

MAY 2020

Greenway NEWS



Normally I would be sending out a newsletter at the start of the month and even though we are in lockdown we felt it important to still do so. I hope that you all had a good Easter and were able to enjoy the sunshine. Let's hope it returns soon.

Children's achievements

I would like to highlight some achievements that I have become aware of:



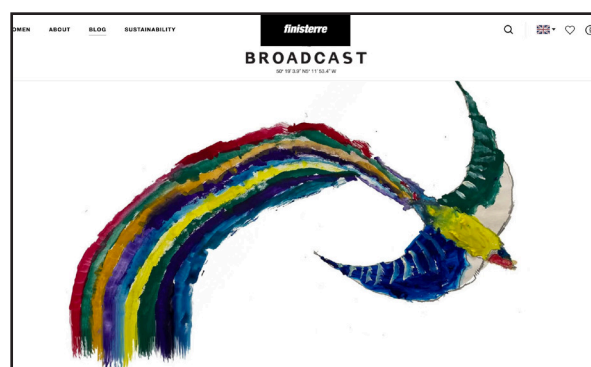
Radio 2 - 500 word story competition

They received nearly 135 000 entries and only around 5000 went to the Reading Agency for the second round of judging. They will be in touch in May with an update when they have selected their final 50! Congratulations to:

Ellie Gaitskill (Yr4)
Annabel Charman (Yr4)
Vita Bennett (Yr6)

Congratulations to **Max Przygodzki (Yr4)** who entered an art competition titled *Swallows and Rainbows*. If you go onto the link below and scroll down you will see his colourful picture.

<https://finisterre.com/blogs/broadcast/swallows-rainbows-finisterre-for-nhs>



Greenway Social Distancing Band.

You may be aware that Mrs O'Brien who leads and supports us in our delivery of music has been busy. Since lockdown she has set up the Greenway Social Distancing Band. They practise during the week and perform every Thursday when the street clap for the NHS. They also perform for the residents on Greenway (the road) when it's their birthday. The members are nearly all past (and some present) Greenway children, along with a parent! Their reputation is growing! We are aiming to get a video of their performance onto our website.



They are:

Edward Amlot – Trumpet

Matthew Burlingham – Trumpet

Alice Burlingham – Oboe

Clare Burlingham – Flute

Ishbel O'Brien – Cello

Eloise Norris – Ukuele

Harriet Green – adult & former pupil of Greenway now working at the Royal Academy of Music – Violin

David Green – dad of Harriet – Guitar

Lucy Scholtes – Guitar

Noah Brine – Ukuele pupil at St Thomas More

Operation Encompass

You will be aware that since lockdown the number of domestic abuse incidents has increased dramatically. Therefore I am pleased to announce that the school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of incidents where a child or young person has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. They will also ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be beneficial for all those involved.



Captain Tom

I know many of you, like me, will have watched on the television over the last few weeks the story of Captain Tom and what he has achieved. He has managed to bring joy to all of us and focused our minds on to being productive and achieving our goals!





**The British Legion
Turn Your Window Red,
White and Blue for
VE Day 75**



VE Day this year is going to be different for us all, many plans that were made have had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While our situation isn't quite as bad as what the WWII generation went through, there are many similarities. Some families are separated, some families have lost loved ones, some families are suffering financially. All similar to the affect that WWII had on our Country – The United Kingdom.

Our National Flag is a symbol of unity being a combination of the Flags of St George (England) St Andrew (Scotland) and St Patrick (Ireland). As it did during WWII, the Country has seen a similar spirit that kept everyone going during the war. We are all in this together.

On VE Day, Friday 8th May 2020 it is the 75th Anniversary of the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces. Many soldiers began returning home shortly after, many more didn't return until much later and many more did not return at all. Millions of lives were changed forever.

In a show of Unity, Remembrance, Respect, Commemoration and Celebration the South East Midlands British Legion are asking you to turn your window Red, White and Blue on **8th May 2020**.

Take a picture of your window and send it to sturton@britishlegion.org.uk (Beds and Herts) or jstrange@britishlegion.org.uk (Berks and Bucks) and each photograph will be posted to the South East Midlands Royal British Legion Facebook page.



I will be announcing next week an exciting new project for the Greenway school community – here's a clue as to what I will be asking children to start collecting!

