



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

Weekly Home School Newsletter - 7th May 2020



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this Weekly Home School Newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. As usual, I have some important updates for you and the usual brilliant variety of home school learning photos!

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day — 75 years since the end of World War II in Europe. Of course, tomorrow was meant to be a day of National Celebration for the whole country, as we took the time to remember the great sacrifices that millions of people made during World War II so that this country could be safe and free. However, we can still take the time tomorrow to stop, reflect and pay our quiet thanks to these brave men and women 75 years ago. This is because, at the moment, millions of people are making sacrifices so the exact same can happen. Even if you are staying at home and cannot go to work, you are doing your bit to help the country get back on its feet again. So, although tomorrow might not be the day that we originally wanted it to be, you can still have lots of fun with your household and of course your family (thanks to Facetime)! You can still reflect on VE Day. Please send your bank holiday photos to Mr. Douglas at n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk as we want to feature them in next week's Home School Newsletter.

BBC Horizons

Back in January, the Science Department from the BBC came all the way down from Scotland to do some filming at Featherstone Primary School (they specifically chose our school)! The BBC spent time with some Year Three children and interviewed them on the topic of gender and what they thought about men's jobs, women's jobs and what they thought men and women were good at. This was shown on Monday night as part of 'BBC Horizons: The Great British Intelligence Test.' Although Featherstone didn't have loads of airtime, the BBC were on-site at school for over four hours! The children were mature, sensible, mini professionals and what was shown on Monday was brilliant! We are really proud of you: Khavelle, Scarlett, Timeea, Jazmin, Hadi, Victoria, Xara, Tymon, Rakheem & Thomas!

Key Workers

We continue to be open for the children of key workers, whose job is essential in the fight to beat the coronavirus. If you are a key worker and your situation changes, please complete the form on our [website](#). You will be asked to provide evidence of your key worker status and your shift patterns so that we can ensure that we offer provision to those essential workers and minimise the risk to children, staff, parents and the wider community. Thank you.

With very best wishes, enjoy the bank holiday. Stay safe. From Mr. E. Gaibee, **Headteacher**.



Left: Andrei, with his troubled popstar pose, playing his guitar!
Right: Leo having a super time on TT Rockstars!

The BBC came to Featherstone!



Khavelle, Scarlett, Timeea, Jazmin, Hadi, Victoria, Xara, Tymon, Rakheem & Thomas were part of this brilliant programme shown on the BBC. Well done, Year Three. We were really proud of you all. AND...you are TV stars!

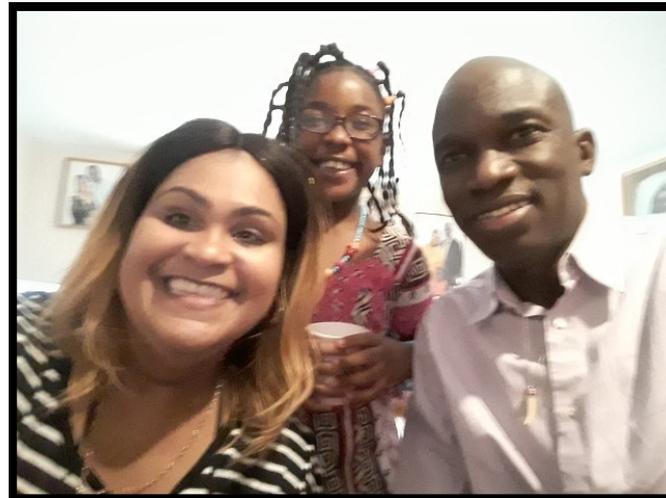


Thank you so much for your home learning photos! There were just too many to fit on, again! Please email Mr. Douglas at: n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk if you would like your photo to appear in next week's newsletter!

Below: Fabian's home made harmonica that he has constructed. Well done!



Left: Klarisa emailed lots of photos over this week that showed all of the brilliant home learning she's been doing. Here she is with a massive smile, testing out one of the activities she's worked on!



Left: Aisha and her family celebrating her birthday! They did not let lockdown spoil the fun! Happy Birthday Aisha!

Left: Casandra concentrating really hard!



Children's Reminder: The Value of the Month

May: Self-Belief

The Value of the month for May is Self-Belief, which is all about how much confidence that you have in your own abilities or the things that you're doing. Getting through the month of April was difficult for some people but they demonstrated the Value of Patience. Now, in May, we need to continue working together and **believe** that we can all get through this difficult time. One of the best ways to do this is to keep busy with the home learning that we're sending out or finding fun things to do with members of our household. Discover a new hobby maybe! As well as that, make sure we all keep on being kind and respectful to each other. If we keep on being brilliant, our Self-Belief will come true!

The Red Fury dragon

People may think dragons don't exist, however the red fury dragon is very real. He is a ferocious beast, with a real louder than a thousand lions. He has great spots, to camouflage in grass, to hunt for his prey! There are fewer than 20 red fury dragons left in existence!

Fact File

- The red fury dragon sleeps for only 2 hours a day.
- The red fury dragon on average has 24 razor sharp teeth.
- The red fury dragon can fly up to 100 miles per hour.

Where to find it

You can find the red fury dragon in snowy based mountains, they also fly over lakes!

It is mainly located in South America!

Size and weight

- height: 13 feet
- wingspan: 25 feet
- weight: 24,000 pounds.




The imaginary friend

There once was a girl named Emily, she lived with her mom and dad. She was the only child so she had a bedroom all to herself. She was only nine years old so her parents spoiled her. Her birthday was in a week so she was really excited. She counted down the days to her birthday. It was 30 seconds until her birthday. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. "IT'S MY BIRTHDAY!" shouted Emily. "Happy birthday darling." said Emily's mom. "But we should go to bed now Emily it's 12:05." replied Sarah (Emily's mom). So they both went to bed. Emily silently got into bed and fell fast asleep. "Hello Emily." whispered a voice. Emily woke up as she heard the voice. She was still half asleep and she said "mom is that you, what are you doing in here?" She forced her eyes open and was about to scream when it covered her mouth. "It is a 6 foot tall creature called the widemouth. Emily was that petrified she was shaking. It left soon after without saying another word apart from 'ill be your friend don't be rude to me though or poop you'll be gone.' The next day, she remembered what it said and didn't dare tell her parents. She had her party, ate her cake and said goodbye. She forgot all about widemouth... until she was tidying up. "HELLO" screeched a voice from under the sofa. The last thing I heard...

Above left: Jamie's brilliant non-fiction writing about his Red Fury Dragon!
 Above right: Brooke's amazing story with a very dramatic ending!
 These siblings have been working very hard together on all of their learning! Keep it up, both of you :)



Left: Amara has done some terrific paintings this week.
 Right: Brithany is working very hard on her Monet home learning. Super art!



Welfare Calls

Throughout the period that the school is closed, Mr. Gaibee, Mr. Douglas, Miss. Lacey, Mr. Gravell, Mrs. Harrington, Miss. Whitehouse and Miss. Modhvia will telephone families to see how you all are! These will continue whilst the school is closed.



Not only do we have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch) but we also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see what the teachers are posting when the school is closed. Messages, learning ideas and challenges have been posted this week. Oh, and we love it when you tweet back!

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Year 1	@FeatherstoneYR1
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Year 3	@FeatherstoneYR3
Year 4	@FeatherstoneYR4
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