



Dear Parent/Guardian

Very sadly, Mrs Murphy's mum passed away last Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Murphy and her family at this very sad time.

I hope that by the end of next week I will have spoken to every family in the school. It was absolutely brilliant to even get speaking to some of the children and hear what they have been up to. I have heard about new budgies, new puppies etc!! Was just lovely to hear their 'wee' voices and to know that they are well! Based on those of you whom I have spoken to, Seesaw has been proved to be great tool in supporting you as you home-school. I don't believe that I have spoken to any family yet who hasn't appreciated the support of the teachers through Seesaw. Thank you very much for your kind words of support and encouragement. I appreciate that Seesaw was a bit difficult at the beginning for some families but everyone worked around those difficulties supported by the flexibility of the teachers. It is ok to make it work whatever works best for you as a family!! You are doing an amazing job as you try to balance home-schooling, your own job and maintaining family life. Keep it up and keep going with Seesaw. The activities are based on exactly what the teachers would be teaching at this time of year and are progressive allowing your children to prepare for moving into their new year group in September.

School Re-opening – You will be aware that Peter Weir has announced that schools will not re-open until August/September. As schools we have not received any details on how this will happen. I hope that I will be able to give you more information before the end of June.

Website – I am hoping that our new website will be ready soon. Sadly, at the moment there will be very little on it however you will be able to download an app from the website. The app will enable you to receive notifications when information (newsletters etc) is posted on the website and will take you directly to it. **It will be very important for you to download the app as all communication over the summer will come through it (SEESAW WILL NOT BE USED)!** In the future all newsletters and notes etc will come through the app as we continue to strive towards paperless communication.

Being Held in Mind – I have included a little competition which you may be interested in. If you have seen the video that featured the staff and was produced by Mr Baird, you will know how much we miss the children and how much they are 'Being Held in Mind'. Have a wee go at the competition but more importantly just think of the difference that you could make for someone, just by letting them know that they are 'Being Held in Mind'.



Reading Books – Thank you to those who forwarded me a few pictures of you reading books last week. Someone climbed a tree and others were reading their books in their living room tent, as well as enjoying a few treats!



If there is anything that we as a school community can do to support or help you in any way, please contact me. I am in school each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. I work from home on a Tuesday & Thursday. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or by email:

02893353280 or info@whiteheadps.whitehead.ni.sch.uk

Stay Safe & SHINE


Mr Loughins

Being Held in Mind


Think back to 10 weeks ago. You were still in school. Still going to clubs. Still going to see family and friends.

Think about the people you connected with. Think about the fun you had together.


Right now you are holding these people in your mind. Even though you are not with them now, you think about them and look forward to seeing them again.



Think of a person you used to connect with before lockdown. Remember your favourite thing to do with this person. What are you looking forward to doing when you connect with them again?



Make a picture of this memory or thought. It can be anything you enjoyed doing when you and this person were together. Or you can draw what you will do when you reconnect with this person.



Take a photo of your finished artwork and send it to the person you chose. Show them you are holding them in mind!

Competition!



Share a photo of your finished artwork with us and you will be entered into a competition! Let us know who you are holding in mind. Our friends in the Southern Health & Social Care Trust will help to judge. Arts and craft toolkits will be presented to winners in each category. You will find all you need to know to enter at the end of this newsletter. **The closing date is Wed 10 June 2020. Good luck!**



Connect- Being held in mind

Art Competition Guidelines

- Art includes drawings, paintings, posters, textiles- anything that you consider to be visual art.
- All entries must be original and unique – please do not copy anything you have seen elsewhere.
- You must not include any characters that you haven't created. For example, a poster showing Minions will not be shortlisted.
- All entries must focus on the theme of 'Connect- being held in mind'. Any entries which do not focus on this theme will not be eligible for shortlisting.

What will happen to your entry?

Entries which reflect the theme of 'Connect-being held in mind' as outlined above will be shortlisted for judging. Shortlisted entries will be judged by a panel, including staff from the Education Authority Primary Behaviour Support & Provisions (PBS&P) and the Southern Health & Social Care Trust (SHSCT) and winners will be notified using details on their entry forms. A list of winners (First name, age and school) will be included in a future edition of the High Five newsletter, they may also be shared on EA, Public Health Agency and HSCT social media (First name, age and school). This competition is being supported by the EA PBS&P and SHSCT.

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding entries across the two categories. Children with a special educational need can choose to have their entries considered for an additional 'merit prize'.

Entries may be posted on social media across the EA, PHA and HSCT. Entries may also be used in future EA, PHA and HSCT trainings and publications. A number of entries will be framed and displayed in HSC hospital facilities.

What are the age categories?

There are two age categories for the competition, based on the school year group of the child:

- Up to Year 4
- Year 5 – 7

Children with a special educational need can choose to have their entry considered for an additional Special Merit Prize.

Who can enter?

Entry is open to nursery and primary aged children and young people who attend a school in Northern Ireland. Consent from Parent/Guardian is required to submit artwork.

How to enter

Entries to the art competition should be photographed (either using a camera or phone) and e-mailed to: Primarybsp.enquiries@eani.org.uk (subject line: High Five Art Competition).

Entry form is found on the next page. A completed entry form must be attached to each competition entry.

All entries must be submitted by **Wed 10 June 2020**

If you have any questions about the competition you can contact us at primarybsp.enquiries@eani.org.uk