



Principals' Letter – Spring Term 2020 Week Ending 29th May 2020

Dear Passmores Family

Obviously quite a lot is changing and will continue to do so over the next couple of weeks. We are trying to keep on top of the mountains of advice and guidance coming out but it isn't that easy when it changes quite so regularly! However, we are looking at how we can follow the national agenda of easing the lockdown whilst minimising the risks attached. We will keep you informed of any intended changes as soon as we've worked out what they look like.

The newsletter once again shows the great things so many of you are doing but the bit that is most heart-warming are the small, thoughtful acts of kindness. It really doesn't need to be a big thing to make someone else happy and I really hope that this is something we all remember when normality returns.

One of the young people from one of our primary schools, **Bobby**, has been collecting for the Harlow Foodbank by leaving a box outside his front door for people to put non-perishable food items in (tins rather than fresh produce). So far Bobby has collected and donated over 400kgs of food, which is amazing. Just in case any of you want to join in there is a box just inside our reception labelled Bobby's Box that you can put stuff in as you pass.

This week's video is from Dragon house so go and have a look for a bit of a smile - <https://youtu.be/x4Pwaf6Zwrc>



[Enter the Dragon](https://youtu.be/x4Pwaf6Zwrc)

Do you really like it? WE'RE LOVIN' IT! Mr Shine, Miss Sales & the rest of the Dragon team are here to put a smile on your face! Enjoy! Music Credit: Do You ...

[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/x4Pwaf6Zwrc)

A Message from The Pastoral Team: To Our **Lion Family**

As the tenth week of lockdown draws to a close, it's good to take some time to reflect on our journey through these strange and difficult times. Hopefully, it will be an experience we will never have to live through again. Regardless of how negative the headlines or news may be, it is important that we concentrate on all the good things that have grown from this, making sure we do not forget the sacrifices and hard work everyone has put into keeping safe, educated and staying at home (oh and alert!).

It is unlikely you will ever experience the time you have had together as families during this pandemic again, and although there may have been frustrations and battles over work, tidying and (maybe) attitude, remember that time is our most valuable resource. Too often we are all caught up working or managing the day to day hassle of running a home whilst working full time or even enjoying social time, to actually take more than a moment to enjoy those that care for us the most. We hope that you and your family have all rediscovered each other and grown your relationships through spending some quality time together during lockdown. Remember, those that

play together, stay together – it is important to enjoy fun social times with family members and this is often one of the first things to be dropped from the list when we are living life full swing.

We have all had to make the best out of a very hard situation and hopefully for many, your family bonds are stronger. Let's keep this family and community spirit going when we enter the new norm! Make sure you still look out for those vulnerable people and never forget to say thank you when it's needed (or even when it isn't).

We hope you enjoy the Lion video, coming out later in the week. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing your faces in the pictures for your 'shout outs'. Remember, families come in different forms and we speak on behalf of our whole staff body when we say we cannot wait for our Passmores Family to be back together.

We could not finish without a special mention to Miss Begum for making the Lion video possible!

Stay safe, be kind,
Miss Warncken and Miss Banks

Words of the Week: Procedure

1. a set way of doing something
2. a series of actions in a set order
3. an operation

Linked words: Proceed (go ahead). Procedure is a word that English has borrowed from the French, so French students note this - two words for the price of one!

Thought of the Week: Thought for the week is about 'World day for cultural awareness'. Terrible though the pandemic has been, it probably shows us more than ever that only by different cultures working together can we hope to defeat this virus. World day for cultural awareness celebrates the diversity which exists in our world and encourages us to embrace and understand difference, rather than fear it. To bring people closer together, not to fight them because they are different. The following website has some links and clips to different places and people around the world that you may find of interest: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/cultural-diversity-day>

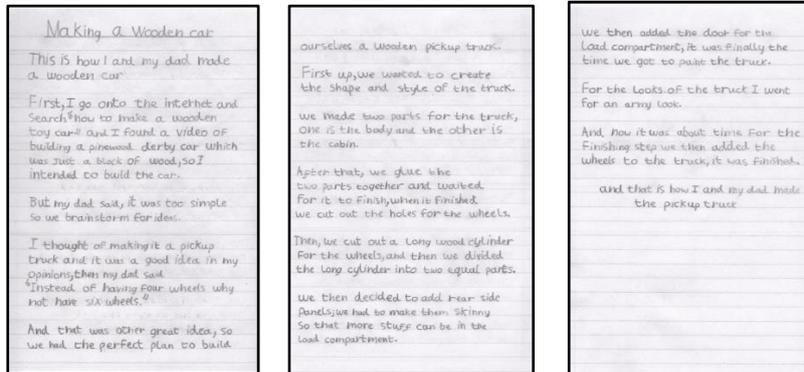
Although we can't visit world heritage sites, museums, conservation areas and places of outstanding beauty at the moment there are amazing sites online which allow us to take virtual tours around some of the greatest places the earth and its people have to offer. So maybe as part of their home learning your children could 'have a day out' at one of these places by just going online!

Acts of Kindness: These are just a few of the acts of kindness carried out by students as part of mental health awareness week. Well done to all that have made the effort at home to be kind:

- I've found that just by offering to help with things around the house just a little more than usual or cleaning up somebody else's mess really does help, more than I previously thought and saves that person the effort. For example, sometimes my mum finds it difficult getting things nowadays, so me and my brother will do the running around the house for her. It saves her from having to get up all the time when she helps cook us meals or does most of the cleaning that no one else is good at. Every time you show someone kindness you both feel happier over the little things.
- My mum has a bad back, so I ran her a bath and put some candles on the side so she could have a good soak and this made her happy.
- I made my mum a cup of coffee for her whilst she was in bed feeling unwell. She appreciated it.
- The way I've been kind this week is to make drinks and cakes for my family.
- I have been helping my mum and dad with the gardening as well as helping to build a new shed after the old one collapsed.

- I smile at senior citizens when I walk past them because I don't know if they have anybody to show them any kindness.
- When I do clap for carers, I always see an older lady over the road who waves and says hello to everyone. So on VE Day I made some cakes and took some over for her.

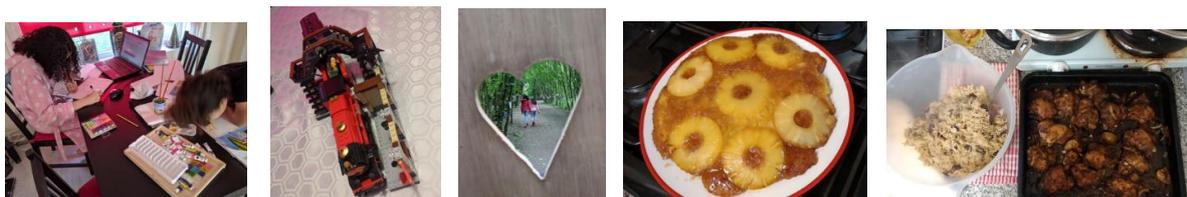
What have our student's been up to? Pedro Pinto in Year 7 has been busy making a wooden car with his dad. He has also written a report on his project. Very impressive Pedro, well done.



This lovely master piece was made by **Keanu Barnsley D4**. Apparently he added cheese and ate it!



These photos are a snapshot of what the **Rocha** sisters have been up to during lockdown. Very impressive **Evie and Olivia**.



Year 11 - Moving into Further Education: We are maintaining a page on our website under the Students tab called Careers and Post-16. We will continue to add new opportunities as they arise, so please check back regularly. This week we have new information from Hertford Regional College and the Fashion Retail Academy. Here is the link to our page; scroll down for latest opportunities.

<https://www.passmoresacademy.com/page/?title=Careers+and+Post%2D16&pid=37>

Year 11: The Fashion Retail Academy in London have a virtual open day for level 2 and level 3 courses, for which there is still space for September. The open day is on the 4th June and students can find out more on:

<https://portal.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk/events.aspx>

Events - FASHION RETAIL ACADEMY

Events. L2 & L3 Virtual Open Day - Thursday 4 June 2020 04/06/2020. Whilst our Virtual Open Day cannot possibly replicate the same experience and energy as coming into the building, we hope to give you the best online alternative possible.

portal.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk



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