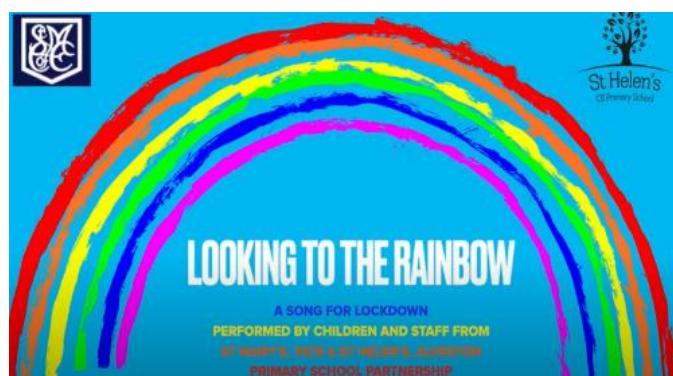


From Mr Chappell

As we come to the end of Term 5 and continue to move forward in these unprecedented times, there are so many different things to reflect on. One of my major reflections is linked explicitly to our school values and the importance that we place on them, when we talk every single day with our children. At some point over the last few months during lockdown, I am sure that your children have demonstrated these values in abundance: whether demonstrating *'perseverance and courage'* when times have been difficult, *'compassion and friendship'* when acknowledging the immense efforts people are going to in our society, or *'generosity and thankfulness'* when these unprecedented times gives us a sense of perspective of what are the important things to us, such as our families. These are the school values that we work so hard in partnership with you as families, to try and instil in our children as part of their education. I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for all their efforts, over the last few months, in displaying these values.

Today the parents of Reception class children and critical workers will have received information about opening in Term 6; if there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you all for your continued support and thank you also to every single staff member who have worked tirelessly over recent months.

The St Helen's community, children, families and staff - 'Flying High - Soar on Wings Like Eagles'



'Looking to the Rainbow'

Hopefully by now you would have seen the wonderful video of some of our children from Year 5 and 6 singing 'Looking to the Rainbow', alongside children from St Mary's. Everyone knows how much we love singing at St Helen's, so to develop this 'secret project' and to release the song was a lovely way to end Term 5. Our thanks go to Mrs Kossmann for organising the children, Miss Clarke and Mrs Woolford for being involved, Mr Spens for the video technology and finally to all the St Helen's children involved – well done. The comments on Class Dojo showed how amazing it was.

That's beautiful! 🌈 well done everyone 🌟

A fantastic job. Well done to all the singers and those who put it together so beautifully.

Wow! Beautiful! Very touching

Absolutely Brilliant... well done everyone...

Amazing! 🌈 such a lovely song!!

This is lovely, well done to everyone involved! —

This has made me smile and lifted my spirits!! Well done St Helens. Proud to be part of this wonderful community x

If you have yet to see it, please click on the link for the full video:

<https://youtu.be/OzPwbb6gzng>

It really is amazing!

Well done to the children involved:

Caitlin, Nathanel, Evie, Daisy, Emma, Isis, Yasmin and Jonny.

Lovely singing!





We know that TTRS is so important on building a really secure understanding of multiplication facts, but it has also been great to see so many children in KS1 develop their quick recall of number bonds, over the last few weeks. Mr Leeming was very impressed and a huge well done to the children in Year 1 and 2 who have been recognised for their hard work, having made the biggest increase in levels passed in the last fortnight. Well done all of you!

Well done to all those children who have been playing TTRS this week. Last week Mr Chappell set the children the target of seeing who could increase the speed and accuracy of their answers. It was great to see some children really improve. Look out for very special certificates that will be sent this week to say a huge well done for all your hard work!

Class Dojo and Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who continues to post examples of their work on these platforms. During the time of lockdown it has been great to see what the children have been up to and the interaction between home and school has been great. As a school we have collected an amazing 2,637 Dojo Points. Keep it up!



Safeguarding

I again remind you about safeguarding: It is imperative that if you have any concerns you contact the school or South Gloucestershire's Access and Response Team. Our greatest priority as a school is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. In these unprecedented times, and during the school closure, the safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority.

We will continue to support our families through different means: whether by frequent phone calls, class Zoom meetings, emails and, when necessary, face to face house visits (with social distancing protocols). We are also continuing to work with external agencies during this period of closure. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, please contact us as a matter of urgency. Mr Chappell is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mr Spens is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). Throughout the closure we are contactable at all times via the school email: sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk. South Gloucestershire Council's Safeguarding Access and Response Team (ART) is also available to report concerns about a child: 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (4.30 on Friday) and 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends.

This is a challenging time for many reasons and there may be some families who need additional support, so if you have **ANY** questions or concerns please feel free to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to those children who have achieved certificates over the last few weeks. Thank you to everybody for all their hard work! Congratulations to our certificate winners:

Cherry Class – Sienna and Emilia
Holly Class – Peaches and Harry
Beech Class – Fernando and Bonnie
Oak Class – William and Martha

Ash Class – Lola and Max
Sycamore Class – Alex and Evelyn
Elm Class – Caitlin and Nathanael



