Issue 3

Home Learning Newsletter

Never give up, never despair

"Instead we remember from our homes and our doorsteps. But our streets are not empty; they are filled with the love and the care that we have for each other."

On Friday evening we heard the Queen's words drawing to a close a day which celebrated 75 years since victory in Europe, with a moment of silent reflection and socially distanced street parties.

At this time whilst we remember such a major event in our history we are also part of a major historical event in our current situation. As we wait for a decision regarding an exit strategy and possible easing of lockdown. As a parent of young children I understand the continued "groundhog day" feeling and a sense of uncertainty whilst trying to maintain a sense of balance. I received the following letter as a parent and in its entirety forward to you all to recognise and appreciate your support:

> *"On Monday, we marked six full weeks since our country went into lockdown.*
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> *You have had your children home for the same time now that you would if they were on summer holidays. You have protected, nourished, educated, supported and entertained your children during a period of national and international uncertainty and fear. You have experienced emotions for yourself and your family that you never knew existed, never mind experienced before.*
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> *Six weeks is a long time.*
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> *You are amazing! You have achieved something no other parent ever has! You have faced six weeks unable to take your child or children anywhere, six weeks of no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, no family to help. On top of that you have juggled work demands, loneliness on a level never experienced before, information overload from the internet and emotional turmoil of not being able to see people you hold dear.*
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> *So it's ok to feel drained. It's ok to feel uninspired about another day of home schooling, another day of never ending laundry and cooking.*
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> *It's ok to be so very tired.*
> *Six weeks is a long time.*
> *But you have made it.*
> *Be proud of yourself. Stand tall.*
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> *History will show you for your courage, your children will remember this period as a time knowing they were safe and loved and teachers everywhere are deeply grateful that you are there for your children when they should be but can't be.*
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> *In short: you are awesome!*
> *And so are your children"*

Keep safe
Martin Brown

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How parents can help with home learning

Teachers are continuing to set structured home learning activities. Which have been designed to ensure that learning takes place.

"Learning is the relatively permanent change in a person's knowledge or behaviour due to experience".

Any learning experience, whether it is in the classroom or at home needs to result in some permanent change in knowledge to be successful. This means that information needs to be transferred from a student's short-term memory to their long-term memory.

While short term memory has a capacity of about three new pieces of information which is forgotten quickly, long-term memory has an unlimited capacity. Learners transfer information to their long-term memory by repeated practice – our lessons often contain recap quizzes and guided practice activities. Students should practice these quizzes again and again until they achieve a very high success rate. Then they can be confident that learning has taken place.

Mr Wilkinson

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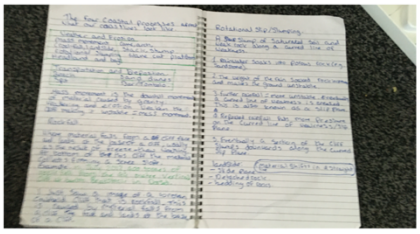
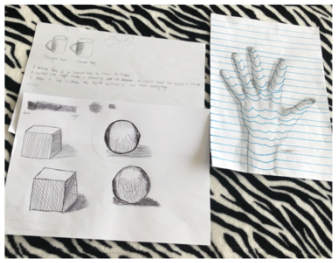
Great Work

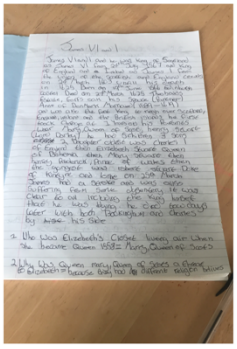
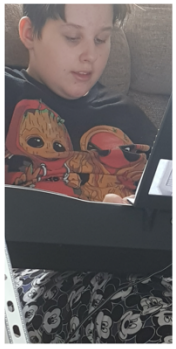
Wow another week of students sending in their **AMAZING** home learning photos. This brings all of us here at Sholing so much joy seeing what you have all been up too! As we said last week, we may not be there in person just yet but as Albert Einstein once said “one picture is worth a thousand words”.

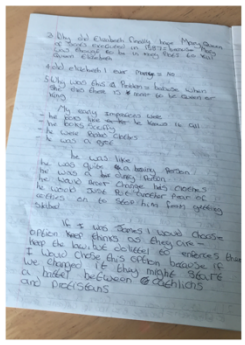
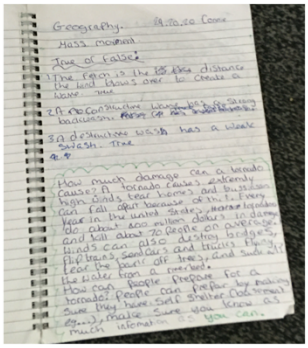
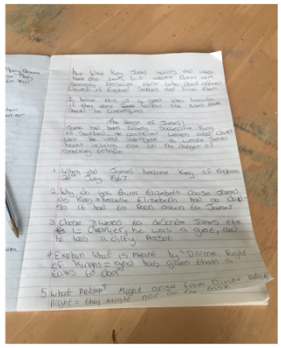
This week has seen garden makeovers, piano lessons, Art work and cinnamon rolls! I especially love the healthy breakfast called “sunshine on a plate” (I am going to make this one)

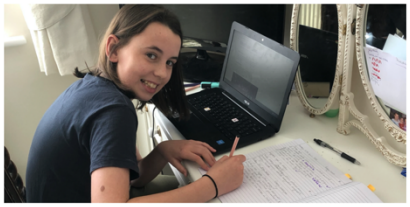
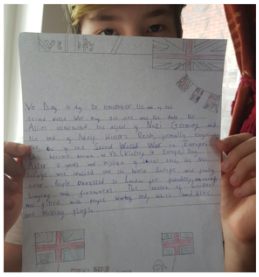
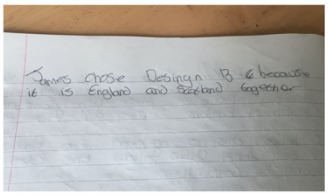
Shout out this week to, Holly Wilds for constructing a home-made herb garden! And Summer Clouder for her fabulous history project on James VI.

Please keep the photos coming in and who will be my showcase next week?

Please send photos to helen.sydenham@oasissholing.org

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Community News

Friday 8th May was marked as the Early Bank Holiday and was moved this year to a Friday to coincide with the Victory in Europe Day (VE day) which marks the 75th anniversary of the formal end of World War II. We hope you enjoyed the day off and if you would like to know more about the VE Day please watch this BBC Newsround link https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749. Mrs Jeffery would love to receive any pictures of your VE day celebrations by email: helen.jeffery@oasissholing.org

During the lockdown Oasis Sholing Staff have been helping people in our community with our talents. Most teachers have been helping friends and family on social media with a range of questions from different subjects. Mrs Drewell has started an awesome YouTube channel helping people to cook her beautiful recipes. If you are interesting in cooking search Sara Drewell or follow this https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=youA5_aE-V4 to watch her video on “Bread Baking in Isolation”.

Mrs Drewell and Mr Ranger have set a “Master Chef Showstopper” challenge and below is an awesome entry by Mollie Barnaby, I look forward to sharing with you more photos next week so please email us your photos so that we can find our very best Oasis Sholing Master Chefs.

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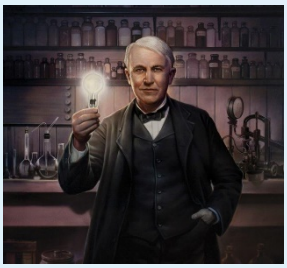
Our new 'Farm to Fork' project is well underway!

Before lockdown, Mr Hooper and a dedicated group of students worked to plan the planting, clean and repair of our polytunnel, into a greenhouse garden. Since lockdown, strictly following social distancing, Mr. Hooper has tended the vegetables and we look forward to harvesting tomatoes, leeks, onions, runner beans, potatoes, and coriander.

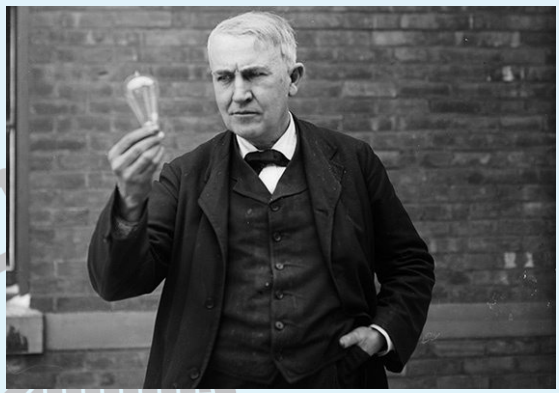
Self-Motivation Section



Do you recognise this man?

That is “Thomas Edison”. His teacher once sent him home with a letter that read, “He is too stupid to learn anything.” We’re talking about THE Thomas Edison here. He later on built the largest research laboratory in America and with his team he made the incandescent light bulb and the first audio recorder.

What drove him? This quote should discern his secret, “if I find 10,000 ways something won't work, I haven't failed. I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward. Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless.” (Thomas Edison)



Thomas Edison wasn’t afraid of failure - he welcomed it! My message to our students is if you have setbacks in the beginning, just keep treading on because there’s light at the end of the tunnel waiting for you just like the one Edison discovered.

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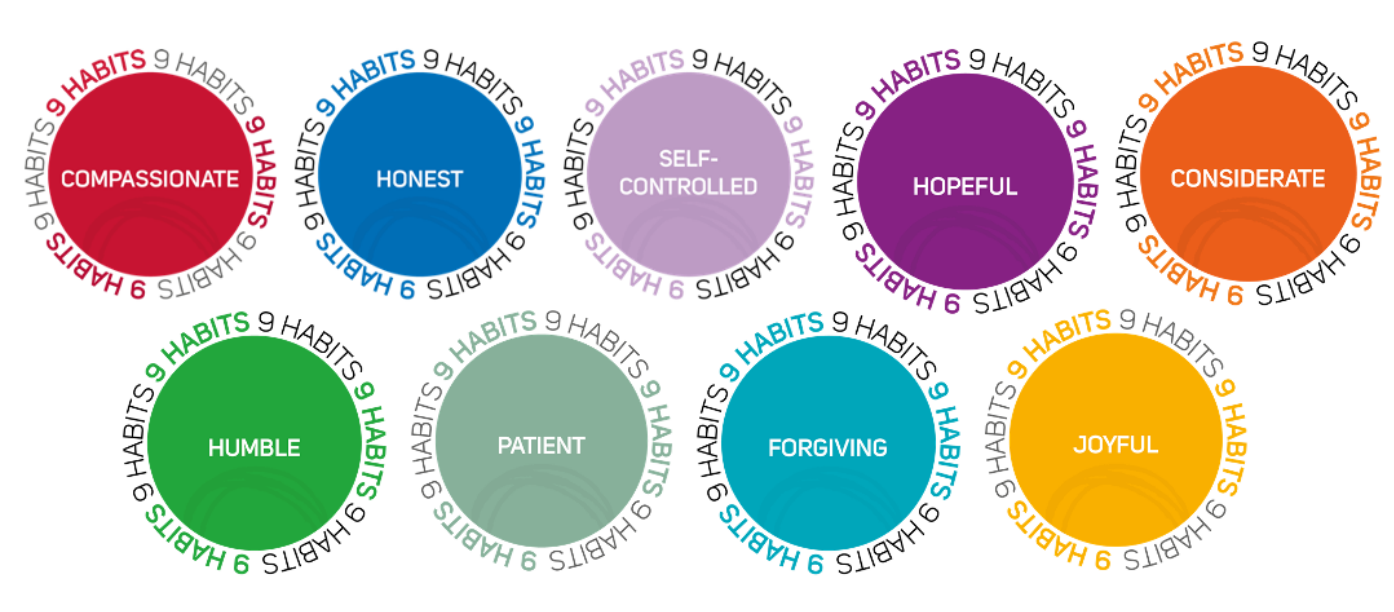
Oasis Habits Shout-Outs

This week we would like to award Evan Bartlett in year 9 with our Oasis 9 Habits Shout Out. Evan is a student that always gives 110% in everything that he does. He takes part in varies school activities and he is always willing to support his friends. Evan is altruistic as he is, always putting other people first before his own needs. A great example of student that show all our 9 habits.

Well done.



If you have any good news stories or would like to nominate someone please do email us and we will share it on the school social media and our weekly newsletter.

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Safeguarding

The welfare and safety of our students is our priority. We do everything possible to ensure our students' safety, both within the school community and outside of school, including working with relevant agencies to address any issues related to child protection. During lockdown it important we are safe while we're online. The Government has launched a campaign called 'Don't Feed the Beast'

https://sharechecklist.gov.uk/ which is focused on being careful about what you share online and includes a helpful Share Checklist. Students can access No Limits support with counselling during this challenging period. If you feel you need help please email your tutor. You can contact a youth worker from No Limits on 02380 224224 or by emailing enquiries@nolimitshelp.org.uk

The NSPCC helpline has received £1.6 million in government funding to help people report concerns about vulnerable children. The NSPCC Helpline can be reached 24 hours a day by email, at help@nspcc.org.uk, or through its online reporting form on the main NSPCC website. Helpline practitioners can be contacted on 0808 800 5000 Monday to Friday 8am-10pm or 9am-6pm at the weekends.

If you would normally receive support from any services please contact us so that we can support you during the lockdown period.

Mr Chikiwa

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Year 11 Update

Some of you may be receiving information from colleges that you have applied to with pre course work that you can complete. Take the time to make a start on this as it will support your transition towards your Further Education of choice. I would also like to remind you that we recommend you continue to work on the work that is still being set by your teachers as this would put you in a good position if you choose to resit the subjects in future. Having spoken to many parents this week, it is a pleasure to hear that you are continuing to work. I have seen some fabulous art work and would love to see what other creative talents you have been honing. With a large amount of you taking GCSE Food it would be brilliant to see any creations that you have made – I will try to withhold my food envy. I have also seen pictures of fantastic woodwork projects – it is brilliant to see you are continuing these skills at home.

Remember that if you need any advice or help with anything we are still here. Although it might have felt that you have 'left' you are still part of Sholing and even at a distance #togetherwecan support and guide you. Some subjects have been setting transition projects for you to get involved with. Art have begun a 'senses' project which will keep many of you creative students skilled up but also a calming activity to complete.

Mrs Jesson remains available for support with careers and college applications and can be contacted on clare.jesson@oasissholing.org .

Look after yourselves and your families and I look forward to seeing you all as soon as we can.

Mrs Chudley

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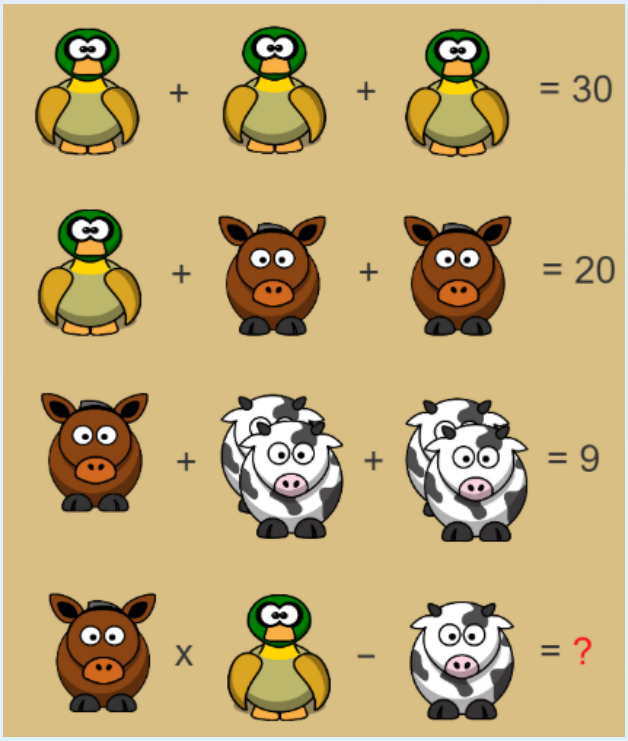
Can you solve this week's Maths teaser and Riddle?

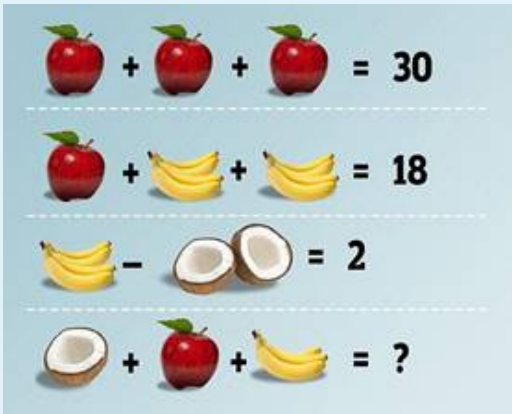


I involve some animals,
Around two.
One was used so much long ago,
But now its use has softened.
The other one is a swimmer,
For it swims quite often.
I can be sad when I want to be sad,
And even angry, too.
But, nevertheless, I can be happy, overjoyed, and glad!
I can be shiny and beautiful,
But I have a hollowness within me,
And I can sometimes look dull.
I am the smallest in my family,
But I have the merriest voice
Because it is highest.
I'm not that heavy,
So you can carry me up and down; you have the choice!
But don't hurt me too much,
Or wear me out,
because part of me will burst,
And I will not speak in my tone of beauty to you
To serve you just desserts.

So take a guess
And we shall see
Just who exactly could I be?

Last week's answers:

Maths teaser: 14.



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Teachers Pet:

1. K. (Mrs Read's cat, Alice)
2. E. (Miss Cole's dog, Blue)
3. G. (Mrs Jupp's cat's Brandy and Bailey)
4. H. (Miss Pattimore's cat, Bruno)
5. D. (Miss Dejoie's chicken, Buzz)
6. F. (Miss Darby's dog, Nala)
7. B. (Mrs Robinson's chicken, Mama June)
8. A. (Mr Hooper's cat, Oscar)
9. I. (Mrs Steele's dog, Poppy)
10. C. (Mr Chikiwa's goldfish, Spotty Midget)
11. L. (Mrs Jeffery's dog, Topper)
12. J. (Miss Biggs' dog, Willow)

Mr Chikiwa's riddle:

"I can be written,
"I can be spoken,
"I can be exposed,
"I can be broken. What am I?"

The answer was News.

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Student Engagement Draw Prize Winners

Every week we will pick two students from each year group who have engaged well with their home learning to win a £10 Amazon Voucher. Congratulations to this weeks winners, who are:

Year 7: Lucy Marler-Hausen and Finley Piolanti
Year 8: Jake Brice and Brook Spearing
Year 9: Evan Bartlett and Rachel Smith
Year 10: Sabina Antal and Max Ward
Year 11: Amelia Barnett and Logan Diamond

Voucher codes will be sent to students school email addresses this week.

Contact Details

Do we have your correct contact details?
It is vital that we have correct, up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers.
Please contact 023 8044 8861 Email: info@oasissholing.org
if you have recently changed your telephone number, address or email.
Thank you