

Weekly Word

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*** More outdoor learning in Y1 and 'Odd Socks Day' for our Y5 remoter learners!!***

To all Parents/Carers,

Another really busy week at Markeaton! I wanted to start by saying well done to all the children who are currently having to stay at home and access Remote Learning. Miss Gamble's class were back in school today and Miss Hawley's, Mrs Edge's and Miss Herriman's classes are all back next Monday. I have managed to speak to them all at various points over the last 10 days and I have been really impressed with the quality of work and the overall levels of resilience. It can't be easy being at home all that time but they should be really proud of what they have achieved. I loved seeing the Y5 tweet above too!



In other news, next Monday we will be submitting our bid for what is now being referred to as the 'CommUNITY Hub'. The architect's drawing on the left is one example of how it might look and we are hopeful for some good news. The idea, primarily, is to offer a multi-purpose space to the local community which can be used after school hours and at the weekend.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such amazing grounds so if there is an opportunity for us to share these facilities then we have to explore it. I am also hopeful it will make the school more financially sustainable and bring us together after what has been a challenging year.

We have also submitted another bid with the Foyle Foundation for new library books. These things can take a while to process so I will let you know when I hear something. In the meantime, and when we live in a time without restrictions, do have a think about any kind of class/group/activity you might want to run from the CommUNITY Hub.

Lastly, here is a photo of Lorna Blanchenot – Headteacher of Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School. As you know, both Ravensdale and St Mary's were destroyed by fires last month and we arranged for a hamper and stationery item collection. She and I both wanted to say a huge thank you for all your donations; here she is with the three bags out of eight!! Hopefully it will bring a bit of joy into the children's and staff's lives at this difficult time. Thank you again and have a lovely weekend.

Mr I. Johnson

