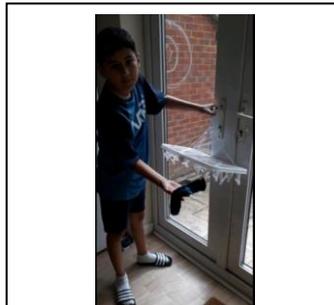
Home learning

Over the course of lockdown, we have seen a range of work coming in from the children, including amazing writing, Science experiments, great maths work and lots of other things. We were really pleased to see so many children getting involved in the competitions as well!

Here are some fabulous examples:



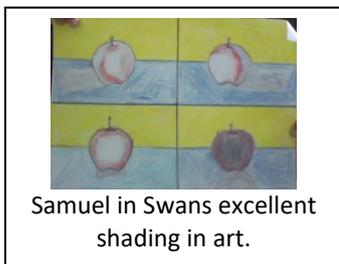
Pirate Sanaya in Butterflies, writing a letter home.



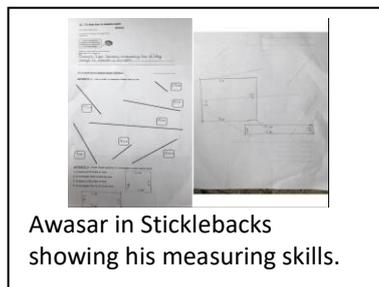
Sergio in Newts excellent testing of evaporation.



Juan in Ladybirds investigating floating and sinking.



Samuel in Swans excellent shading in art.



Awasar in Sticklebacks showing his measuring skills.



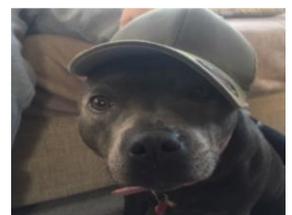
Gabriel in Swans amazing Anderson Shelter.

Coach Dave has also put together a wonderful video showcasing the children's PE activities at home.

Follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2OgOnEE>

Competitions

As well as the above, the children have also been communicating with each other both in and out of school through a range of competitions, such as best pet, cutest baby photo, designing the best garden for Miss Parris and trying to beat each other on TT Rockstars.



Learning in School

As you are aware, we have continued to provide work in school for children since lockdown began, initially for our key worker children only, but from the 1st June we have welcomed back children from Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as more key worker children. It has been really wonderful having these children back in school. We have continued with the learning, the same as those at home, but due to the lower numbers, it has been great to have more time to be creative with the children also.

Across the school, but particularly in Foundation and Year 1, the children have been keeping active by following Joe Wicks and practising yoga daily.



In Year 1, the children have been busy learning about knights and castles, even making their own castles, shields and masks!

The children in the key worker groups have been busy learning about canals, painting these fabulous examples of canal roses.



In Year 6, the children have been learning about World War 2 and the environment as well as completing transition activities to help them move to secondary school next year.



As always, we are sad to see our Year 6 children go, especially this year as we haven't seen many of them in so long, but I know that they all have amazing things ahead of them in secondary school and their future paths.

Next Year

As we now look forward to next year, I am thrilled that all of you will be able to return – Brooksward has not been the same without you all!

On that note, I am sad to say that we will be starting the new school year less two members of staff: Mrs Whitbread, who you may remember was on maternity leave this year, has decided to move to a job closer to home so she can spend more time with her son, and Miss De'Ath will be moving to Drayton Park for the year to work with their Year 5/6 team. We will miss both of them but I am sure that they will have lots of new adventures next year.

Happily, we are also welcoming some new members of staff: Mrs Marguerite will return after her brief stint in Foundation before lockdown to work in Foundation again and we welcome Mrs Shaikh who will be joining the 3/4 team as Frogs class teacher. In addition to this, we also have Mrs Stevens and Miss Allen stepping into the 5/6 and 3/4 team leader roles respectively.

We wish you all a relaxing Summer break and look forward to seeing all the children returned and in their smart school uniforms and smart school shoes at the start of the new academic year on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Jen Swain

Head of School

Diary Dates

Friday 17th July 2020 – Break up for Summer

Tuesday 1st September – Inset day for teachers

Wednesday 2nd September – Children return to school