

# Alverton Weekly News

**Friday 10th July 2020**  
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## Earbuds

From September we are going to be asking if parents of children from Y2 - Y6 have any spare or unwanted earbuds/in-ear headphones at home. If so, please could these be brought into school by your child so that s/he can have their own pair to use in class? We are aiming to build up class sets of earbuds, one labelled pair for each child, which s/he will use as they move through the school. A reminder will go out in September, but in case you are having a clearout, please don't get rid of any unused earbuds as we can certainly put them to use here!



## Art shirts

Our aim at Alverton is for each child to have their own art shirt for any messy projects that take place in school. So if you have an old, large-ish or adult-sized shirt, please put it by for your child to bring into school with them in September.



Thank you.

There is a fabulous raffle running at the moment, to raise money for the 4Louis charity.

4louis provide useful tools, equipment and training free of charge to hospital units, hospices and other professionals who sadly have the job of comforting grieving families who suffer a miscarriage, Stillbirth Neonatal or child death.

Please see our Facebook page for more information on how to buy tickets.



Cakes by Lyla-Rose

## Year 3 Cupcake Bake along.

"On Monday night I joined in with my friends in Year 3 on a live bake along. We made cupcakes using butter, Caster sugar, self raising flour, eggs and icing sugar. I found it lots of fun" *Lyla-Rose Knowlson*



Cakes by Ruby Gilbert

# HEADS UP!

## Piece of Cake!

After a disastrous start to lock-down where I was eating everything and anything I have tried to become healthier and fitter as we approach the summer break. However I couldn't resist a cup cake made by Miss Chamberlain during her class bake-a-long session earlier in the week. I would like to take the time to thank Miss Chamberlain or 'Mary Berry' as I'm now calling her for organising the sessions and also thank the parents and pupils for their support in making it the success it has been. I have already asked for the cupcake recipe that was donated by Mrs Seymour and will attempt to have a go myself during the holidays! Next week Jammie Dodgers are on the menu for the final session. We have spoken about how the new 'Home Skills Hub' (previously the bungalow) will allow us to develop opportunities for pupils to cook regularly throughout their time in school. We also hope to start sessions where pupils and parents can cook together.

Year 6 made the most of our new facility by preparing a meal and eating it in the 'hub' earlier in the week. Pupils prepared spaghetti bolognese, lasagne and a side salad from produce grown in the Y6 garden boxes. They also made Apple crumble and custard for desert. I was fortunate enough to sample the food they had prepared and it was delicious! It was lovely to see the thought and preparation that had gone into the meal even down to the conversation cards pupils were using! Well Done to the Y6 Team.

## Knights of the Alverton Realm!

I was impressed to see the models that pupils in our KS1 bubble had been making of castles and the shields and crowns they had designed and made. Pupils have enjoyed researching different aspects of medieval life and are now able to protect the school and community from any impending Dragon Attacks!! I'm hoping this is not the case as we've had a challenging year as it is!

## Reports

At this point you should have received your child's school report - although it has only been written in the majority of cases up to Easter. We would love your feedback so please return the slip and let us know your thoughts and what your children have been up to during lockdown.



# HEADS UP!

## The Return

The Local Authority published their Risk Assessment advice for schools yesterday - I am busy looking at this today with senior leaders and will share with parents next week. I would just like to reiterate that we will be fully open on Tuesday 8th September for all pupils in Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2. Staff are looking forward to welcoming pupils back and we are being guided by Conversations, Connections and Care as we create the environment and learning opportunities that pupils deserve. The Government have also removed the flexibility surrounding attendance and every child is now expected to return. If you have any worries or concerns at all about this then please contact the office and ask to speak to myself or Mrs Stewart.

## The Structure

Parents will be sent a text message on Monday alerting them to which class your child will be in. Teachers will also be releasing a short welcome video for pupils on seesaw and sharing a welcome letter with a summer challenge. Copies of all letters will be made available at the Key Stage 1 office. I would encourage all parents to download Seesaw, as moving forward this will be an integral part of how we communicate and share our homework and curriculum. I have outlined the structure below and also indicated the bubble that each class will be in. We have decided, with the support of Governors, to support and invest in the creation of an extra class at Key Stage 1 to ensure smaller numbers in each class and provide teachers and children with the best opportunity to make progress after a challenging year. The bubbles are there to protect pupils from mixing across numerous year groups and key stages however I would like to make parents aware that the updated guidance does not expect social distancing to be applicable for pupils in primary school. We will also be re-starting breakfast and after school club but the guidance has made it difficult for us to operate as we have done previously. We will share more details of this next week when we have finalised our plans, initially we will try to operate with limited numbers on both school sites.

### Bubble 1

Nursery

### Bubble 2

Reception

Year 1

### Bubble 3

Year 1/2

Year 2

### Bubble 4

Year 3

Year 4

### Bubble 5

Year 4/5

Year 5

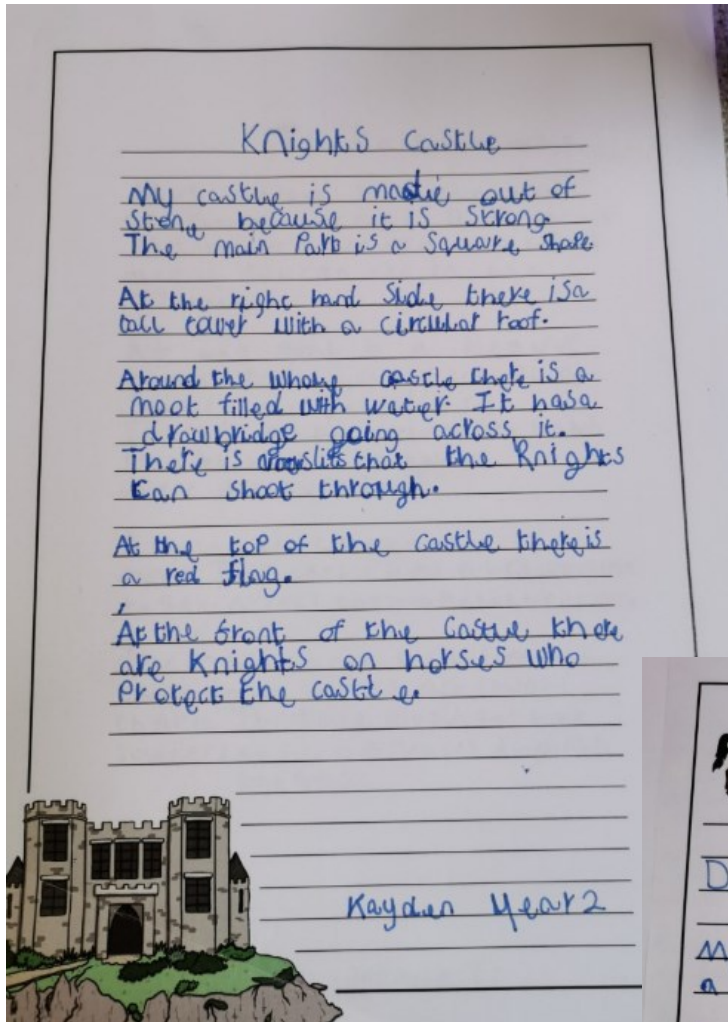
Year 6



## Miss Chamberlain's Class

Our whole school topic this week has been Castles.

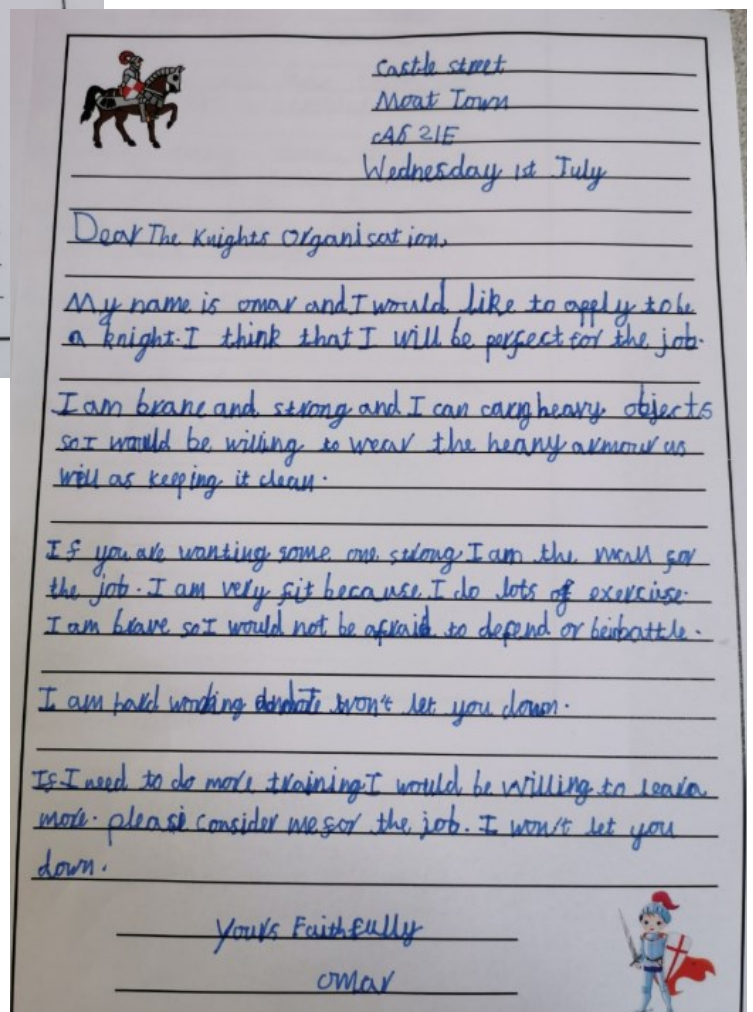
There has been some fantastic home learning as well as work in school. Year 2/3 have been designing their own castles and applying to be knights. Look out in next week's newsletter for a picture of our new Castles Display.



**Lexi:** "I now know that there is a Bailey in the middle of a castle."

**Nicola:** "In the past, Castles were made out of timber and now they are made out of stone."

**Callum:** "In the olden days castles were used as defence."



This week we have found a fantastic new way of learning to draw. Rob Biddulph is an award winning author and illustrator who has recorded draw along videos during lockdown. There is lots of options to chose from. This week in school we have done a Blue Footed Booby as well as Sonic the Hedgehog. Emiliana had a go at home too with the unicorn. Its definitely worth a look on the Draw with Rob website. The videos help

with listening, concentration, perseverance and are fun for all the family. If you have a go, post your pictures to the Alverton Facebook!



In FS2 we have had great fun exploring, investigating and creating our own paper-mache mini beasts.



Sunglasses

