

LOCKDOWN LEGENDS



BULLETIN 2 – May 2020

Please find attached a 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

South Wilford - Here is a really nice message from a Parent showing her child as they received a postcard from school. SWE sent these out to all children with a personal message from their teacher.

Joe was so happy to receive this this morning! Your words are so lovely and it's such a special deal! Thank you very much xx



I just wanted to recommend **Natalie Aldridge** as a lockdown star for next month. She has gone above and beyond in her support for staff as acting headmistress and has shown dedication to the pupils of South Wilford at all points. In what has been a really difficult school year, she has shown diligence, respect and versatility in supporting families, children and staff. We all really appreciate everything she has done and continues to do for our lovely school.

A fantastic performance from the staff at **Brocklewood** who have produced a wonderful film for the children using Makaton to 'A Million Dreams' - we will get through this together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5ZfeOpvrJY&app=desktop>

I wasn't sure the best way to do this so thought I would email you and then perhaps you could make sure everybody hears but I just wanted to say how well I think **Transform** has handled this difficult situation. The briefings were so helpful and useful and it really felt like we are all in this together. The support has been incredible and I am, once again, so thankful to be part of Transform. Thank you to each and every one of the central team who have been working so hard.

For the last 5 weeks Miss Bingham of **Roslyn** has been doing a street Mini Disco with the kids on her street - bringing the community together, it seems they've all absolutely loved it!



Edale Rise Foundation Stage staff have created this lovely postcard for the children.



Pear Tree staff have all been amazing during this time but a particular shout out must go to three very special people. Jackie, Shaista and Lenka the school's office team have been working tirelessly to ensure the school office continues to operate during this period. They have provided constant communication and reassurance to our parents by receiving and making phone calls - keeping the school office open each and every day. In addition, they have battled relentlessly to ensure all our children who are entitled to Free School Meals have received their vouchers (Jackie became the go to SBM for Derby City Schools). No mean feat given that the majority do not have access to the internet and need to have physical vouchers. Pear Tree Community will be forever indebted for their service. Thank you.

South Wilford



Hi Mr. Pavli,
Just wanted to say thank you so very much for dropping round yesterday, you really don't know how much it meant to Finlay (and us too!) Even though you failed to plan a sensible route of NG11 🤔, your thoughtfulness is just amazing.
Finlay literally jumped with excitement before and after you left, he absolutely loved you reading one of your childhood books on our doorstep and your postcard and such lovely words really touched our hearts 🥰.
I really do hope year one gets repeated and Finn can stay with you for a little longer, you have guided this crazy little whirlwind so much throughout his time with you, he's still a crazy whirlwind, but wouldn't want him any other way.
Mr Pavli, you truly are an amazing teacher and human and we very much appreciate you!
Thanks again,
All the best,
Lisa, Finlay and the rest of the family 🥰

Sarah Farmer, a TA at **Bulwell St Mary's** has been sharing stories with her pupils using Makaton. These go out on class dojo.

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I am a SENDCo at **Edale Rise** and I am very lucky to have a brilliant, supportive team of expertise around me who always go above and beyond. I would like to draw your attention to how a member of our team is, in these challenging times, going above and beyond to continue to support one of our children during closure.

A Teaching Assistant and keyworker to one of our children with complex special needs, has been maintaining contact and providing curriculum support by making personalised videos to send to the family. These videos cover a range of needs from the tailored curriculum delivered in school – communication & interaction, play, toileting, movement, wellbeing – and mum reports how these are looked forward to with anticipation (huge step of progress for this child) and excitement and how engaging they are. I am sure you will agree how important this continued ‘face-to-face’ contact will have been to support transition when we do eventually return to school.

She always does make the most of any CPD opportunities but, during closure, has continued this to enhance the support she is providing.

This has all been done through her own initiative, dedication and professionalism so I hope you agree that she really has gone ‘above and beyond’ at this difficult time. She is a real asset to our wonderful SEND team.

I hope you don't mind me emailing you. However, I have a message for the **Trust staff** that I hoped you could pass on for me (anonymously if you wouldn't mind).

I would like it to be known to all Trust staff members just how supported and empowered I feel to guide the school through these challenging times with the Transform team behind me. The Heads meeting yesterday was exceptional and has had a huge impact on my action planning moving forward. Every question was discussed and answered, no matter how big or small. Everyone pulled together and there was real clarity in collective decisions. Experts in their fields gave me confidence in how to move forward with all the many different situations that will likely arise. Overall, I feel ready to take on reopening the school.

So please pass on a huge thank you for me. For the support. For the knowledge. For the hard work. For their talent.

Parkdale recently launched a ‘proud’ theme for a whole school project to provide a sense of togetherness for the children, for engagement purposes and also so that siblings can enjoy working together. The school has now produced a wonderful video showcasing some wonderful winning moments the children were ‘Proud’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azKLseGvLdw>



Zaytouna had the most special day recently by delivering over 300 Ramadan goodie bags to all of their children. So many smiles, sparkly eyes & happy tears! A massive thank you to all of the Zayteam that helped - whenever they have these ideas, they ALWAYS pull it out of the bag.



Some of the wonderful feedback from parents and carers at **Bulwell St Mary's**

Just a kind word of appreciation I just wanted to express my admiration for Ms Docherty. I cannot express how fantastic she's been and how engaging. I know it won't go unnoticed but I was her to be recognised greatly for working in great depths supporting parents and her students whilst being a parent working from home too.

I just think she absolutely deserves to be remembered for this, we celebrate the hero's of the NHS during these times but when the world resumes to normal and we're back at school, I would truly like miss Docherty to be remembered with her hard work and support and the students to recognise how lucky they are to have an incredible devoting teacher such as her! Year 5 are incredibly lucky!

I think she's a wonderful lady and definitely deserves the recognition during these times!

Thank you, I'm hoping so lol I don't think parents or children realise how much school is important in everyday life, it's certainly made me think how much structure and support is given by teachers and not just the education! Thank you for everything, will keep in touch 😊xx

Hi, I understand you are all incredibly busy, I just wanted to pass on my thanks, echoed by lots of other parents, for the leadership shown throughout the corona virus crisis so far. Everyone from the office to the classrooms have been clear, open and reassuring, despite the fast pace of the changes/updates being issued. Responding so quickly in unprecedented circumstances is a huge challenge. You are all doing a great job and are appreciated. I hope you all stay well. Thank you! Laura.

We have done most of the time table today and over the last few weeks we have been heavily focusing on odds and evens, number lines, telling the time, phonics. We also have a pea plant growing they have been following and the bean plant is still alive too. Turtle diary has come in handy for learning about the body, plants and recycling. Hats off to you it's very stressful

Transform YouTube

Thank you to everyone who has produced wonderful videos for our children and sent them in to us – huge thanks to **Burford** for sending us three! A selection are available on our Transform TV YouTube channel here;

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSu8URnulnC2EO36T6sMobg?view_as=subscriber

To Miss Brittle (South Wilford Endowed)

I hope you are safe and well. I wanted to share some photos of what I am doing during lock down.



This is my poster I did for world Earth Day last week. I researched ways I can save the planet. It shows all the ways I am going to help reduce emissions. I have started already by growing food and riding my bike everywhere

This is me watering the salad and vegetables that we are growing in our garden.



This is a Topic about my favourite animal a panda. I painted a rock with one on

I have been reading lots of books. My favourite is Evie in the Jungle because it has animals in.



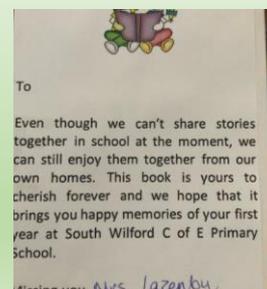
I have been doing lots of creative things which makes me happy. I made my neighbour A rainbow because they are sad and have been poorly. I miss you lots
From Neve



S at **Bulwell St Mary's** here showing his green fingered skills by growing strawberries and runner beans in his garden. He has also been busy in the kitchen making homemade bread and a delicious steak and mushroom pie!



South Wilford Endowed EYFS staff have been delivering a book to every EYFS child! As they can't have story-time in school together at the moment, they are going to all share the same story at home instead!



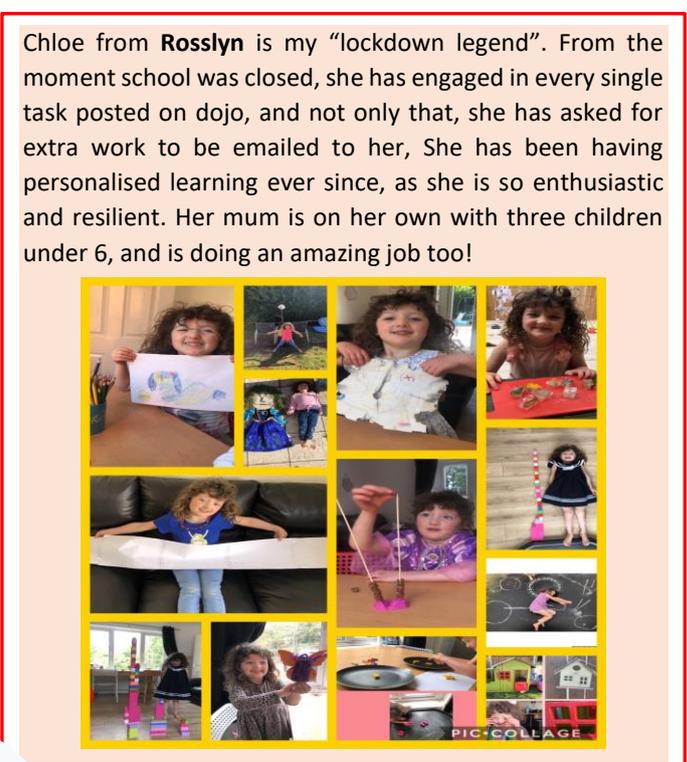
The teachers at my daughter's school are wonderful. We miss them.

I feel incredibly lucky to work with the colleagues that I do, they've supported me through the tough times and been there to laugh with me in the good.

Really enjoyed today's CPD session on forgetting and retrieval - It is good to be reminded that forgetting is normal. Lovely practical ideas for classroom use too!
Thank you!



This wonderful teacher at **Pear Tree** made 30 mini versions of herself and has delivered them to every child in her class!



Chloe from **Rosslyn** is my "lockdown legend". From the moment school was closed, she has engaged in every single task posted on dojo, and not only that, she has asked for extra work to be emailed to her, She has been having personalised learning ever since, as she is so enthusiastic and resilient. Her mum is on her own with three children under 6, and is doing an amazing job too!