



5GC Catch up with Mr Cross

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'Thank You'

A big 'thank you' must go to all of your wonderful parents and carers too who have been there to home school you, look after you, entertain you and make sure you're safe and well. We all need to be thankful and grateful to our parents and carers for the part they are playing whilst we are living through this pandemic. So, from me, Mr cross, and from you I hope you are all saying a huge thank you to them for all that they are doing and continue to do for you.

Don't forget to ask your parents to send in pictures/videos of what you have been up to, or even a message from you. If they do not have twitter they can also send these to: parentenquiry@marshgreen.bardaglea.org.uk

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5GC @ HOME

Another week has passed, albeit without the glorious sunshine we have been enjoying.

If your home is anything like my household, some days go better than others! But I think that is just part of how life is at the moment. We are living through unprecedented times and it is so important that we do not put ourselves under enormous pressure to 'get everything right'. I don't doubt that as we come to the end of another week of home learning, you are finding the challenge far greater than at the beginning as it is just not the same as learning in school.

I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe; that is the most important thing of all. Well done and thank you to you all for the hard work you have been doing at home and trying to remain focused with your learning despite how difficult the last three months or so have been for everybody. It has been a real source of joy for me to see so many of your faces on our proud cloud and just looking at all the amazing things you have been doing at home. Great work 5GC.

Mr Cross, 5GC Teacher

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It would be lovely to see a broader cross section of our class as I'm sure there are many of you in our class who have done wonderful learning at home but have not yet sent it in for me to see. I would like to add that there are many other things that you can do as a family that are still valuable learning experiences. Going out for daily exercise and talking about what you might see in the streets or park as you walk. Do you all know what a daisy, a dandelion or an oak tree looks like? Riding a bike (or learning to).

Throwing, catching or bouncing a ball. Skipping with a rope. Learning to tell the time. Home baking. Understanding the value of coins. Tying shoelaces. Using the vacuum cleaner. Making a sandwich. Making your own bed or changing the sheets. Laying and clearing the table, loading and emptying the dishwasher. The list could go on and on. Do not underestimate the importance of these life skills, and it maybe, at the moment, you may have more time to spend on developing them.

I am missing you all lots and miss being in school; seeing your bright smiles and happy faces everyday and more importantly I am missing the noise and buzz of the classroom. I hope you have all continued to try your best with the activities we have put on our year 5 home learning page. Please remember, as your teacher, I am looking for you to 'be the best that you can be' (something I always have said to you.) It's not always about how much you do or always getting it right; I'm looking for you to have tried your hardest, showed your commitment and determination towards your learning and have been as creative as possible with your work. Keep going; I am proud of all of you and miss you lots. I really do. I have been doing lots of jobs myself but it is very hard with 3 children at home too! I have been continuing to teach my own children their school work as well as providing their entertainment when they have their 'down time.' They are finding it hard at home too so we have decided to make good use of our garden and the weather and we have been planting lots of new flowers to brighten up our home. We've planted, sunflowers, French marigolds, sweet peas, and other flowers between us and we've even grown our own strawberries too! They've really enjoyed it. We also went out to visit Canterbury - we had a very lovely day all together and had a look around the very famous Canterbury cathedral. It was a good learning experience for the children too. On father's day I finally got to see my own mum and dad, as well as my other 3 brothers and their families, in my mum and dad's garden. It is the first time in almost 3 months that we have all been together. It was lovely and so much fun. We had a big BBQ with lots of food, cake and presents.....For us dads!! It was a lovely day. I'm also back at work every other week too, sharing the 6B bubble with Mrs bell. Last week, 6B bubble looked at the work of Picasso and researched all about his life. They then drew their own versions of his work and they were brilliant. Maybe you could have a go at doing that too?!

