



The Mordiford Mail



At the start of the school year we all thought that this week was going to be a big one for Year 6; the week of their SATS assessments. Not for one minute did we imagine that not only would we not be taking the tests, but that we would actually not be in school having not seen each other since the 20th March. I know from Mr Foster that Year 6 have continued to be, in their own unique ways, resilient, cheerful, hardworking and optimistic. It goes without saying that I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them, and we don't need a SATS test to measure how they have coped so remarkably during the recent crisis or the contribution that they have all made to our fantastic school during their time at Mordiford.

As you are aware we learned on Sunday night from the government that the very early stages of planning have begun to possibly reopen primary schools from 1st June, and that part of that phase would involve Year 6, YR and Y1 children. I want you to know that we are committed to working hard between now and then to make sure that if we are asked to open that we can provide a **safe and stimulating environment** for the children to return to. Our absolute priority in planning any wider reopening of the school site is around the **safety of children and staff**. Each school site is unique and ours is no exception, so we have to carefully consider what potential barriers to reopening could be, such as the smaller classrooms, the construction site and the public footpath for example. I will be in touch next week to inform you of initial plans and to consult with the families of the year groups in the proposed phased return and key worker families. Part of this consultation will give families a chance to express if they wish to send their child back to school. If we are able to implement the phased return there are no penalties if parents choose not to send their children back during this time. Thank you so much for everything that you have done over the past few weeks in terms of staying home to stay safe, home schooling, supporting the school, keeping your children happy and calm and looking after your own well being. I have been amazed by your creativity and although these are very challenging times I know that we all have the character and determination to make things work as we try to return to a more normal way of life, once it is safe to do so.

Take care and enjoy your weekend. Best wishes, Miss Finney.



Thank you so Much!

Thank you Pengethley Garden Centre for donating the beautiful plants and compost...we had lots of fun planting them up.



From all of us this week to ...

**Amelia Y3, Will Y6, Nia Y6
and Will Y5**

Rainbow Children Competition.

Thank you for your wonderful entries to our competition we will announce the winners shortly.



Prayer Corner

Dear Lord,

Help us to get clever at things.

Help us discover new things and most importantly help us to learn from our mistakes.

Amen

By Ruby Roberts

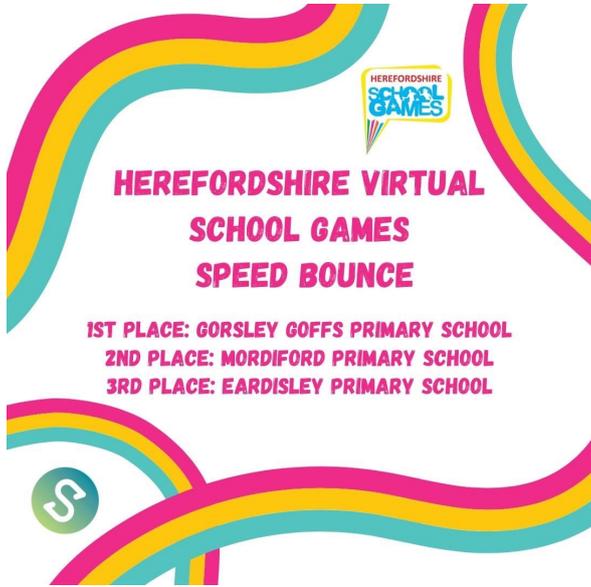
Dear Lord,

We thank you for you for our family and friends because they comfort us through times like these.

Amen

By Evie Prowse





**HEREFORDSHIRE VIRTUAL
SCHOOL GAMES
SPEED BOUNCE**

**1ST PLACE: GORSLEY GOFFS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2ND PLACE: MORDIFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
3RD PLACE: EARDISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Well done Mordiford, keep up the great work.

Hay Festival Digital #Imagine the World

Hay Festival Digital has announced the 2020 programme for schools created especially for learning at home, bringing authors straight from their house to yours from Monday 18 – Friday 22 May.

Each day, from 8am onwards, you can see two primary (years 3-6) authors introduced by Konnie Huq. These events will be available to watch again on Hay Player and you can access teaching materials to support learning before, during and after the festival.

This digital programme for schools has been kindly funded by Welsh Government.



We were delighted to hear about the different ways that you marked the 75th anniversary of VE day last weekend. Poppy H has made some crocheted bunting, Lottie and Lucas had a wartime tea party and Bobby created a special word search. Great work everyone.



You may have seen the recent alarming headlines regarding concerns that sex Offenders are targeting children and young people online in their own homes during Lockdown.

<https://nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/onlinesafetyathome>

The NCA is urging children, parents and carers to ensure they are safe online and has launched a package of educational aids to be used in home schooling.

To illustrate the risks the agency has produced a series of 15-minute activity packages for parents and carers to complete with children. They are available on the NCA's social media platforms and the website

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

