

Dear parents

Well this was not the end to the Spring Term that any of us were expecting. Thank you so much for your photographs, Each week I will ask you to send me something specific now rather than general home learning pictures.

I hope you enjoyed the Spring Term Holly Park Highlights that I emailed out this week - reminding us all of the busy term we have had.

I hope those of you in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have listened to the stories told by Mrs Thrasvoulou. The link can be found on the nursery page.

After the Easter holidays the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 can tune in to Miss Michael reading a chapter of a book each day.

Have you tuned into Mr Hogan and Crazy Crow singing a song about dinosaurs? It is under learning and the music and choirs. Have you been on the Spanish page under learning? It has free Spanish sessions you can participate in.

Every week I hope to write to the children with The Pelham Post, Please do either print it out or show it on screen to your children. There have been two editions so far.

As we have no idea if the children will come back this academic year and while the children are still fresh in the minds of the teachers, we are writing school reports now. Obviously in the circumstances they will be a shortened report, We aim to get them to you at the start of May. They will be e-mailed to you.

As the next two weeks would have been the Easter holidays, there will be no work set by the teachers each day but you can find lots of useful links on our school website under the 'learning tab' and then scroll down to 'useful websites' if you would still like things to do.

### The Big Holly Park Appeal – We Smashed it!!!!

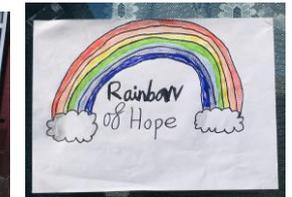
Thank you so much to the Holly Park families, friends and relatives who have supported our Big Appeal. The appeal was to be open for three weeks with an aim to raise £5,000. Despite the most difficult of circumstances that we find ourselves in and the closing of school we absolutely smashed it and the appeal reached its target three days ago and has gone on to raise well over £5000. A huge thank you for the donations you made – this has just gone to show what an amazing Holly Park community we have. A big thank you to John Harte and his team (you know who you are) for putting the various parts of the campaign together. The work of that committee continues now as we work with Austin Chambers and match funding to try to reach the total needed of £40,000. A huge success so far. Amazing! A huge thank you.

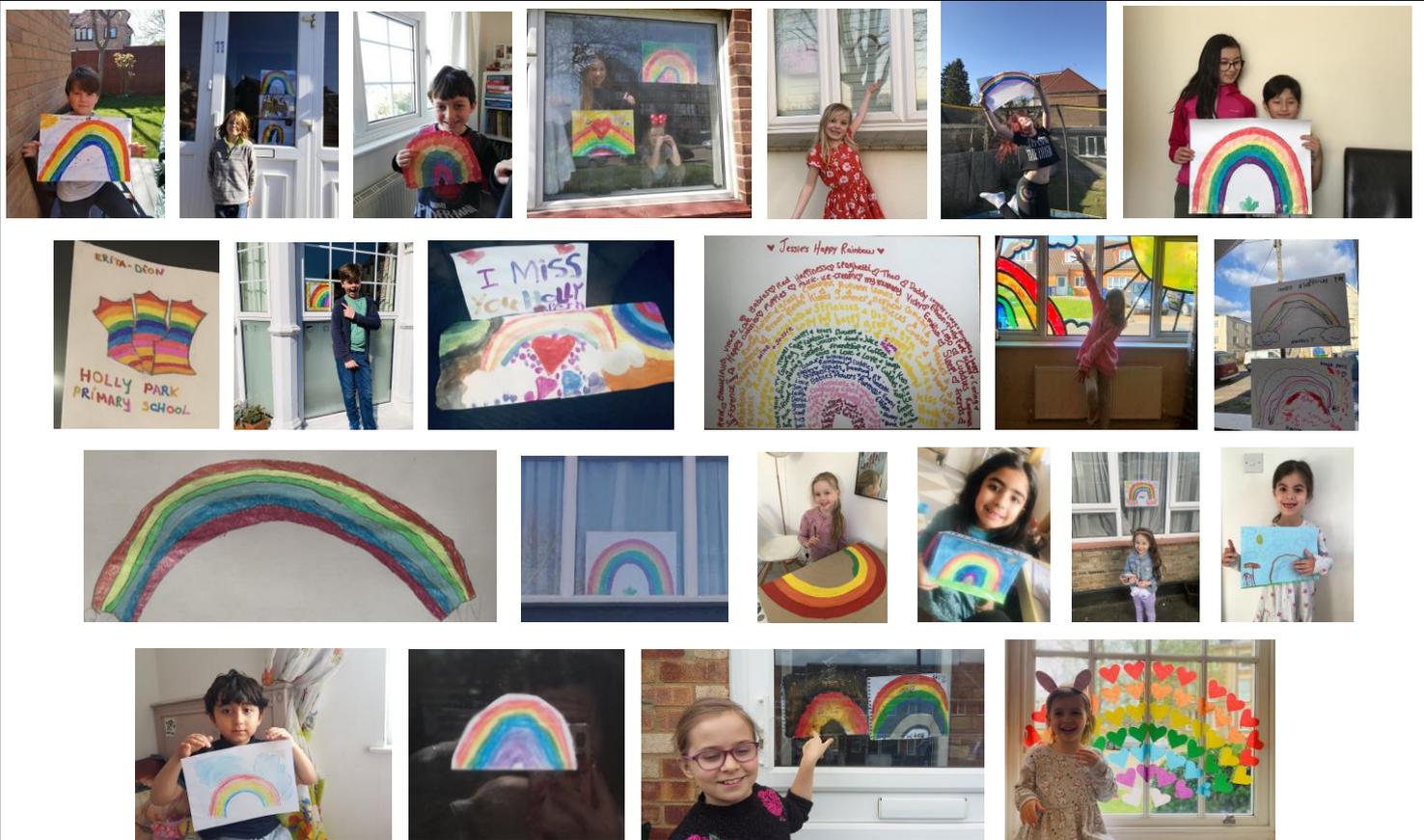


### Rainbows

People have been putting up colourful rainbows to help cheer others up and raise a smile as they spend more time inside. It's also fun spotting them if you go out for a walk! Rainbows are used as a symbol of peace and hope as they often appear when the sun follows a heavy rainfall. They serve to remind us that there is hope and light to follow even after dark times. The current trend appears to have started in Italy but has also been adopted by the US, Canada and Spain, where people have adorned their windows and balconies with colourful pictures. Thank you to all the Holly Park children who followed my suggestion to do this. Look at all of the beautiful rainbows!







## Keeping In Touch

While we are not allowed to congregate in groups, need to isolate ourselves and maintain social distancing we are missing our family and friends. However some of our relatives and friends may be missing us even more than we miss them especially grandparents who may feel quite lonely. I asked the children to write to a relative or friend who they are no longer seeing at the moment and share some of these letters with me.

Here are some extracts:

'I am a bit bored not being at school because I miss my friends, Do you? I have been up to various things such as playing in my garden and baking. What have you been up to?..... I really miss playing with you and hope that we can have lots of video chats.' **Stella**

'I am fine, a bit bored in the house but I keep myself busy with home learning and playing with my brothers. I miss playing football..... I hope we meet each other at Holly Park soon.' **Fabian**

'I hope you are fine there and I am also fine here. I'm writing this letter today for you..... I love you! I miss you a lot.' **Erinda**

'I hope you are surviving these war time conditions (Lockdown) It's a good job you have your garden. The picture on the card is alliums. Have you got some? I love them.....I can't wait to see you and hope it won't be too long..... Let's talk on the phone soon, Stay at home.' **Cherry**

'I am writing because I love you very much. I'm worried about your health. .... I miss your and grandad's love and kindness.' **Amelia**

'I am so sad that we cannot come anymore. I'm having so much fun doing school work at home..... How are you? What are you doing? By the way please stay home and wash your hands – we need this virus to end. Are you finding things to do? Just know I love you to the moon and back' **Elif Y2**

'I have had the opportunity to do lots more at home. I am currently learning how to cook with my mum and sister, gardening, watering flowers, planting and pulling out weeds..... The bad side is that I can't see my friends and teachers at school and outside. The good side is that we have the time to finish the things that we couldn't before.' **Elif Y4**

'Have a nice weekend. Keep safe and well. Me and Luca are playing Dobble.' **Violet**

'I miss you very much since the Corona Virus has arrived here. I don't think you will be able to come and see me now in the summer holidays.....I hope that your family are fine and keeping healthy and making sure they are staying home safe and sound..... I hope I will get to see you when the Corona Virus has gone,' **Clivia**

'I hope you are well from Covid-19, I've not seen you for a long time. I wonder how you're spending the time inside your house. I'm feeling very well and enjoying my home learning. I really miss you so much and want to play



