



Newsletter - June 2020

We have been pleased to welcome some children from Reception, Nursery, Year 1 and Year 6 children back to St Hilda's whilst continuing to stay open for keyworkers' children and vulnerable pupils since March. The children have loved coming into school and have quickly adapted to the new safety measures that have been put in place. St Hilda's wants to express our heartfelt appreciation to families for their support and understanding during this challenging time. Staff are ecstatic to be able to have more children back in school and to be doing what we love to do which is teach and care for the children. We are awaiting current government guidelines regarding further reopening of schools and will keep you informed regarding any changes. Trafford Council Local Authority will be arranging summer provision across the borough; we will keep you informed regarding this.





Thank you to Mrs Rawlings and her family for donating flowers to spruce up our school plant pots. They came and spent time tending to the plant pots and they look fabulous now!

We really appreciate this.

Home Learning

The government recommended Oak Academy is still available online as well as BBC Bitesize to support families with home learning. St Hilda's will continue to make welfare calls and support families with additional materials and resources where needed. Weekly planning will continue to be provided until the end of the Summer term. If you need any additional support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

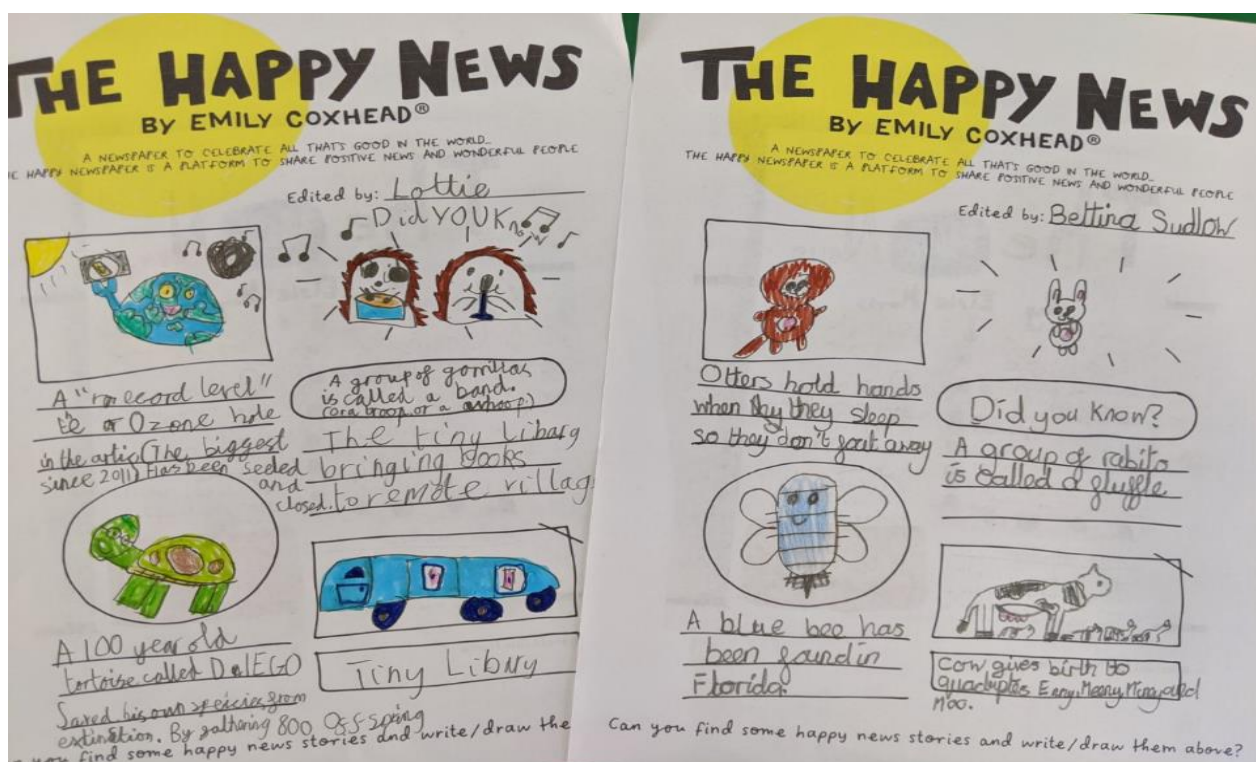
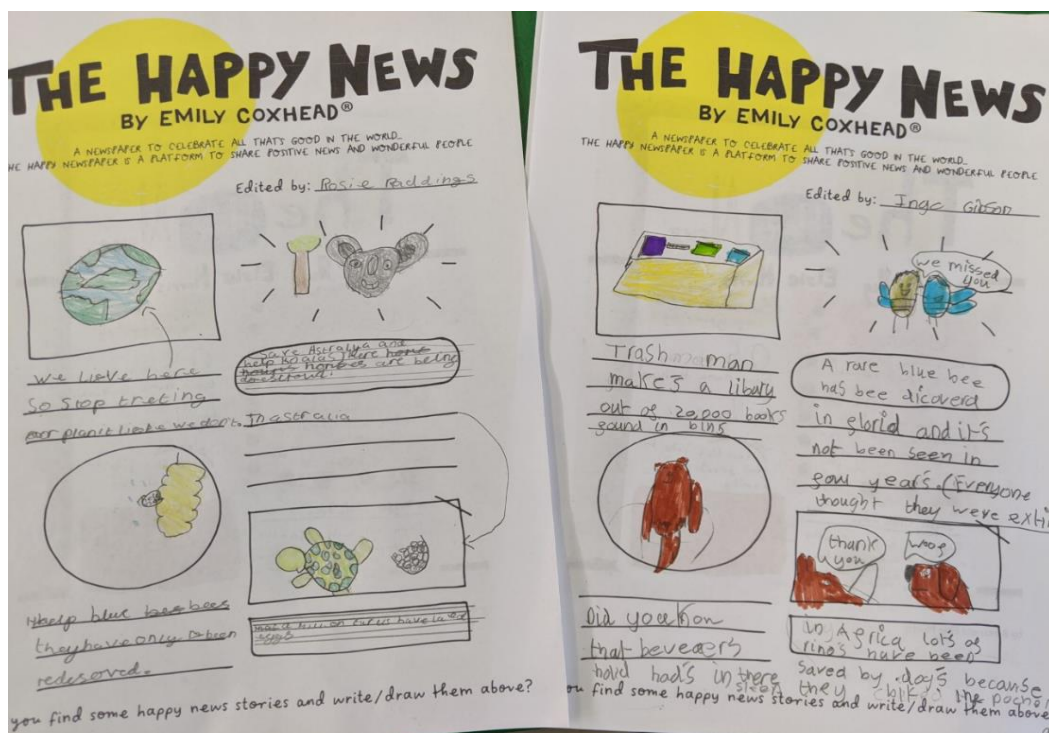
Mental Health and Well-Being

St Hilda's have been working hard to support children's mental health and wellbeing during these difficult times. Staff have received training on mental health and prepared a range of resources to help support our children. Mrs Beaumont, Miss McCoy and Miss Hassall are now trained mental health first aiders. Mrs Beaumont, our pastoral mentor, is on hand to offer further support to families where needed. We will be releasing a monthly Wellbeing Newsletter which covers advice to promote good mental health and signposts families to resources and support networks in our local community.



Positive Newspapers

Miss Rogan's bubble have been making positive newspapers to help children think about and reflect on all the good things that go on in the world.





Trust website and School Social Media

St Hilda's is proud to be part of Vantage Academy Trust. Please take the time to have a look at their new website to find out more about the Trust.

<https://vantageacademies.co.uk>

You can also follow them on Twitter: @VantageAcademi1

Follow St Hilda's on Facebook St Hilda's CE Primary School - Vantage Academies

Follow St Hilda's on Twitter @school_sthildas

Communicating via Zoom and SeeSaw Blog

Staff have now been trained in using Zoom and have started to conduct calls to support children where possible. Please keep an eye on the class blogs where you will receive an invite to events such as assemblies and class meets to allow pupils to see their friends virtually as well as staff setting weekly challenges. The meeting ID and passwords will be posted on the blogs. Staff will share Zoom etiquette guides on SeeSaw

Week 1 (beginning 29th June) – class teachers will upload a video of them reading a story
or poem

Week 2 (beginning 6th June) – class teachers will upload a word or number challenge
competition for your class

Week 3 (beginning 13th June) – class teachers will upload a quiz for your phase (Early
Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key
Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2)

Week 4 (beginning 20th June) – Virtual Sports Day Challenge via Zoom– Can you
complete the fitness challenges?

Year 6 Leavers' Service – 23.7.2020 at 10am



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff during these last few months who really have gone above and beyond to support families and each other during this crisis. Thank you to our wonderful cook Rachel, Mrs James and Mrs Simmons for preparing and delivering lunches and sourcing food bank parcels for families. Thank you to staff who have arranged additional resources / packs / equipment for those who needed it. Thank you to all St Hilda's wonderful teachers and teaching assistants for continuing to keep the school open by caring for key workers' children and vulnerable families whilst still providing home learning and support for children at home. Thank you for conducting welfare calls and working on the school blogs. Thank you to the office staff who have worked so hard. Mrs Beaumont has provided superb pastoral support for staff and families – thank you. Thank you to our lunchtime supervisors who have continued to provide care for children and help with cleaning the school daily. I would like to thank Vantage Trust and our Governing Body who have both provided a wealth of support and guidance. A huge thank you to Mike, our site manager, who has been here every single day without fail. Thank you to all staff who worked through the Easter and Whit holidays to ensure we could provide childcare provision for our keyworkers' families during this pandemic.

I am really proud to be the Principal at St Hilda's and it is times like these where we can appreciate what a special place St Hilda's Primary School's community is.

