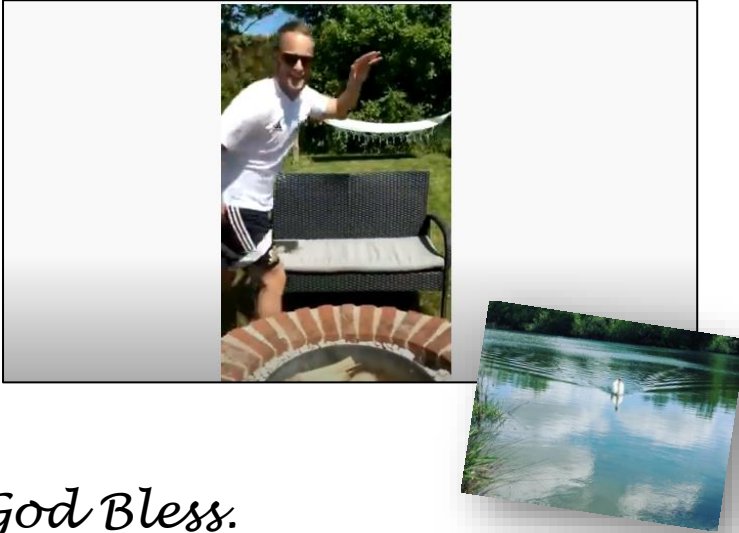


*The Good Shepherd Catholic
Primary School*

Newsletter 28 22nd May 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we have a video message from Mr Pearce, click the image below!



The school will be closed for half-term break from Monday 25th – Friday 29th June 2020. We will also be closed on 1st June for Staff Training. Purple Mash work will not be set or marked during this time.

Parents/Carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as key worker and vulnerable children, please complete the 'Return to School' form which can be found by clicking [HERE](#), by 15.00 today.

Enjoy half term!

God Bless.



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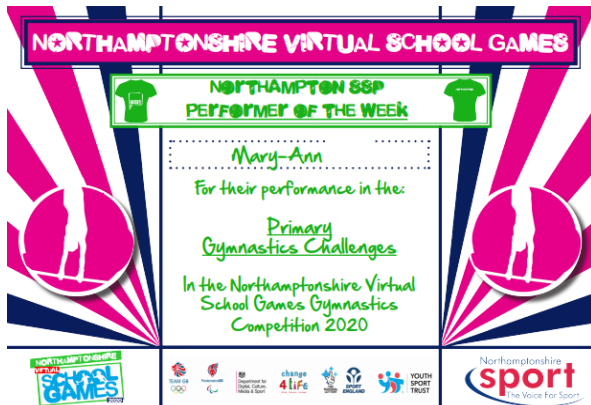


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Well done Mary-Ann you are amazing and always work so hard.



<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/virtual-school-games-2020>



Why not have a go at some of the projects yourself. You can find them here -

<http://www.thegoodshepherdcatholicprimaryschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=700&type=pdf>

TT Rock Stars Battle!

Battles			
	Home		Away
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year 1	9,366 0	Year 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year 3	13,542 161,697	Year 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Year 5	18,318 39,935	Year 6

[https://play.ttrockstars.com/.](https://play.ttrockstars.com/)

Having fun in the sun!



A row of five cupcakes with different colored frosting (purple, pink, yellow, green, and blue) and matching polka-dot liners. Each cupcake has a single lit candle on top. The candles are arranged to spell out 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' in a colorful, festive font.

19th May – Jamie Y and Ohanna

20th May – Maisie J

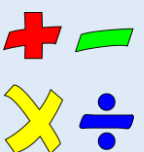
21st May - Malachi

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday!

A little maths riddle for you from Mrs Rainbow...

“How can you make the number 7 even without using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division?”

Submit your answer to your Purple Mash blog!



A message from our Trust Chaplain...

Last week, I was very excited to tell you about the three llamas I had met whilst out walking! Well, anyone who knows anything about llamas will know from the photo that they were not llamas; they were, in fact, alpacas...all three of them! I realise now that things are not always as they seem.

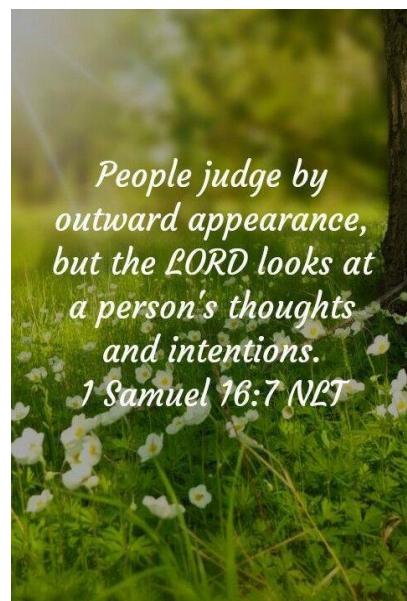
At the moment, I feel that I am developing a mantra: 'If it wasn't for lockdown...' Well, if it wasn't for lockdown, I would not have been walking 2.5 miles each morning and I would not have met the alpacas. Following this, I would not have met the farmer who owns the alpacas. He took great trouble to explain to me the difference between a llama and an alpaca. I also discovered that the alpacas I saw are named: Bocadito (Peruvian for butterfly), Brando and Braveheart. There is always something new to learn!

It is like anything in life. We are very quick to make an opinion on external appearances, but, when we get to know a little more, we discover that it is easy to see what we *think* is on the surface. However, if we dig a little bit deeper, we will be far richer in knowledge and understanding.

All too often, when people are snappy with us or always seem grumpy or don't make a decision in the way we want or expect, we are critical. We should try to remember that we don't always know what is going on in their lives; they may be just having a bad day or they may be scared, may be worried about their health, family members, jobs, money, choices they have to make. The thing is we just don't know! So, on a 'just in case basis', maybe we should repay the snappiness and grumpiness with a smile or the offer of a helping hand or a listening ear. You may not get any thanks for it and you may not know if you have helped at all, but you will be doing the right thing and offering kindness to the world!

God Bless,

Mrs Darwin



This week is Mental Health Awareness week in the UK. At this time, it is more important than ever to look after your mental health and well-being, therefore, we have created a page on our website to help support our families and staff.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the page.

We will continue to update this page with information we feel will be useful to our school community.



Mental Health Awareness Week				
The 7 Day KINDNESS Challenge!	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Make a cup of tea for someone in your family	Send someone you haven't seen in ages a letter or a postcard	Donate food or clothes to people in need	
	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
	Bake a cake or some biscuits to cheer someone up	Ask your parents for a chore that would really help them out	Video call someone you know is feeling a bit lonely	Be kind to yourself and spend some time on YOU!



As we set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, we thought it would be a good idea to renovate our beautiful statue of Our Lady in the KS1 playground. A massive thank you to Mr Flanagan for his amazing work on this lovely prayer space. The children are going to love it!

Did you see Mrs Hancy's special Video about fairies?!

Click the image to watch the magical story...

