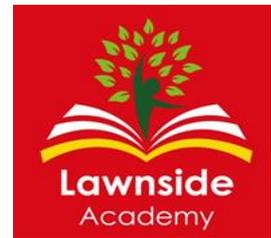


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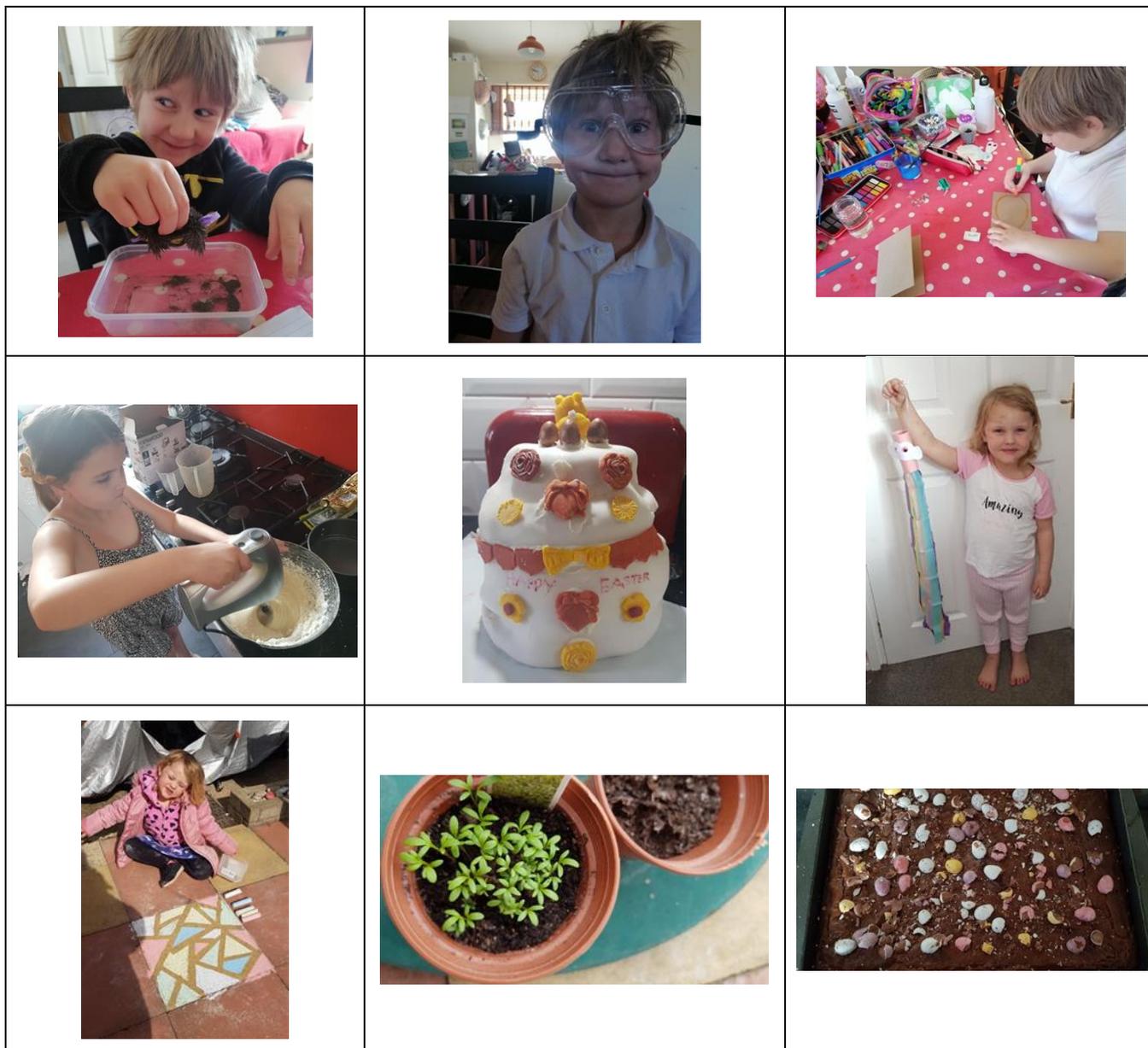
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17th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you very much for e-mailing me your photographs of what your children have been getting up to at home. Below is a selection of the photographs which I have received:





Please keep your photographs coming in (cjohnson@bestacademies.org.uk) - they really do cheer school staff up at this time ☺

Happy birthday to the following children who have/had birthdays in March and April and who we were/are not able to wish a 'Happy Birthday' to, in school:

Finlay - Sycamore, 15 March
 Danielle - Cherry, 15 March
 Katie - Beech, 16 March
 Mason - Beech, 16 March
 Wyatt - Maple, 20 March
 Leo - Beech, 21 March
 Ethan - Oak, 22 March
 Freya - Willow, 25 March
 Mia - Oak, 26 March

Summer - Maple, 28 March
 Taylor - Chestnut, 28 March
 Samuel - Maple, 1 April
 Albert - Beech, 4 April
 Kai - Sycamore, 5 April
 Blake - Rowan, 13 April
 Connie - Cherry, 15 April
 Jamie - Chestnut, 15 April



On Monday, we will be Parent Mailing (and uploading to the school website) next week's **Home Learning Activities**. If there are any questions, or you would like to share some of your work, you can email your teacher using 2Email within Purple Mash.

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/	Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
https://www.internetmatters.org/	Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
https://parentinfo.org/	Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/default.aspx	LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
https://www.net-aware.org.uk/	Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Below are two sources of support at this time from Central Bedfordshire Council:

How to apply for free school meals

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

Qualifying benefits to receive free school meals

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

As soon as we have confirmation that you qualify, your child's free school meals can start from the date you apply.

After Easter, all parents qualifying for free school meals will receive a £15 voucher (per child, per week), TERM TIME ONLY, redeemable at a range of supermarkets. This will continue for the duration of the partial school closure.

Parents seeking advice

Where schools are finding that parents are coming to them seeking advice as they are struggling there is a webpage, 'Support for individuals in hardship', on Central Bedfordshire Council's website which includes an online form and a telephone number 0300 300 8900 – we would advise that, where possible, parents try the online form first.

Take care, stay safe and please do let us know if we can be of any help to you. We understand that families are currently facing uncertain and difficult times. If you, or your family, require any additional support please feel free to email Mrs Bell at LSA-Pastoral@bestacademies.org.uk who may be able to signpost you to relevant agencies who may be able to help.

Yours sincerely and I look forward to seeing what you are up to at home.



Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher

On 20 April, Sing Up are launching a **fresh new Sing Up at Home area** on their site. This space will be totally free and accessible to parents and families so that you can link directly to www.singup.org/singupathome on your VLEs and school websites. We will be uploading fresh videos and resources for you, your pupils and their families to make the most of singing whilst at home.