

This week we entered our fifth week of home schooling. It continues to be a very strange time for us all and as I always say, we cannot wait to welcome the children back into school when we know it is safe to do so.

There has been a lot of talk in the media this week about when and how school's might open. I just wanted to reassure you that at this point a lot of what we are reading and hearing is 'speculation' and at the moment, no exact date has been agreed for the re-opening of schools. This will only be done when we know it is SAFE. We will continue to be guided by the decisions made by the Government and as soon as we know any details, we will let you know.

We also appreciate how many of you would love nothing more than for school's to re-open and we appreciate how difficult and challenging 'home schooling' is. Do not put lots of pressure on yourselves and remember class teachers are all here to help and support you. Home learning tasks will provide some structure and routine during these very long days, so persevere. The tasks will help distract children and keep them busy so please keep working away. We love to see the work you are all doing at home! Mrs Ralph

It's something we've never faced before
When the world got put on hold
Where nurses, drivers and school staff
Became the bravest and the bold
The roads became so quiet
The birds became so loud
And our frontline workers risked their lives
And made this country proud
So yes it's tough on all of us
And we want this all to go away
But stay home, stay safe and appreciate
That you'll get to live another day ❤️

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Celebrating Home Learning....As we can't have our usual weekly 'Celebration Assembly' in school, the teachers still wanted to acknowledge the work of individuals within their classes who they can see are working so hard at home. Certificates were posted to individuals who teachers have seen trying really hard with their home learning tasks. The teachers plan to do this every week so if it wasn't you this week, can you impress them next week with some work?



READING at home – Try and keep up regular reading with your children at home. Sharing stories with your children as well as listening to them read and letting them enjoy books are great ways to distract children and allows them to escape reality and immerse themselves in the wonderful world of literature. We have loved seeing some of our children still 'recommending' books to others. Keep it up!



**STAY
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**PROTECT
THE NHS**

**SAVE
LIVES**

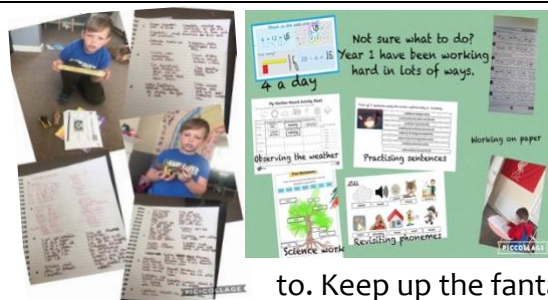
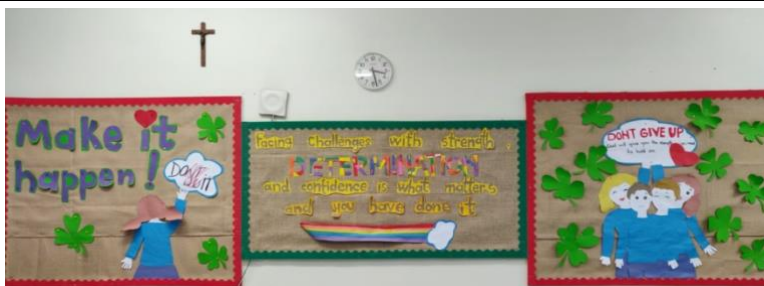
**Follow the
Government
Advice & STAY
SAFE, STAY HOME**

Stay home 🏠
Protect the NHS 🛡️
Save lives ❤️

Our new monthly VALUE is

DETERMINATION. This fantastic display has been created in school to celebrate our monthly value. How can you at home show 'determination' this month?

What are you determined to do? In my house, my little boy has set himself the challenge of learning to play the guitar during 'lockdown'. He knows he is going to have to be very determined to achieve this goal! What 'challenge' can you set yourself? What are you determined to achieve? Send a message to your teacher on SEESAW about what you are '**determined**' to do this month and we will share them with everyone. We can't wait to hear your ideas!



Home Learning... Thank you for continuing to share the wonderful work you are doing at home. We love to see all the amazing things you are up

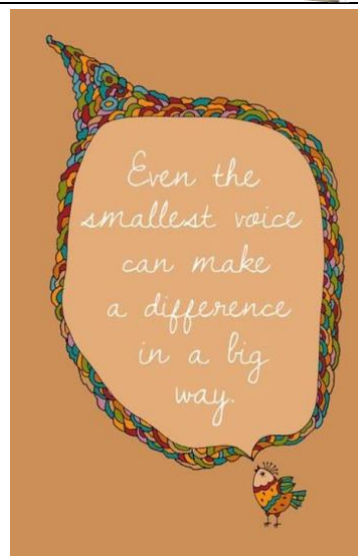
to. Keep up the fantastic work!



I am sure you have all been inspired by this wonderful man who turned 100 yesterday. Captain (now Colonel) Tom Moore turned 100 yesterday. He received over 120,000 birthday cards and we know many of you made and sent cards yourselves. Colonel Tom has now raised over 30 million pounds for the NHS and set a wonderful example to us all. He epitomises the very best things about the society we live in and shows us all how one person can make such a big difference. In this



time of sadness, it is wonderful to hear so many stories of what people are doing to help others in their immediate community too.



Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

In the Catholic Church, May is a special month dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Pope Francis composed a special prayer to Our Lady, to ask for her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. Maybe you can share it at home.

As we come to the end of another week, remember the staff in school are all here for you if you need us. Please do not hesitate to contact class teachers via SEESAW or you can contact myself or Mrs Bennison via the school office email –

schooloffice@stmichael-allangels.wirral.sch.uk

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Please try and stay positive during these sad and difficult times and look after those in your households. Stay safe and PLEASE take care. Mrs Ralph

