

St Michael's Mail

Monday 11th May 2020



Happy Monday!

I hope you have all received today's worship which focusses on Thankfulness! I would like all parents and carers who are working so incredibly hard to home school their children to accept my sincere thanks. You are doing a wonderful job with your children!

I know that many of you are juggling your own work, caring for vulnerable family members and other responsibilities on top of home schooling. I want to assure you all that whatever you can manage, **it's enough.**

It is very easy during these times to compare yourselves with others and it is easy to forget that every family's circumstance is different. **Please do not put pressure on yourselves,** the work sent home is for you to access to the extent that you can. We do not have an expectation about how much you should get through because we are acutely aware that some of you are trying to fit it into your lunch hour.

If you are struggling to get through large chunks of work in a day, here are some hints and tips to help you make the most of the time you do have:

- Start early- Get work done straight after breakfast. This is often when children are most alert and receptive
- Work in small blocks- 3 or 4 focussed 20 minute sessions throughout the day can have more impact than you think
- Work on the basics- if time is a challenge focus on the basics. Keep children reading, writing and practicing those all-important maths fluency skills

The most important thing is that children are safe and happy so please, don't be hard on yourselves.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Cahalan



Here is Mack (Y4) learning how to BBQ! Looks tasty Mack, I hope your family enjoyed the fruits of your labour.



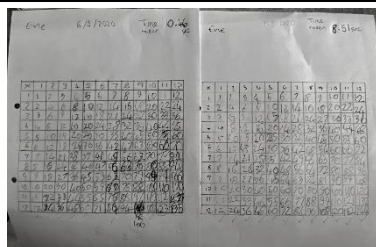
Last week Finley (Y2) went on a bike ride and it was 10.7 miles long. He was determined

to make it to 11 miles so he got back on his bike and carried on riding near his home until he reached the next mile. Such determination! I bet your legs needed a rest the next day Fin! Well done!



Ivy (N) and Elliott (R) created their own Kandinsky art work using pens, paint and gems!

Great job guys and so wonderful to see you working together.



Evie (Y3) has been challenging herself to complete the multiplication grid every day, improving her time each day. She is doing brilliantly, getting quicker and more accurate. A great challenge, well done!



Alex (R) took her Sleeping Beauty on an adventure and write about it as part of her Literacy learning. Great job Alex!



Phoebe (Y2) looks rightly proud of herself here. She made this wonderful Maths board game with a garden theme. Well done Phoebe!

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Look at this monster! It has a mouldy outer layer, yellow teeth and horns. Iris (Y2) allowed her imagination to help her complete her English work last week.



Here is Harriet (Y2) making the most of the sunshine showing you her Art Hub drawing. She drew this volcano and some other well-known characters.



Evie (Y3) put this week's spellings into a word search. I've been looking for a while but I can't spot one, can you? Well done Evie, you have made it tricky!



Hanna (Y2) made this brilliant volcano and erupted it. Great Lava Hanna, well done!



Daniel (Y4) has been flexing his Scientific muscles. He used different ingredients and made a magic potion! I hope it worked out well Daniel.



Esmay (Y4) has been putting her brother Mason through his paces. They have been collaborating brilliantly. Well done guys, great perseverance!



Mason (N) coloured this lovely spider and remembered what the spider in 'Incy Wincy Spider' got up to.



Spencer (Y2) is developing lots of new skills at home. Here he is mending the rabbit hutch. He is also growing sunflowers and cucumbers. Well done Spencer!



Olivia (Y2) made and executed a plan to bake for all the residents in her hamlet. She baked, bagged and hand delivered 50 cupcakes! What a kind thing to do!



Nathan (Y2) has been expanding his culinary techniques at home. Here he is making meatballs! They look brilliant

Nathan. What will you be cooking next?

Joseph (Y4) used his book 'The King of the Fishes' as



inspiration to draw what he thought the 'King of the Sea' would look like. What a brilliant drawing Joseph!



Following last week's worship, Jess (Y4) made a cookie medal for her sister. It is to reward Harriet's perseverance in Gymnastics specifically,

her hard work trying to perfect her press to handstand. Very thoughtful Jess!

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Charlotte (R) has been working hard to learn Hot Cross Buns on her piano. She has also started exploring her new violin. What a musical household! Well done Charlotte!



Flynn (Y2) has been putting his green fingers to good use. He has planted flowers to make a butterfly garden. I can't wait to see it in full bloom, Flynn!

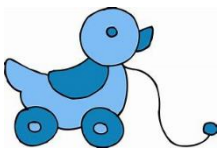


Eden (Y3) wrote a message to the people of Penkridge and hung it on the railing of the Methodist Church. It listed our Christian values in the hope that they would help others in the area. Thank you Eden!



Arthur, Jacob and Theo (Y1) have been creating treasure maps for each other. They have written instructions for each other to follow. What great teamwork from afar!

Well done boys, you have clearly enjoyed working together!



Something else to be thankful for this week is the safe arrival of baby Miles Sebastian Durnford. He arrived on Thursday weighing a very healthy 7lb 3oz. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Durnford and family.

