



Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of **Fulwell Infant School Academy**
Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parent,

At the end of our seventh week away from school, we hope that all families and their loved ones are healthy and managing the restrictions we all face.

Bird box

Parents are reminded that our blue tit box is occupied and there are approximately 8 eggs in the nest. Children can watch the activity in the bird box through the website or by using this link. <http://www.fulwellinfant.org.uk/birdbox.htm>

VE day

The children of key workers who have been in school this week have learnt about VE day and the celebrations to be held on 8th May. They made bunting, wrote about VE day and had a red, white and blue day on Thursday. Some of their work is overleaf.

Seesaw

We have decided to begin to use 'Seesaw' which is a 'Student driven digital portfolio and simple parent communication system' that will be available to each family through a mobile app. It will facilitate positive communication between families and teachers and enable parents to upload children's work and photos to the teacher rather than emailing them. We will be working on setting it up over the next week and are very excited by this opportunity. More information will follow shortly.

Preparing for return to school

As I am certain you can imagine, we are considering every aspect of school life and what adjustments we must make for children to safely return to school. Whilst we expect an update from the Prime Minister on Sunday, it doesn't look like a return for schools is likely at this point. However, we hope that there will be at least a partial return before the summer break. There is a great deal to think about to ensure that we can maximise the safety of children and our staff once the Government announce the return of schools.

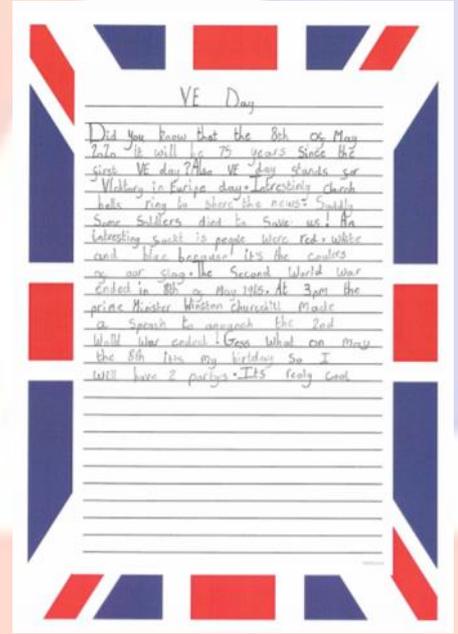
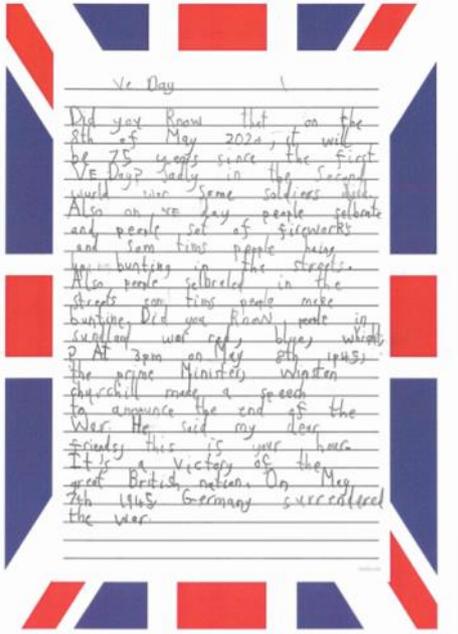
Congratulations to Matilda Smith, class 4. She entered Radio 2's 500 words competition with a story called 'The Snake Who Came to Sunderland'. Of the 135,000 entries, she got through to the last 5,000. What an achievement Matilda, we are so proud of you.

Best wishes

Wendy Angus



VE Day



THANK YOU NHS

Last week the children in school made rainbow wings. Miss Murphy gave them to the hospital and here are some of the photos they sent us. THANK YOU NHS...



The Snake Who Came to Sunderland

By Matilda Smith

Once upon a time Sebastian the Snake came to Sunderland.

He had been travelling around the world for months and months looking for a best friend and Sunderland was the final stop on his very big adventure. He had already been to Egypt and climbed the tall pyramids but there was no best friend there. He had been to Antarctica and played with the cold penguins but there was no best friend there. He loved North America and the wide open spaces but even though he met lots of very nice people, no one would be his best friend. Everybody he met said they were too scared of him!

He had been travelling around the world in a little blue boat he made himself. On his back he carried all the things he would need for his trip. Torches to see in dark caves, snacks in case he was hungry, drinks for when he went into the desert, an umbrella in case it rained and his favourite teddy bear to cuddle when he went to bed.

After a bumpy journey on the rough North Sea, Sebastian finally arrived on Seaburn beach one hot summer's day. Sebastian had great fun splashing in the big blue sea, eating ice creams and trying on lots of sunglasses from the little shop on the coast.

He tried making friends with all the boys and girls but they all ran away from him!

Sebastian was sad and lonely. All he wanted was a best friend to play with.

All of a sudden Sebastian heard a squeaking sound. 'Who is that?' he thought to himself. He looked behind a rock and there he found a tiny little mouse called Martha.

'Hello' said Martha 'Shall we play together? I'm building a big sandcastle with towers and turrets and a moat that goes all the way round it. You can help if you like?'

'Yes, please!' said Sebastian 'I love making sandcastles. But aren't you scared of me?'

'No, of course not. You look like a lovely friendly snake!' said Martha. 'And I love your sunglasses!'

Sebastian collected lots of beautiful shells to decorate the sandcastle with. Just as they were finishing building it, Martha found a big stick and Sebastian tied his hanky around it to make a flag. They stuck it on top of the sandcastle and looked at it proudly.

'Well, I suppose you will have to go home now Martha?' said Sebastian sadly as the sun started to set.

'Where are you going?' said Martha

'I'm going back on my adventures. I'm looking for a best friend you see.'

'Oh really? I'd love to be your best friend. Can I come with you and we can build sandcastles all around the world together? We'll have so much fun!'

'I would love that!' hissed Sebastian happily.

And so Sebastian the Snake and Martha the Mouse said goodbye to sunny Sunderland and sailed off together in their little blue boat in the big blue sea.

Matilda's story



Fun at home and at school



Hope to see you soon...