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Message from the Head Teacher

What a brilliant day we've had today with our 'Come outside' themed day. I haven't seen all the videos and photos yet but the ones that I have spotted look as though the children are having a great time outside in the sunshine. Also, a big 'Well done' to everyone who has sent in their video clips for the whole school toilet roll challenge. Keep your eyes open next Friday when we will post the complete video, virtually bringing the whole school together.

After last Sunday's announcement by the Prime minister that a phased opening of schools would take place after half term, our thoughts have been focusing on how we can safely achieve this at Ashtead. Thank you very much to

all of you who have replied to the reopening survey that was sent out yesterday and for taking the time to jot down your thoughts. Your helpful comments and suggestions are very much appreciated and will help me and the Ashtead team create an effective and manageable plan. I have already been in discussion with other Cognita Heads and our Ashtead staff about a wide range of issues that need to be considered for a safe reopening of the school. We anticipate that further information about our plans and procedures should be with you later next week. Keep having fun outside and enjoying the sunshine this weekend.

Tessa Roberts

Congratulations

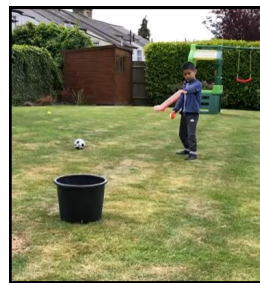
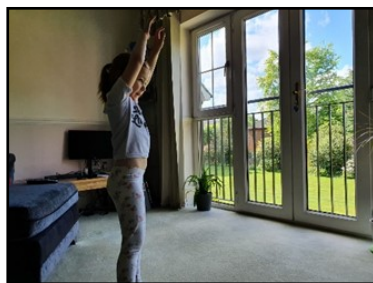


Wow! What a lovely surprise I had this morning. This beautiful painting of an international space station that Sasha entered into the Cognita competition 'From my Window' has been awarded a certificate for outstanding participation. Congratulations Sasha, amazing news.

Cognita Home Games

The PE and Zumba dance activities on Seesaw have been very popular over the past few weeks and we can see that the children have loved getting active and practising their athletic skills. This is great news, as

next week they will have the opportunity to put these skills into action, during the Cognita Home Games. There are 8 fun events in which the children can take part where they can achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold awards. A big 'Thank you' goes to Miss Hodgkinson who is coordinating the whole event for Ashtead. She says "Come on you superstars! Go Team Ashtead!"



Happy Birthday



Sophie

4 years old

12 May

Celine

3 years old

15 May



Golden Star Awards

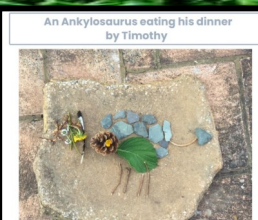
Matilda nominated her **Aunty** - She is busily sewing outfits for the NHS and care workers.

Reya nominated her neighbour **Dorothy** - Although Dorothy lives on her own, she has been volunteering and visiting local people who are also on their own and may be lonely. They have been so grateful for Dorothy's visits. Thank you Dorothy.



Everyone who has been nominated has been sent one of our Golden Star certificates and a special Thank you card from us all. We look forward to hearing about other families and friends who deserve a mention.

Come Outside Day.....We loved it!

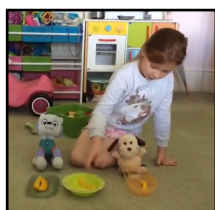


Golden Board



First Steps - Edie has amazed us this week with her beautiful detailed drawing of a train. She was also really keen to tell Mrs James all about her drawing. Fantastic work Edie, we loved it!

Rising Reception - Lily showed us her amazing counting skills this week by matching numbered cars 1-10 to the correct number of passengers. After correctly completing the interactive activity, Lily went on to create her very own beautiful road! Great job!



Reception - Federica has had a wonderful week of learning. Super Science work showed how much she understood about the life cycle of a frog. She then went on to complete some fabulous work on fractions. Superb!



Year One - Harrison impressed us all this week with his knowledge of French vocabulary. He recorded what Pierre the Parrot had to eat and drink with great accuracy and then sang the whole of the song, 'C'est Midi' and captured it on video. C'est fantastique!



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