

Term 5 Newsletter 2019 – 2020



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear families,

We have come to the end of a very unusual term. A term none of us could ever imagine. However, we must reflect on all of the positives we have experienced. More time with loved ones; time in the garden; time to reflect; time to learn new skills and hobbies.

I have certainly learned new skills, with painting pebbles being my main hobby!

I like to call them pebble pals! And I have had to learn how to run a school

whilst home schooling my own children. Everyone right now is a superhero! These times are hard and challenging for EVERYONE!



As you may be aware, Notton has remained open during the pandemic, and we have offered places to those who are most in need or those who would most benefit. It is so very tricky to make these decisions, but to do so, staff have written individual risk assessments to ensure that every child not in school is safe, and well, and has regular contact over the phone, via email, and for many, even face to face.

In term 6, we will continue to speak to families and pupils regularly, to ensure that any pupils who need to return will do, as long as it safe for both staff and pupils. We temperature check all staff and pupils daily, and have visual signs of what social distancing looks like around the school. We have closed many classrooms and care areas, and the rooms and areas that are used, are cleaned throughout the day.

Staff are on a rota, and no visitors are allowed onto the site until further notice. We are taking every measure to keep Notton safe, and to keep YOU safe.

It has been great to see all of the photos emailed to school from families, showing home cooking skills, art work, construction, and also, the images of all the weekly challenges we have set. We thank you for keeping the Notton sense of community going. If you have completed some school work, then brilliant. If not, there is still time. Keep everything safe for when you do return, and your teachers and care staff would love to see what you have been doing.

I hope you enjoy reading all about what pupils having been doing, whether in school, or at home. We all want you back at school, but more importantly, we want you and your loved ones, to be safe and well.

Please note, we have moved our two remaining training days to the end of the academic year.

Take care and stay safe.

Michelle.

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**Thank
You**

Petals for Peace

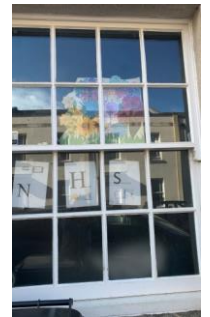
Cayden, year 5, has been keeping busy doing 75 star jumps a day, walking a few miles with his carer Gill, and also, making poppies for the Petals for Peace competition.



Well done to Lee in Year 11 for his efforts with decorating his window at home for *Petals for Peace* to mark 75 years since VE Day.



Wow Kaydon. What a beautiful window display completed. So bright and colourful.



Rainbow 'Thank You' Art

We have a new Thank You Key Workers sign, which is now waterproof! And is outside of school for all passersby to see!



Caleb and his sister created this lovely rainbow whilst being homeschooled!



Beautiful Bears

Tracy, mum of Lee in Year 11, has been busy making crocheted bears for key workers. What a lovely gift to say thank you!



Covid-19 Rap Challenge

Kaydon in Year 11

Corona Corona is like a cobra,
Slithers across the world, even Barcelona,

I wish I could go out, but we all have to be loners,
All I do is sit on the sofa, all I wanted was my GCSE'S but instead got lockdown with the Hall family!!
Lottie, Kyron and Emi run around, while Kacie and Kayleigh just sit down!
Hopefully college is soon because my mum keeps giving me the broom, when I say no, she sends me to my room!!!!

Hopefully we'll escape this madness and get over all this sadness,
We have lost so many loved ones! Who departed before their time!
The streets are so quiet And there is no crime!

So we need to be strong And
Stay safe for this to be over!
I really hate you CORONA!

COVID 19

Cody in Year 11

COVID-19 is wreaking havoc on the world as we know it, and everyone seems so nonchalant about it.

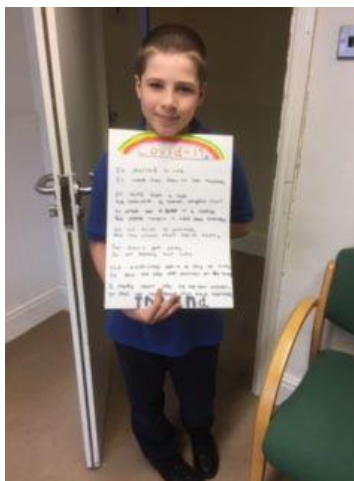
While everyone is distracted panic buying and blocking the streets, COVID-19 is replicating in heaps.

And as COVID-19 hops the fence, ring a ring a roses suddenly starts to make sense.

Ah tissue ah tissue, we all fall down.

And if we don't listen, we'll all be in the ground.

Josh in Year 7



Site Updates

The goal posts have been painted on the Astroturf, and the basketball hoop too! They look so much better now!



The sensory area classroom is now complete and can be shaded from the bright sun with newly fitted blinds!

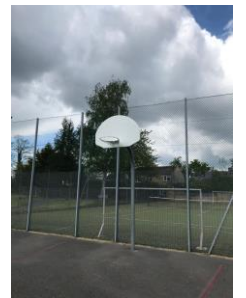
The Astro Turf has been treated, and cleaned and given a new lease of life. It is now safe for staff and pupils to use!



The site team have been working hard to update some long standing items such as painting benches.



We now have a new sun canopy so staff and pupils can eat outside at the colourful tables and chairs.



The sun is shining, and work has started to make the sensory garden a relaxing place to go to. Staff and pupils are weeding, sweeping, painting, ready for the new items to arrive, with thanks to Tesco funding.



New lockable storage cupboards have been fitted in the ICT suite, for both staff and student use.

Home Learning

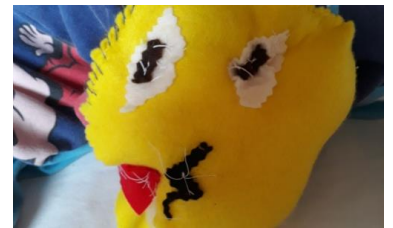
Drew has been busy in the garden, painting wooden planters.



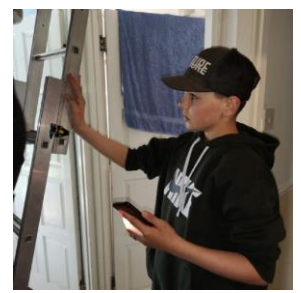
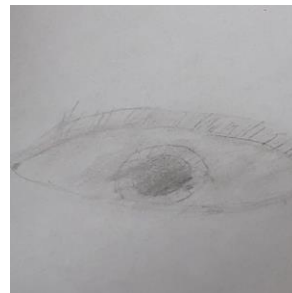
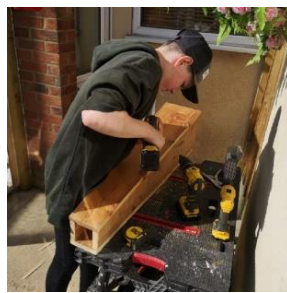
Well done to Drew and his family for this remarkable construction. I was hoping it would be situated somewhere on Notton's grounds, but I must say, it does look fantastic where it is!



Cayden in lower school has been super busy at home. Take a look at what he has been making!



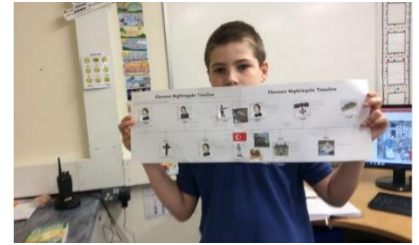
Pupils are keeping busy with work their teachers have posted home, along with daily projects that are emailed to families. Take a look at the gallery. Wow!



Learning On-Site

Josh in year 5 has been learning about Florence Nightingale for International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

What a great timeline!



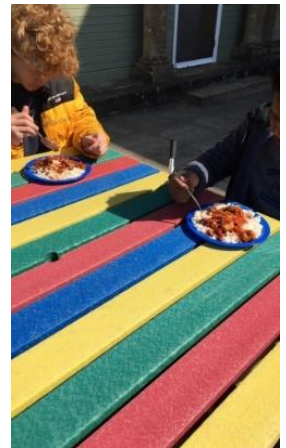
Josh in year 10 has worked really hard since being back in school, showing he can work well independently and improve his numeracy skills. Well done Josh!

Wow Josh, you are a phonics superstar! Helen is super proud of your learning.



Magic maths completed by Ruben. Well done!

Ruben and Josh have loved making meatballs!
And eating them of course!



Dylan has produced a wonderful piece of art.

Dylan and his teacher Anton have spent time hunting for fossils.



In the Poly Tunnel

Staff and pupils have been working hard planting seeds in the poly tunnel.



Dylan and the dog rescue!

Well done to Dylan who rescued a dog, and returned him to his owner.

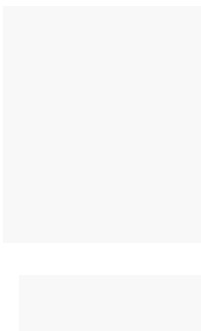
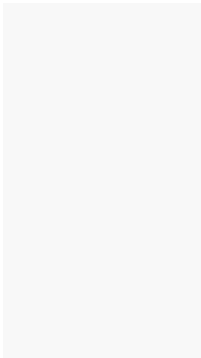
PUPPY RESCUE

It was 27th of April 2020 when I rescued a PUPPY! I was walking down a lane with staff and a PUPPY was running up to us. I then heard someone calling it's name, so we returned the dog. As a reward we got chocolate!



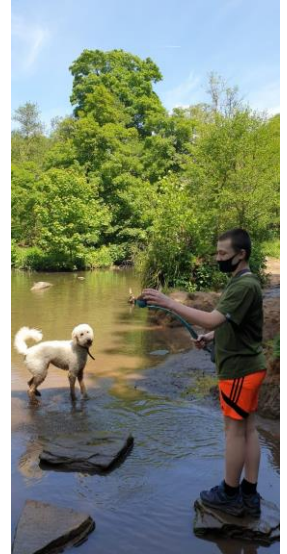
READY STEADY COOK!

Pupils love cooking a range of foods from around the world in their lessons, and during the evenings in their care areas and houses.



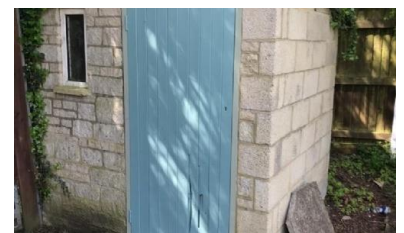
MATY'S AND TOM'S ADVENTURES

Maty, and his key worker Tom, have had great fun out on their bikes, spending time in the beautiful fresh air.



Staff are keeping busy

Staff have been busy during the evenings updating items around the school site. Look at these great images of their work.



16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking & Baking



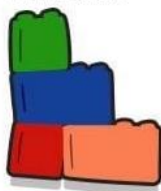
2. Meal Planning

3. Budgeting



4. Checking the Weather Forecast

5. Building with LEGO



6. Playing Card Games

7. Playing Board Games



8. Doing Puzzles

9. Imaginative Play



10. Listening to Music

11. Reading



12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting

13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks



14. Writing Letters or Emails

15. Taking a Walk



16. Cleaning & Doing Chores

WE ARE TEACHERS

SPECIAL MEMORIES



Staff at Notton have painted a memory bench, which helps us reflect and remember our times with Kelvin, a pupil who passed away a few years ago.



Mental Health Awareness Week:

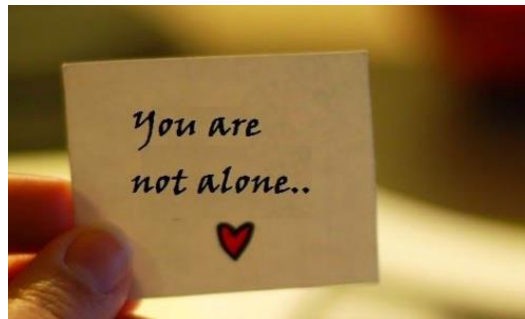
Show Kindness

It's Mental Health Awareness Week from 18th – 22nd May. Let's show each other kindness with the ideas below or one of your own. Research shows kindness impacts on positive mental health.

And it is one of Notton's core values!



Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse



Please post a picture or video of yourself with the symbol of a heart drawn on their palm. Tag 5 or more people asking them to do the same. #YouAreNotAlone in your post.

www.facebook.com/CrimestoppersintheWestCountry

www.twitter.com/WestCountry_CS

COVID-19 – WE ARE STILL OPEN
 Because of Coronavirus our office hours are changing to 10am to 4pm.
 The out of hours service will be available outside of these hours.
 All our services are up and running
 and our Live Chat is now open from 10am to 4pm.
 If you are concerned about your safety and need help and support, please
 contact us and we can help



Next Link domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday
0117 925 0680

Help is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the National Domestic Violence Helpline – Freephone 0808 2000 247

AT HOME SHOULDN'T MEAN AT RISK

Government launch national campaign to highlight domestic abuse. Call us on 0117 925 0680 if you need support.

#YOUARENOTALONE FIND SUPPORT AT: gov.uk/domestic-abuse

Calm-Down Strategies for children (and adults!)

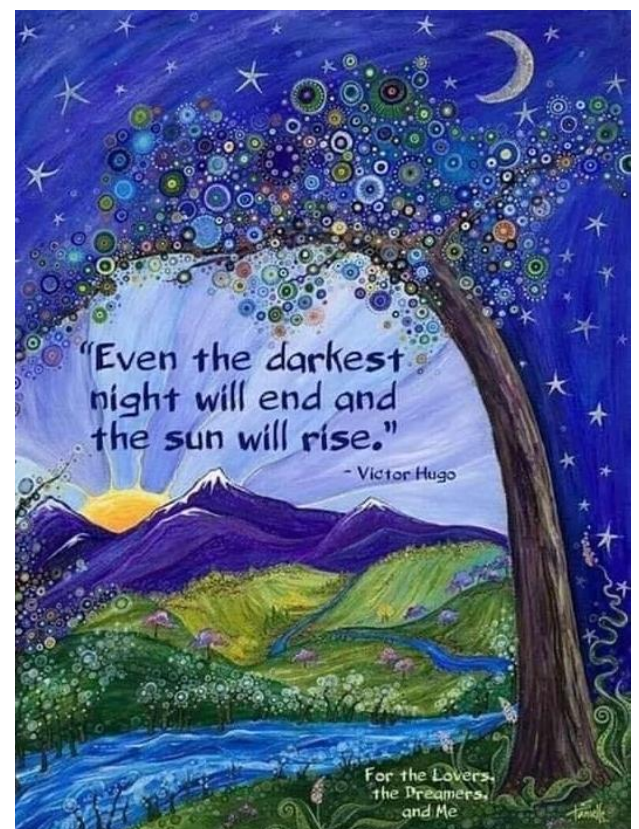
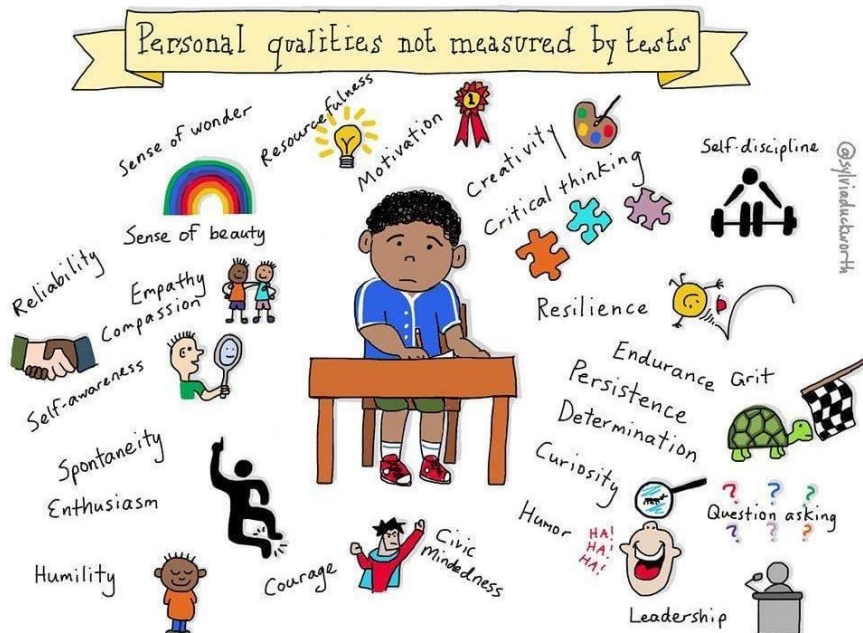
A great image to help you stay calm during this difficult time.



Calm-Down Strategies for Kids (And Grown-Ups Too!)

Sometimes we all find ourselves getting a little too anxious, angry or stressed. As adults this can be difficult to manage, and for children even more so. Here are some ideas for simple calm-down strategies to try when things become a little too much. Try a few and see which ones work best for you.







ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-2020



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 23rd and 24th November 2020; Possible additional Learn@ INSET 4th January 2021

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2020; 1st April 2021; 25th June 2021