

LOCKDOWN LEGENDS



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Please find attached another wonderful small selection of Transform 'Lockdown Legends' to remind us of the brilliant children and members of staff we have. Please do send anything you wish to add into future bulletins to Sarah D pa.ceo@transformtrust.co.uk

Breadsall Hill Top - Could you please pass this on to whom you see fit; Good morning, I just want to start by saying thank you for all the amazing support you've all provided my children and myself with in these uncertain times. My children's teachers have been in close contact with us as parents every step of the way. Not only have you supported my children through this but also the support I myself has had through this whether it be to help me support my children's education, provide extra work, bounce ideas for alternative learning but you have also answered, as a school, any questions we have openly and honestly. When the whole world is changing and nothing is consistent breadsall hill top primary seems to be the only normal stable thing we have in our lives. My children may not be in the classroom at the moment but the calming influence you are all, as a school, having on my children indirectly is fantastic. I cannot thank you all enough for the amazing job you are all doing. Could not have asked for a better school for my children to attend. You're all doing a fantastic job. Yours thankfully, two very grateful parents.

Allenton - I want to recommend **Sharon Taylor** as a 'Legend' not just Lockdown Legend. Since our Deputy Head left back in the Autumn Term, Sharon has done a sterling job stepping into the breach. She has frequently held the school together readily taking on almost anything that has been thrown at her. She provides amazing support for staff as well as children even under very difficult circumstances and when things don't go to plan. I know many of the staff at ACPS would like to echo this. For Sharon who is an absolute star that goes above and beyond all the time.

A parent of a Year 6 child at **Ravensdale** sent this lovely message to the Headteacher recently;

It suddenly saddens me to read the email and realise that our relationship with Ravensdale School is soon to end. I somehow didn't feel it till now! I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to you and your team. In the lockdown, struggling to keep him meaningfully occupied, I realized how immensely important you are to my life as a parent... You have shared my responsibility in a way and I can confirm you have done a far better job than me...

SS is very small today and may not be able to tell you how important you are to him so I take it upon myself to tell you how deeply indebted he is to you for shaping his psyche in these formative years...

A teacher in our Hindu tradition is considered greater than God... Thanks a lot for all that you do for my son as well as all other students in school. Deep regards

Liz McDermott at **Whitegate** has received 2 nominations! Even though Liz was told she was not allowed in to school during the partial closure, she still wanted to make sure she was doing her fair share of work and trying to encourage the children to be learning – and reading at home. Not only has she put together a timetable and advice guide for Phoenix when she is in school – she has also uploaded lots of work and projects for Phoenix when she is at home to help and support Granny in managing her better. Liz has also been active every day on her new Library Twitter account. She has thought of creative challenges to engage both parents and the children. Even over the 'Easter Holidays', she still wanted to provide challenges for the children. She has also been reading different stories and sharing these clips with different classes on Showbie. I also know that Liz has been helping Liberty to produce a list of 'topic' books for the new topics we are hoping to use next year.

I think Liz McDermott should get a little mention. She's worked tirelessly on twitter keeping the library things going. She really trying to keep the children reading and providing them with different activities to do including sign posting to other twitter accounts like David Williams online books. I don't think she's missed a day including working during the Easter holidays some days putting two or three fun things to take part in on twitter. She's a true lockdown legend. So impressed and proud of all she's done and continues to do.

Edale Rise children were set a DT Great Edale 'Bake Off' Challenge. The theme was 'Eat a Rainbow' and here are some of the amazing entries we had.....

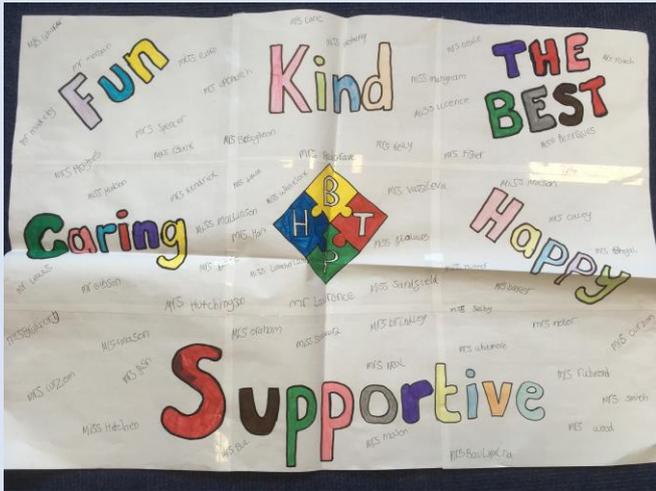


Everyone did a great job and we hope they and their families enjoyed eating their delicious products too.

Wonderful thanks from a parent to the **Sneinton** Headteacher; I just wanted to take a little time out to say thank you for the incredibly difficult job you are doing. You're a special person and the school you run is a credit to you. I love the atmosphere you have created. I am so grateful to the teachers who spend time to go through the work that we submit onto dojo and who take the time to write lovely comments for the children to read. A conversation with one of my friends in Leicester taught me that this attention to detail is not a universal as they have received very little in the way of feedback during lockdown. Carry on the brilliant work, and do let me know if you have any more prayer requests. God bless,

May I take this opportunity to thank the Trust for putting things in place to enable year 6 to go back to school and see their friends and have a proper send off. You're all doing an amazing job for our children and it is much appreciated ❤️🙏

We just wanted to share this beautiful and touching picture from one of our wonderful **Breadsall Hill Top** pupils in Y4 – all the teacher’s names have been included.



A pupil from **Rosslyn** was spotted on the Inspire Gymnastics Club Facebook page raising money for the club.



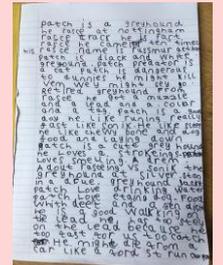
Thank you so much to Jessica for her awesome fundraising effort for Team Inspire! 7 crazy challenges in 7 days raised £515.73!

Nomination for **Sue Kirby at Whitegate**

Sue is always going above and beyond for the children she works with and the staff she works alongside. Even throughout the partial closure, she has still been going above and beyond for the children. At Easter, she created ‘bunny baskets’ for each of the children she had been working with in the previous weeks – even the children of Highbank. The children were so grateful and thankful when I handed the gifts to them on behalf of Sue.

Nomination for **Lara Krause at Whitegate**

For organising and arranging timings for everyone in our Whitegate ‘We’re all in this Together’ video – to ensure the children had a personal message sent to them in these uncertain times.



Here is a lockdown legend from **South Wilford**. This is Joshua who has been writing about his new greyhound. Patch. The school are very proud of Joshua as they can see he has worked really hard on this piece of writing. Joshua has ASD and has found lockdown difficult but Patch is really helping him.

We all have our ‘always’ children but at **Edale Rise** we have not only a ‘Lockdown Legend’ but an ‘Always Legend’! Nothing is ever too much for **Paula**, our HLTA in Year 6, not only for our lucky children but generally across school and not only in school time but out of hours too. Whether it’s a phone call, text message or face –to–face, Paula is always quietly there for our whole school community, children, families, and staff. Our ‘go to’ person, Paula is an immense source of experience, expertise and wisdom for us all and another precious gem amongst the awesome team of support staff here. Thank you Paula, for going above and beyond during lockdown – and always.

Matt Lawrence and the team at **Breadsall Hill Top** recently received this wonderful thank you card from a parent.



South Wilford - I’d like to just emphasise how incredible **Natalie Aldridge** is being at leading our school, and she’s not even the head!! I know all school leaders are doing an amazing job and going above and beyond but she really is the most inspirational leader I’ve ever met and needs the formal recognition for this. I know for a fact she hasn’t stopped working day and night for months and when asked if she needs any help with things she’s just so graceful and thinks about everyone else before herself. She even asked people to individually give her their honest thoughts about reopening and took everyone’s individual worries, concerns, circumstances and home situations into account to make sure everyone was valued and respected. I know everyone else agrees with me that she has literally ran the school pretty much single handedly and everything planned out is absolutely error proof. I know for a fact I couldn’t be doing what she is doing without having the odd melt down or snapping or stressing at someone out of stress but she hasn’t let it get to her once!

Whitegate. I’d like to nominate **Babs Whiley** as she returned to work following her operation just as Lockdown was enforced and hit the ground running! She’s worked tirelessly to support the families of vulnerable children, making twice or more weekly calls. She’s liaised with countless outside agencies to provide additional support where possible, and is always on hand for advice should staff need it.

I’d also like to nominate **Beth Stimson** for her hours of work in co-ordinating both the staff YouTube video and the choir’s singing one. I know it was appreciated by lots of parents and children alike. Not to mention the staff!