



HOLLYMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 20th April 2020,

Good morning Hollymount!

I hope you all managed to enjoy the Easter Holidays. We were very lucky to have such wonderful weather so I hope you got to play in your gardens or a local park.

Today is the start of the Sumer Term, therefore Daily Learning on the Virtual School starts again. We have made a few small additions to the Virtual School.

1. You can attend a weekly Mindfulness session every Monday. These sessions will help your mental wellbeing so I hope you are able to attend.
2. Once a week, you will be asked to complete some writing on J2e. This is an online writing programme and once you have completed your writing, your teacher will be able to give you feedback. Ms Halpin has put together a video on how to use J2e in the Computing section on the Virtual School.
3. There is a totally new Daily Exercise and Wellbeing section on the Virtual School. You will be set a daily challenge by a Merton PE Coach. You may even get to see Coach Fraser and by completing the activities, you can win points for the school and individual medals.

I hope you enjoy all the fun activities on our Virtual School. We will continue to have a Friday assembly and upload more and more stories in the Story Time section. Isn't Ms Halpin doing an amazing job with the Virtual School?

If you want to write me a letter, please do. I love hearing what you have been up to. Just send it to the school address above and include your address as well. I promise I will write back.

Some of you may be feeling a little sad that you are not returning to school today. I feel sad as well and that is quite normal. One person that has made me feel more optimistic is Captain Tom. Have you heard of him? He completed 100 laps of his garden at the age of 99. It is his 100th birthday on Thursday! By completing these 100 laps, he raised millions and millions of pounds for the NHS. His determination, resilience and optimism really inspires me. He says that, 'Tomorrow will be a good day.' He doesn't necessarily mean tomorrow, or the next day but sometime soon we will all return to school and get to see our friends and teachers again. He has hope, as do I, that the good days will return and schools will re-open. Won't that be such a great day?

Now, take care of yourselves and very importantly, be kind to everyone at home.

Mr Birnage



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