

LS News

Issue 27, Spring 2020

Welcome to the Spring edition of LS News!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Updates on the Student Council groups; What's been happening at school; Author of the Month; Our 20 in '20 Challenge; Special days at school; Young Voices; Plus, lots of Easter fun!



Congratulations to all those who have been invited to Mrs Green's Tea Parties. Special 'well done' to Georgia and Aswiya in HB16 for 100% attendance, to Younis in 15 for showing such enthusiasm for new vocab, to Violet in 13 for growing in resilience, to Jack (HB8) for being a fantastic role-model, Inaaya (HB7) for her wonderful retelling of The Talkative Tortoise, and Kaydee for working hard on being independent. The Head Teacher's TeaCup went to HB12's Anya, for her amazing performance in the pantomime at MK Theatre. Well Done!!!

Akshara B HB11

Did you know: Our school is 33 this year!

20 in '20

OUR CHALLENGE TO YOU

GAURIB, HB5

As you all know, this year is 2020! So, here are 20 things you can do to help the environment! Well, not exactly – you get to write down some of your own (and then put your ideas in LS News!)

1. Try eating less meat
2. Eat less dairy
3. Use less paper
4. Use reusable water bottles
5. Use reusable bags
6. Don't print more than necessary
7. Use both sides of the page
8. Switch off the lights when you leave a room
9. Use the car less – walk or bike more!
10. Waste less food
11. Recycle properly, use the correct bins
12. Don't buy products with palm oil
13. Try buying Fair Trade products
14. If you're getting a new car, consider an electric one

And what can you do? Let us know and we'll print them in the next issue:

- 15.
- 16.
- 17.
- 18.
- 19.
- 20.

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Letters From the Editors



Patricia (lower school editor):

I would never have dreamed of being in LS News, let alone editor! This newspaper is very cheap to buy, so, when it's in print, please spare some change. But for this issue, have a look at what our team has achieved together. Plus, find out how you can join LSNews for our upcoming special edition. Thanks!

Lucas (upper school editor):

Thank you to all who buy and read LSNews and support us through this long, long process. All of us work so very hard and it's so hard to think and even write our ideas down.

Thank you to Mrs Styles, who has helped us always. And, once again, thank you for reading this, we couldn't do it without you.

Did you know our school was originally shaped in the initials of the architect?

Terror-antula Tastic!

When the Zoo came to School

On Friday 24th January 2020, Year 6 had an interesting visit from Zoolab. They taught us about animals and how they have evolved, as our topic was Evolution and Inheritance. We saw the following creatures: Giant African Snail, Corn Snake, Rose Water Tarantula, Gecko and Hissing Cockroaches.... I interviewed Marley B (HB14), to find out more.



Tarantula

"My favourite part was holding Kaa, the snake," Marley said, excitedly. "I liked it because it was interesting to see how he acted around humans. I learnt he eats medium sized rats with his tiny mouth! Yuck!"

Did you know a snake can eat something 3x its size?

"I thought Zoolab could bring in more animals though, such as: Lizards, Frogs and Chameleons.

"Zoolab is amazing! I would recommend it for others very much."

Akanksha B, HB 14



Giant African Snail

The Spice is Right!

On Wednesday 5th February, Year 4 had a very exciting day.... **INDIAN COOKERY DAY!** We cooked some famous and fabulous Indian dishes, including some Curry, Coconut Barfi, Chapatis and Samosas. First, each class focused on their allocated dish, HB5 were making the vegetable curry, HB6 the coconut barfi and chapatis, HB7 did the corn biryani and HB8 the samosas.



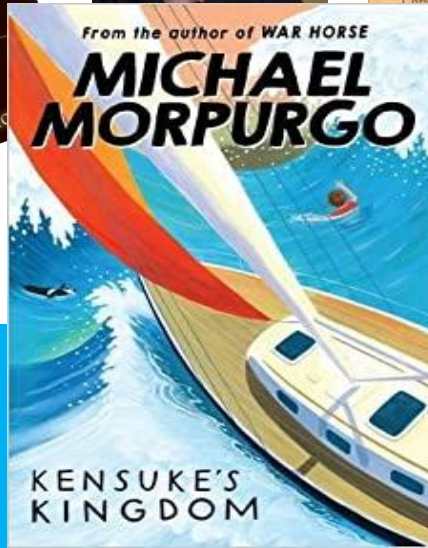
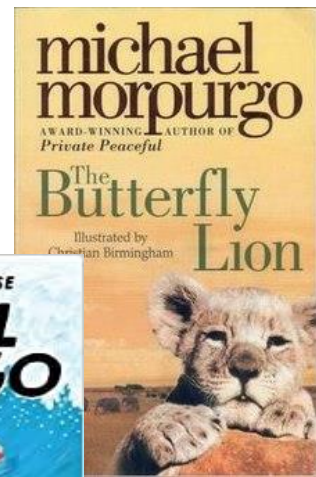
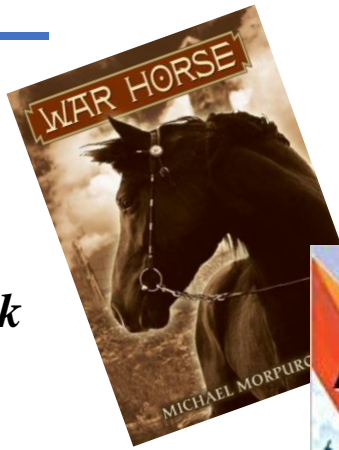
They all had a wonderful day cooking and, in the afternoon, they all had a big get together and tried as many dishes as they wanted, with sides of rice and some Indian style nibbles – some of which were very **HOT**. We got to practice chopping, using a pot and being Indian chefs. The children all loved it!



Gauri commented on the day, "We had tonnes of fun, it was like being real chefs, a great opportunity."

Patricia HB5

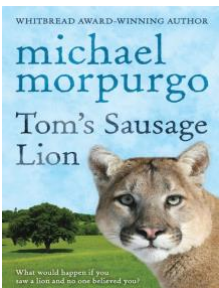
Loughton
School's
favourite
Michael
Mopurgo book
is...



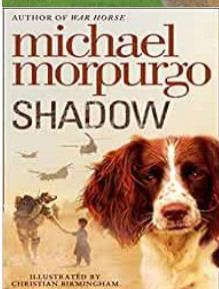
We did a lunch-time survey, asking everyone's favourite Mopurgo book. The winner, by many votes, was *Kensuke's Kingdom*. In 2nd spot was *War Horse* and 3rd, *The Butterfly Lion*.

By Ben E,

Here are others you might like: **Book Reviews Michael Morpurgo, who has written dozens of amazing stories, wrote these roaring good books: *Tom's Sausage Lion* and *Shadow*. I read these as part of our 'Author of the Month' topic, brought to us by Mrs Laverick (HB14), to get us all more interested in reading – our families too! And I loved it!**



It was very funny - hilariously funny! No one but Clare believes that Tom's seen a lion, so they set out to prove it! It did have a few boring moments but its fun to read as a family. I loved the end when Tom got together with his dog and the lion went away because it was causing mayhem. Mopurgo has written lots more books and some are better than others, but this is a good one. Give it a go!



An amazing book and all you book worms out there would love it. The main character is Shadow the dog. It has action, drama and thriller. You'll be stuck in and won't want to stop reading it and you will be sitting on the edge of your seat. I would give it 5 stars.

-by Lucas A, HB16



Visited by a Viking

The Year 5 Viking day was so much fun! The Viking who came in [called Bjorn] had so much knowledge about the Vikings...



Tuesday 7th January 2020. Bjorn the Viking was all dressed up in Viking clothes and he had also brought in a lot of Viking artefacts!

At the start of the day, we learned about jobs – did you know that one of the Viking jobs was being a black smith? After break, we looked at clothes, cutlery, dice games and grinding flour.

Next, we played some Viking games like Hnefatafl and Nine–Men Morris. Then, we learned about Viking food, weapons, armour and punishments.

Finally, we ended the afternoon with the teachers performing a Viking battle and Viking commandments!



Rebecca E, HB10



Quotes from HB10's Viking Day write-up

"I really enjoyed the fun-filled Viking day because Bjorn brought history to life. Bjorn's creativity made it such an amazing day."
By Poppy E, HB10

"At the end, the teachers did a presentation about the ending of the Vikings. Overall it was a really tremendous day and I will recommend it to future year 5's."
By Becky M, HB9

Did you know: we spend over £6,000 a year on stationary!

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB Becca E, HB10

HERE ARE SOME OF THE CREATIVE WRITING CHILDREN'S STORIES, BASED ON THIS PHOTO...



NEVER ENDING TUNNEL OF DOOM

Standing motionless. Stunned. Looking at the never ending tunnel of trees, interlocking their spindling branches, making menacing walls of bright, yet exuberant green. "Wow, I have never seen anything look as promising as this," she thought. "But who were the brave people who came here, never to be seen again?" Now this was when questions raced through her head, she did not know to what to do. Was she going to save her best friend or live the life waiting for her?

NEVER ENDING TUNNEL

Bravely, she took a step forward... into the unknown. As she kept walking down the never ending, motionless archway, she wanted to have some fun by trying to walk on the abandoned railway tracks (if that what they were). Beams of sunlight, slipping through the small cracks in the trees, lit her hair and clothes. Gazing down the beautiful scene, she stopped suddenly... A noise. It grew louder and louder, she spun round, a train was heading towards her at full speed! She began running as fast as she possibly could. But, the train was too fast. She had no choice but to jump through the bushes...

NEVER ENDING TUNNEL

The trees materialized before me, creating an evergreen archway, which could lead to my death. Still, I went on determined to find my father.

I peered into the distance pondering over my next step: was I making the right decision? Was this what my father would have wanted me to do? I took a deep breath and continued walking forward. This time determined to reach the end of the never-ending path.

I had been walking for ages when I came to a stop at a sign standing before me. What looked like blood was sprayed across the wooden plank and screws had been forced into the cracks that had formed over time.

The Corrupt Gem's Tunnel

Walking on and on, she felt as if the little angel on her shoulder was telling her to find an exit route. Or was the angel just Pearl, a perfect little lady, who did everything right? She carried on, her two sets of arms pushing through the vast tunnel.

The rebellion was still happening.

Now, she had to get away while she could. She had to find her friends, before the Diamonds found her.

EASTER WORD SEARCH

Can You Find...?

Easter Spring

Sun Bunny

Eggs Fun

Chocolate

Answers on p.13

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By Akshara, HB11

HAPPY EASTER

Why was the Easter bunny so ugly?
It was having a bad *hare* day!

How did the soggy bunny dry himself?
With a hare-dryer!

How does the Easter bunny stay in
shape?
With egg-cercise!

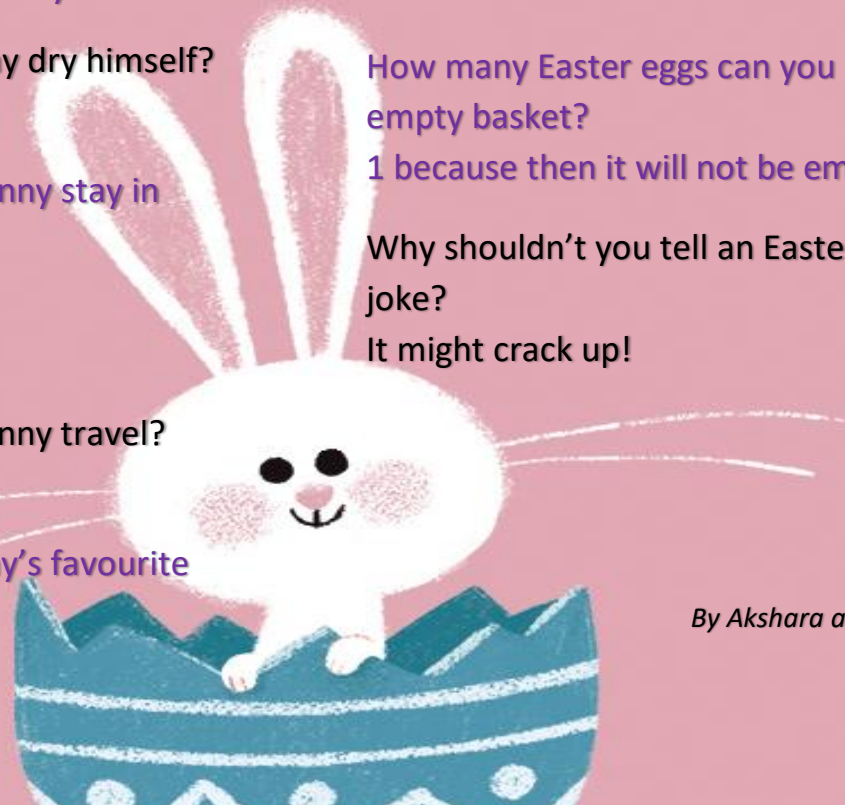
How does the Easter bunny travel?
By hare-a-plane!!

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite
type of music?
Hip-hop!

Why did the Easter eggs hide?
Because it was a little chicken!

How many Easter eggs can you put in an
empty basket?
1 because then it will not be empty!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a
joke?
It might crack up!



By Akshara and Stuthi

JESUS AND THE CROSS [A story of Easter]

by Keira, HB15

Once upon a time, there lived a young man called Jesus. He was god as a human. He was kind, caring, loving and very patient, he lived in a place called Bethlehem. One day he travelled on a donkey with his friends to a place called Jerusalem and people waved palm leaves to say 'welcome'. Jesus did not agree with some of the things they did, and what the important city had become, so he threw over some tables. They then saw him as a bad man and planned to kill Christ [Jesus]. He ate his last meal with his friends, red wine and bread, he said 'this is my blood being poured for all to see and this is my body breaking down into pieces.'

Then guards found him in a garden, took him to the cross to be hung but there was no space. So they let a thief go and Jesus took his place. Then the sun set and Jesus died. He was buried in a cave with a heavy rock as the door. Two men ran to Mary, his Mother, and said that Jesus' body has been taken! She ran to the cave, the rock had been moved and the body was gone, then she saw an angel who looked just like Jesus, and he said that he was Jesus and Jesus come back to life. She was so happy that she was crying. He said, 'Do not be afraid!' He had died for our sins and was reborn as we could be.

Easter is a time of renewal and we should not be afraid, even though we are living in a scary time, we can have faith that we will come through renewed.



We are moving
into the Summer Term -
Don't forget the sun lotion!
Stuthi, HB4.

Editor's note from Lucas
We can't do this awesome
Newsletter if we have no laptops.
If you use them please make sure
to plug them in - we hate red
lights, it means they are running
low on charge. Thankyou!!

And the crowd goes WILD!

Confidence

Rewarding

Self-belief

Young Voices 2020

Team Work

Unforgettable

The biggest school choir
concert in the world!
5,000 – 8,000 children come
together to sing their hearts
out, to arena-sized audiences
of family and friends, and
raise money for Teen Cancer.

We couldn't wait for our first lesson and break to be over. By assembly time, we were all ready to go, and squeezed into the library, waiting for everyone to receive their t-shirts, be registered and put into a group – it took an eternity!

Then we found our seats on the coach and sat next to our friends. Then the bus started to move.... It took us 1 hour and 40 minutes to arrive but we made it! It... was... huge! We all went through the doors and sat down to finally eat our well needed lunch.

Now that everyone had finished their lunches, we could go and find our seats in the crowd! Then we started to practice singing! We... were... **AWESOME!** If you're wondering why we practiced this is why: We did it because we didn't want to mess up the real performance, but we knew we wouldn't!

The adults took their seats... the lights dimmed... then... The choir went wild! In that second, we all got our white torches out. It was beautiful, but very loud! The music started. Every song we did, everyone screamed! We had the visitors singing, the directors directing, the band playing and the **Urban Striders** getting everyone dancing!

The young voices choir (and me) practiced and worked so hard but there was a surprise waiting for us... we met famous people! There was a girl from the voice (who had received a gold buzzer), there was also a famous girl and boy band and even more! But the choir liked Urban Striders! They were amazing and talented. And for the joy of it, they hit the 'Woah!'

The crowd went wild!

It was the **best night of my entire school life**, and it was over too soon. Time to go...

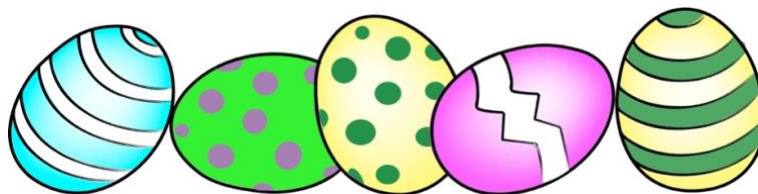
The whole way home was calm because of the amount of people that slept (I was one of them!). When the coach stopped, every one picked up their stuff and tiredly walked into that small area in the hall waiting for our parents, carers or friends to take us home from a long and exhausting day...



And also, we all came late in to school the next day because we were all shattered!

If you want to take part in something like this, please do speak to Mrs Green or the Office to sign up to be a part of the choir!

By Violet, HB13



Y	C	N	B	T
O	G	D	F	P
L	U	A	S	S
R	P	E	N	O
I	T	F	G	H
K	R	H	M	V

EASTER BOGGLE

How many Easter words can you make out of these letters? Let us know!

1 – 5 = 100 points

6 – 10 = 400 points

11 – 13 = 800 points

14+ an extra 200 points per word!

By Eden S, HB 7



Funky Feet

On Friday 7th February Loughton School walked from the Harvester Pub all the way to school . They had to wear funky shoes. Some people wore very funky shoes . Some with stickers, some with glitter and some with feathers.

The weather was cold and the grass frozen but that did not stop them from walking. When they arrived at school, the children enjoyed a cookie and a juice while the parents enjoyed a warm drink.

The JRSO's who planned Funky Feet

Akshaja

Aara

Tonia

Layla

Khadieja

Saayinya

Logan

Diviya

Medeha

Maisey

Elsie

Snehal

Led by Mrs Gray

Alexandra O, HB

Did you know: Mrs Nabbs is the longest serving member of staff – 20 years!

Did you know: Lots of teachers, like Mr Sullivan, went to our school?



KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON

We're having a few weeks (or months!) off school to help stop the increase of people getting the coronavirus.

All students are expected to work at home using the padlet app provided. On there, the teachers have set up some lessons and power points for your particular year group.

But here are some other things that you could do to entertain yourself:

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

LEARN A NEW DANCE

WRITE A SONG / POEM

LISTEN TO A NEW SONG

PLAY A NEW GAME WITH YOUR FAMILY

GET A MAP AND CHOOSE A COUNTRY -
WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE? WHAT FOOD DO
THEY EAT? DRAW THEIR FLAG. LISTEN TO
THEIR MUSIC. MAKE A CHART ON THEIR
WEATHER, DESCRIBE THE COUNTRY IN A
FACT FILE, READ A STORY FROM THERE.... -
THEN PICK ANOTHER COUNTRY!

-LSNEWS

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EASTER WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



SPORTS

29th January 2020, the athletics team went to Hazeley academy to compete against other schools.

Running

Loughton School's running team were: Rex (HB13), Victoria (HB14), Dumabi (HB16), Chim (HB13), Rebecca (HB12). Fortunately for LS, the running team came 2nd. Great Job!

Relay

Our relay team included, Julia (HB9), Jean (HB13), Meera (HB13) and Victoria (HB14). While they were running, they ended up in 3rd place but when Victoria ran, she ran so fast that she ended up giving her team 1st place! Well done Relay team!



On Monday 10th February 2020 at Denbig Leisure Centre, the Dodgeball team experienced their first tournament. The team consisted of James (HB15), Cullum (HB13), Sargine (HB9), Rebecca C (HB12), Joel (HB14), Aara (HB11), Akshaya (HB10), Toral(HB14) and Harry M.(HB12). There were 8 teams competing at the very same match which included Brooklands and Two-Mile Ash. After going against all the schools, Loughton school came in a fantastic 3rd place. Woo-Hooooo!!!



The year 3/4 hockey team took part in a Quicksticks tournament held at Woughton on the Green.

The children played 5 matches, winning 2, losing 2 and drawing 1. The children really enjoyed themselves and challenged themselves against other schools.

The team; Rio G, Zayn, Krishiv, Danai, Chloe, Ugochi and Patricia

Loughton 1-0 Orchard, Loughton 2-0 Giles Brook

The year 5/6 hockey team took part in two league matches on Wednesday. The team played really well and beat Orchard by one goal to nil. The team then went on to beat Giles Brook 2-0 with some great passing and good finishing. This means we are now third in the league with a few games to go.

The team; Florence, Meera, Rebecca, Elsie, Maisie, Harry M, Harry L, Tymeck, Arth and Saajan.

- By Akanksha HB14

There are about 7,500 books you could borrow at school!

HINDUISM DAY!

On Wednesday (in January), Year 4 had one of the most fabulous, fun and fascinating days ever! Namely... HINDUISM DAY!!! Since India is such a vibrant, joyful country, we were allowed to wear bright, colourful clothes! A few Indian children even wore their Indian clothes!

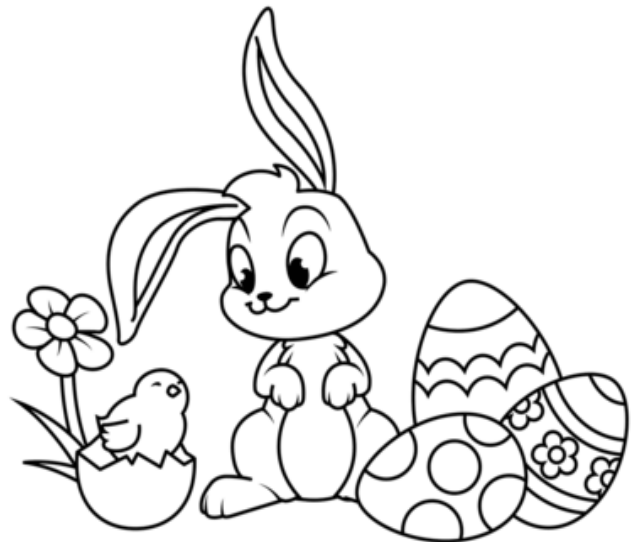


At the beginning of the day, we were introduced to a man called Indri. He explained to us about Hindu gods and their beliefs. We even got taught a little dance about one of the gods!

After eating our lunch, the whole year group got together to perform a pretend Hindu wedding! Our other host, Indri's wife, instructed us. She was named Krishna. After picking random children to take part in the marriage, she demonstrated to us how to do some face painting. You could either have it done on your face or on your hand. We even got to paint our own partner! Afterwards, we all got dressed up, girls wearing saris and boys wearing turbans and shawls. By the end, we definitely looked ready for a Hindu wedding!

Soon, the wedding was over and just before tidying up the clothes (we even got taught how to do that!), there was a photo taken of all of us, looking brilliant. Overall, we all had a spectacular time and I'm sure that the Year 3's will be really looking forward to this when they are in Year 4!

By Gauri HB5



Why not print this page, then decorate and make an Easter Card for someone?

WRAP-AROUND CARE

BY BECCA, HB10

Wrap-Around is Loughton Schools after school and breakfast club. It is a really fun club with lots to do!

The wrap around logo:



Was designed by me, Becca E – HB10

At **wrap – around** we play games, do quizzes, watch films, decorate biscuits, create amazing paintings and most of all, **HAVE FUN!**

The manager is **Lisa Moore**. She is fun and organises lots of things for wrap – around.

To join **wrap – around**, when term resumes, you can go to the **Loughton School website**.

Who Are The LS News Team?



Natalie S HB9, Lohita B HB6
Akshara B HB11, Gauri B HB5
Alexandra O HB10, Eden S HB7
Becca E HB10, Ben C HB8
Lucas A HB16, Stuthi K HB4
Violet C HB13, Keira I HB15
Patricia C HB5, Lennon H HB12
Led by Mrs Styles

By Natalie S HB9

Fun Facts about our School
was by Eden S, HB7

From Mrs Styles

The last meeting of the LSNews Team was an emotional one, not knowing if we would all see each other again as a team, and not getting to see their hard work in print and for sale. They have worked so very hard to bring you this newsletter, I cannot tell you how absolutely marvellous they have been!

Unfortunately, I had to exclude a few articles that became irrelevant because of the school's closure. I also apologise to any children who found it too difficult to attend when I had to change the day and times we met, this was to ensure we had the time, room and resources needed.

Being part of LSNews is not a 'club', I've heard the children calling it a job. Yes, it involves being creative and writing well, but they have to come up with their ideas, they have to track down information and quotes, get out of their comfort zones and they have to show up. It takes resilience and dedication. With deadlines and pressures similar to a real magazine, they have realised they need to support each other and sometimes pitch in together when a deadline's up. **THEY SMASHED IT!**

It has been a strange and tough few weeks for us all, with yet more uncertainties ahead. These children are amazing. They can do anything.

-Ready for the next one Team LSN?

-Mrs Styles

Join LSNews!

As we've no idea when we will be returning to school, the LSNews team talked about opening up the Summer newsletter to EVERYONE!

So, kids, if you have ideas for articles, stories, diary entries, photos, jokes, puzzles... maybe you'd like to share some of your thoughts about being in lock-down, maybe you've read an amazing book or poem? Maybe you wrote one! How does your experience compare to Anne Frank's; Write a letter to your future self; it's 2060 and you are recalling spring of 2020... Be creative, share your brilliance!

Send in your ideas:
stylesr@loughton.school



Wash Your Hands

Keep Safe

Keep Inside

Have a Happy Easter

Keep Chirpful!



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