



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020



## Welcome!

Welcome to our Summer newsletter which continues to come to you under unprecedented circumstances. As the country has fought and continues to fight the coronavirus pandemic and adapts to a very different way of life, we have worked hard to retain some sense of normality and keep pupils learning at home. I'd like to personally thank every parent and carer who has supported us in this endeavour.

Lots of great things have happened both in school and at home, which is why we want to go ahead with our newsletter this term, albeit electronically rather than the usual printed copy.

It has been an action packed term here at Diamond Hall Junior Academy.

We have had the pleasure of parent's and children sending in a range of images including children's activities around the house, such as exercising and baking alongside creative

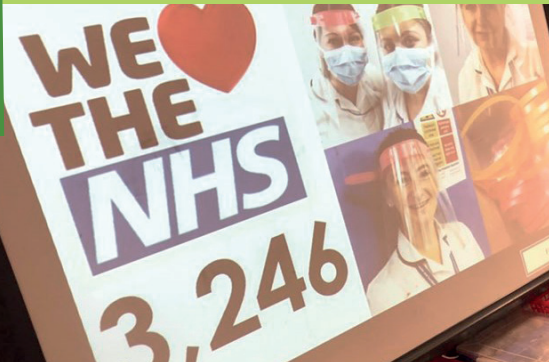
projects. There have been wonderful examples of children's 'lockdown memories' and poetry completed during the school closure. Our children whether in school or at home have been extremely busy!

Finally, I'd like to thank our parents and carers once again for your continued support as we try our best to move forward into the 'new normal' during this very difficult time. I'd also like to extend my thanks, along with all staff at Diamond Hall Junior Academy, to those in our community and beyond who are continuing to help keep us safe and care for us all.

Please take care and stay safe over the Summer break.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

**Mrs F Hoare**  
Headteacher



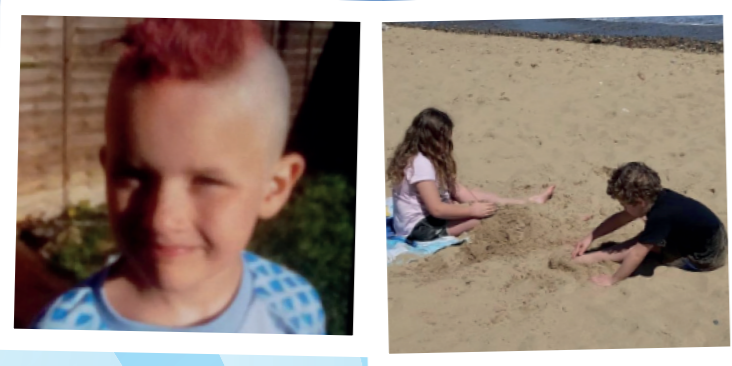
## PPE Production

**At the beginning of the pandemic, the six secondary schools with the North East Learning Trust came together to produce PPE for frontline workers.**

We would like to thank the incredible frontline workers for their tireless efforts and dedication to keeping us safe and the members of NELT staff for their efforts producing the protective visors.



# 3AR's lockdown!



Two children from Miss Robinson's Year 3 class told us all about their lockdown. Here's what they had to say...

"Lockdown has been very strange, at first it was exciting because we didn't have to go to school and got to stay up a bit later and lie in a bit later. The sad thing was that I could not visit my family. I did not like that I could not play out with my friends during lockdown. I had lots of fun with my new puppy and we went on lots of walks. Luckily it was sunny so we could play in our new paddling pool. Home schooling is okay, but I am ready to go back to school now. The best bit of lockdown was when my mum let me get mowhawk hair!"

- Alfie

"We went to the beach and played in the sand. We built a huge sandcastle and I climbed up the rocks where I could see over the pier where men were fishing. It was such fun in the sunshine and we ate sausage rolls and ice cream."

- Eleanor

## We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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## IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

Due to the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic, we cannot commit to any fixed school events at the moment. Planned events in school are postponed until further notice.

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.

## Railway line safety

As the summer holidays begin, we would like to remind you the dangers of railway lines.

Our friends at Nexus have showed concerns for a number of young children who have been seen playing near local Metro stations. While we do not have reason to believe any of these children attend Diamond Hall Junior Academy we would like to remind you of the dangers of railway lines.

During the summer holidays, we know lots of children will be playing outside with friends but we must ensure that children do not approach railway lines without adult supervision.

Trains are not able to stop quickly on the track so cannot avoid any obstacles, not only is there danger from the train itself, playing around trainlines can cause injury from tripping or overhead lines.

Please enjoy your summer safely!



# Hello!



## Lockdown acrostic poem

**L**ockdown is strange for us

**O**ur world is a little dangerous

**C**all each other's names and we we'll be there

**K**nowing we are keeping to the rules

**D**oing what we can to get through

**O**ptions of life and doing what we have to do

**W**e will keep up the good work

**N**ever give up and NHS rocks!

## Joke corner

What do you get when you mix an elephant with a fish?

Swimming trunks!

How can you tell the ocean is friendly?

It waves!



## Hello to our new Year 3 pupils!

Hello to the children and parents/carers who will be joining Diamond Hall Junior Academy in September!

At this time of year we would usually hold transition visits in our school to show you around our school areas. As we cannot currently show you around in person, please visit our Facebook page to join us on our virtual tour...

We look forward to seeing you all in September!



## Mia's solar system project

During lockdown, Year 5 pupil, Mia created a wonderful solar system project with her family.

## What is kindness?

Olivia from Year 5 wrote a short piece on how to be kind. Here's what she had to say...

I think kindness is when you help someone. For example, you could help your Mam. This is being kind. You could offer to help make tea, hang up clothes on the washing line, or even learn to iron! These things show respect.

Another act of being kind is respecting the person. Let them say their problems to you and make them happy. For example, you might ask someone to play a game, but they have to work. You can show respect by saying 'maybe

later' instead of being moody.

The last thing could be just laughing with someone! Whether its a friend or family member you can try and make them laugh or show them something funny. If they are feeling down tell a joke and try your hardest to cheer them up.





# Lockdown account

As part of a writing task set by Mr Potter, pupils told us about their feelings towards lockdown.

"The first and second week of lockdown I missed all of my school friends and learning in school. I also missed all of my teachers. When I first heard about lockdown I thought it would only be for a few weeks, but no. As months and months went on it got a little easier and I was used to the work and staying at home. Now that I know we will be going back and that I will see my friends, I am excited." - Rio

"The year 2020 was an extremely difficult year for us all. It started well after Christmas with our new toys and gadgets. This all changed at the beginning of March when a very strange virus appeared affecting the whole world. All of our school work was done online through a website called Purple Mash and teachers called weekly to see how we were doing or if we needed help with our school work. Finally after months of staying indoors, on the 1st June 2020, we were able to visit our families of up to six people, keeping the two metre distance rule and some children started to return to school." - Kaiden

"We are allowed to go out for daily exercise, I go on my scooter keeping two metres away from the people who pass me. We have to wash our hands and use hand sanitizer. I do enjoy doing schoolwork but I miss my friends and teachers. I have been wondering who my new teacher will be in September and what the classrooms will look like. I can't wait for things to go back to normal." - Ella



## VE Day celebrations

To mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, lots of our children celebrated by dressing up, having socially distant street parties, and by baking lots of tasty treats.

Our staff all joined together virtually to toast the anniversary with a cup of tea. We loved seeing all of your VE Day celebrations, including Olivia's afternoon tea party!

