



Round up: Issue 09

Primary

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter where this week's theme is **'How are we saying 'thank you' to the NHS and all our other key workers?'** This wonderful group of people, who have worked incredibly hard to look after us at this challenging time, include retired doctors, nurses and carers who have stepped back into their uniforms to help tackle the spread of the virus, and more than 500,000 people have volunteered to help the NHS in any way they can. Also, there are the **teachers, firefighters, soldiers, dentists, vets, shop workers, cleaners, caretakers, postmen and postwomen, refuse workers** delivering vital services. Not forgetting, the **people making and distributing medicines, personal protective equipment and food!**

It has been really impressive to hear of your endeavours to make personal protective equipment, and fundraise for the NHS, as well as showing your support with your beautiful rainbows in order to spread hope. We have been showing our appreciation, every Thursday, as we come together as a nation and 'Clap for our Carers' (very loudly!) for looking after us and our loved ones.

On a final note, we have thoroughly enjoyed hearing all your stories and adventures during these last eight weeks and would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you as well for all that you have shared in our Wiltshire 'Round Up' newsletters – well done and 'thank you' to our brilliant children!



What is the NHS?

The National Health Service (NHS) was founded in 1948 by Aneurin Bevan who was the Minister of Health at that time. He strongly believed that everyone was entitled to free health care from birth to death; that is was a right rather than something people had to pay for.

It was the first time anywhere in the world that completely free healthcare was made available on the basis of citizenship rather than the payment of fees or insurance.

- The NHS is the largest employer in the UK and the biggest group in the workforce are nurses.
- NHS staff on the whole are in contact with more than 1.5 million patients and their families every single day.
- The NHS employs people from over 200 different countries and women make up 77% of the NHS total workforce.
- The London 2012 Olympic opening ceremony featured a tribute to the NHS and all performers in the act came from the NHS and local schools.

Blue Peter!

A **Blue Peter** badge for Lucy's performance 'You'll Never Walk Alone' in honour of the NHS!

Lucy's family and school, Colerne Primary are all super proud of her!



Thank you from **Harnham Infants School** and parents who have been sending encouraging messages and even gifts to the school, such as this beautiful crocheted school bear! The school has even received free hand sanitiser from a local chemist to help keep our community safe. Harnham is so proud to be part of a community that promotes and inspires such kindness.



Eliza works on her Guide Craftivism badge to help others! This badge involves creating and crafting items that make a statement for change. Eliza chose to encourage everyone to support NHS workers and key workers as she feels they are all doing an incredible job.

Eliza has created a T-Shirt and has also crocheted a blanket to give to an older person who is isolated in their home. To promote her campaign, every day she posts a positive message on social media as well as in her front window. It is a message of positivity and support. She has done this now for over 50 days. Many people have thanked her for helping them through difficult times – **well done Eliza, keep up the good work!**

St John's RC Primary



Young fashion designers fundraising for the NHS! Phoebe (6) and Amelia (9) of Ivy Lane school are designers of a T-shirt that is being sold to raise money for the NHS.

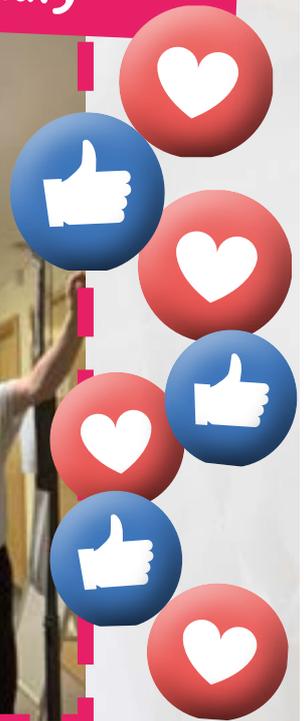
On one of their family walks Amelia and Phoebe took 190 photos of different colours to make a collage of a rainbow for the window to celebrate the work of our keyworkers. They then decided to use this design to enter a T-shirt design competition on Facebook. A local company was so impressed, they are now selling the T-shirts with their beautiful design and Amelia's quote, 'Thank you to the Key Workers' and donating some of the profit to the NHS. Phoebe and Amelia are so excited to see pictures of people wearing their T-shirt and raising money for the NHS.



Leo and Zac make face shields for key workers!

Ben John of Crudwell Primary said, "We are so proud of what all our pupils and families are doing to support the NHS and save lives at the moment. We continue to hear so many stories of generosity and compassion in our community. Two of our pupils, Leo and Zac, have been making and distributing face shields with their dad's 3D printer from home and distributing them to key workers. They have made about 120 so far. They need more 1.75mm filament (PLA or PETG) and 240 micron thick/ non acidic acetate if anybody has any spare?!"

Thank you to Savernake Hospital from the children at Nursteed Primary



Children of Nursteed made and flew their own NHS themed kites in design and technology. They decided that if they could make and sell these properly, the profits would go towards NHS charities

Jokes

Q: How did the banana show his gratitude?

A: He said thanks a bunch!

Q: How did the lamb show her appreciation?

A: Thank Ewe.

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Tank.

Tank who?

You're welcome.



5 Reasons why we should show our thanks

1. Manners - First of all, it's just good manners to say thank you.
2. Respect - Saying thank you shows respect, especially to adults.
3. Show gratitude - A simple thanks shows gratitude and lets the giver know the gift is appreciated.
4. Polite - It is important to be polite to others and saying thank you is part of that process.
5. Appreciated - People really appreciate it when children say thank you and they notice when it goes unsaid. If you can't say thank you face-to-face, then you could send a thank you note.

The Grove's 'Positive Rainbows'

Children have been showing their appreciation by creating and displaying rainbows using origami, chalks, painting, foam and so many other artistic methods



A very personal rainbow created from Children's handprints at the Manor School, Melksham.

Children have been working hard to create smiles in their local area by making this beautiful rainbow which is displayed on the school gate. They painted their hands to make the rainbow and used tissue for the sky. On Friday, when children from home drop off their art work to also be displayed on the gate, teachers will have a wonderful surprise for them - there will be a box of bubbles by the banner so children can enjoy blowing bubbles on their walk home. This is The Manor School's way of spreading some kindness to their children.



Join Sophia with making facemasks, bags and scrubs for key workers?

Sophia, Year 5, has joined 'Tetbury Scrubbers' to use her new sewing skills to support frontline staff in care homes and hospitals. However, she needs more pillowcases and ribbon if anybody has any they can spare... or if you would like to help they are looking for more volunteers

tetbury.gov.uk/help-needed

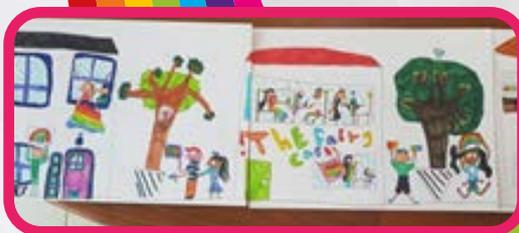


Rushall Primary's banner brightens up the village and makes drivers smile!

Children spent a whole day making this fantastic banner deciding on which messages they felt were most important. They specifically chose to display it where it was likely to be seen by key workers going to work. As children were attaching it to the fence, it was wonderful to have drivers smiling as they went past. One of the villagers on walking by said 'well done' to the children and many have commented on its impact saying what a wonderful way to show our gratitude to key workers



Follow Ella's Rainbow Road. Having seen rainbows in windows and everyone clapping for the NHS on Thursdays, Ella had an idea that maybe there would be a day where everybody could clap and hold out rainbows on the street, just like in these great pictures! **Sarum St Paul's Primary**





Key Workers

Wellington Eagles, Wellington Primary and the Nest have been thinking about all the people who are still working in our community to keep us safe during these uncertain times. To show their support and express their gratitude, the children worked together to create a mural to display at the front of school next to their giant rainbow. Children of all ages and staff took part in designing and colouring the piece. The children are SO proud of their tribute to Key Workers...and so they should be!

Which Key Workers can you spot in their picture?

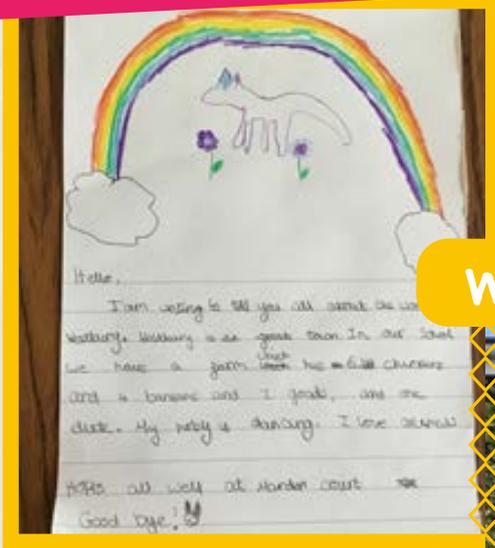


Finally, Westbury Leigh and Longford Primary school have been showing their support by decorating windows, dressing up and writing letters.

Longford



Westbury Leigh



Thank you to the paid staff and volunteers of the NHS for all your hard work and dedication to the health of our nation.