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## CORONA VIRUS SPECIAL

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## Celebrating the NHS!

### What is the NHS?

The NHS stands for the National Health Service. It is something that everyone in the UK can use for free if they are ill or get injured. The NHS was started 70 years ago and it has helped so many people and saved lives too. If you have ever been to the doctors or had to go to a hospital, NHS staff work hard to help you. It was started in 1948 because the government believed that everyone should be able to see a doctor and medicine, no matter how much money they have. Before the NHS, people had to pay a lot of money to see a doctor and this still happens in loads of different countries. If someone doesn't have a lot of money, how will they afford help if they need it?

### The NHS and COVID-19.

During this tough time, the NHS have really supported us by being positive and helping everyone in need. This includes doctors, nurses, surgeons, ambulance drivers, paramedics and so many other people. These workers risk their own lives to help other people get through their sickness. They have also told the government and everyone else what to do to

Reported by Thulashika Kugathanan

stay safe, like washing your hands. The staff of the NHS are finding this difficult as they have to deal with everything very differently than usual. However, this does not mean they are giving up. The NHS will continue to fight this battle and treat their patients as much as they can. They will face all the dangers to win this war against the Corona Virus. We must have faith and believe in the NHS and support them however we can. It is up to us, if we chose not to follow the instructions given by the government and the NHS, then it will be our own loss.

### How to support the NHS.

The NHS need help from volunteers. This is a great way to get involved in the community. There are volunteer places across the country and many people have joined these volunteer places to help as there is a shortage of staff. Captain Tom Moore has raised an astounding amount of over £30 million!! Everyone also claps for the NHS every Thursday at 8pm to show our support and appreciation for them.

# The Courageous Captain Tom Moore

Reported by Subaha Saif

Captain Sir Thomas Moore, popularly known as Captain Tom, is a British Army officer known for his achievements raising money for charity in the run-up to his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Captain Tom was born on 30th April 1920 and grew up there. His father, Wilfred, was a builder and his mother was a head teacher. Captain Tom joined the British Army at the start of the Second World War and worked in India, the Burma campaign, and Sumatra, and was selected for officer training and attended an Officer Training Unit before becoming deputy of the army on 28th June 1941.



After the war, he worked as director of a roofing materials company in Yorkshire, called Ca-wood Concrete Products Ltd, which was re-named March Concrete Products. He then became a motorcycle racer. Tom Moore started riding bicycles when he was 12, became an instructor with his brigade in India during the second world war and raced a motorbike on his return to England, winning many trophies and medals.

On 6th April 2020, at the age of 99, he began to walk laps of his garden, with the help of his walking frame, to thank the NHS (who helped him recover from cancer and a broken hip) with the goal of raising £1,000 by his hundredth birthday. On the morning of his birthday, the to-

tal raised by his walk passed £30 million, and by the end of that day had increased to over £32.79 million, and the exact amount, is £32,795,06! In total, he received 150,000 birthday cards. His birthday cards were opened by volunteers who were brought in to open and display thousands of cards sent to war veteran Captain Tom. The cards have been put on show at Bedford School, where his grandson goes to. Despite completing the 100th lap of his garden on his birthday, Captain Moore says he will continue his walk supporting the "NHS heroes". Captain Tom has helped the NHS in a wonderful way, how can *you* help?

## Poem for the NHS

Heroes.	They are the NHS,
Working Day and Night.	They are the heroes,
Saving.	They are the savers,
Thousands and thousands of lives.	Helpers,
Moving.	Companions.
Like clockwork during hard times.	They are...
Sacrificing	The hard working NHS!
To make others live.	
Being the NHS,	
When we need them most.	
Always and forever,	
Lifeless or alive,	

Written by Faiza Suriya

Right now, Covid-19 is a world wide pandemic. This poem reaches out to our beloved NHS. They mean the world to us. They are saving lives every day. Stay alert and Support the NHS.



Reported by Yohanan Kommuguri

# Sporting Tragedy!

Most of the sporting events around the world have been cancelled or postponed because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. Suggestions have been made to play behind closed doors so that fans can watch their favourite sport personalities live streaming, though it wouldn't be the same as watching in a stadium with the hustle and the bustle! Although watching sports in a home setting in quietness and in peace would be better than not having any sports at all. Here are some ways that Corona Virus affected sports.

## Premier League: Cancelled!

Bournemouth Goal keeper Aaron Ramsdale was tested to see if he was affected with Covid-19 and he came out positive. The 22-year old was one of the 8 players in the Premier League whose results are positive. The Premier League was suspended on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 because of the pandemic with 92 fixtures remaining! Clubs will discuss further issues on Thursday including the use of

stadiums, how to decide the season whether to start or not.

## Indian Premier League: Suspended!

The Twenty20 competition originally was due to start on 29 March was postponed to further notice because of the Pandemic it has been postponed until further notice, as India's lock-down was extended on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. No date has been suggested, but if Twenty20 World Cup in Australia is cancelled, then they are definitely going to play IPL. [Indian Premier League]

## Netball Super League: Postponed

The 2020 Netball Super league season was suspended after only 3 full rounds of Fixtures on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March the Netball committee are thinking about playing the Netball competition in Autumn- Manchester Thunder head coach Karen Greig said she was disappointed

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that the Netball competition was to be postponed. Thunder managing director Debbie Hallas said that she was also disappointed the season had to end even as they had only started the Season!

## Will they play Ryder cup?

Rory McIlory believes that the Ryder cup will be postponed to 2021

He thinks most of the players would also love to play in 2021 because there is crowd and the atmosphere, that is what makes the Ryder cup so special. Rory plays for Europe. Europe have won seven out of the past nine Ryder cups including the last event in France 2018.





# Get to know Mr. DesRoches!

**Q1:** What is one thing that you miss the most from life before lockdown?

I miss seeing all my students and talking with them every day. It was so nice to greet everyone in the cloakroom at the beginning of the day and say "good morning!" I want to have time to get to know what everyone is doing!

**Q2:** What have you been doing during lockdown? Have you learnt any new things or skills?

I have been learning loads! I have read 4 books. They were about: how to be a great teacher, how the government is dealing with COVID-19, how to start a vegetable garden and a biography on my favourite musician—Tori Amos.

**Q3:** What is the first thing you are going to do after lock down is over?

I am going to go out to a nice restaurant with Ken and my friends. I miss them a lot and want to catch up properly and find out what they have been up to. I am actually really excited about this!

**Q4:** What is the best and worst part about being a teacher?

The best part is being able to help people learn about life, the world and how to be a great human being. I love what I do because every child is so different and unique. It gives me great joy to meet students. The worst part right now is not being able to see everyone. I miss having good conversations with students!

**Q5:** Who is your hero/role model? Why do they inspire you?

Jeremy Corbyn. Even though he's not the leader of the Labour Party anymore, he stands for the values I most deeply respect. He believes in equality for everyone, regardless of who they are, where they come from and whether they are rich or poor.

**Q6:** If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

Oh my goodness! This is a very difficult question because I love food so much! I would say my favourite type of food would be Italian food. I love pasta so much!



**Q7:** What was your favourite book as a child? What is your favourite book now?

My favourite book when I was a kid was 'The Little Red Caboose'. I must have read that book 4 million times! I knew it inside out! Sometimes when I was tired, my Nan would read it to me till I fell asleep. My favourite book right now is called Lullaby by Chuck Palahniuk. It's a murder mystery; a police detective has to solve a string of crimes and it leads him to an ancient, African lullaby people are singing to their babies. It's sooo good!

**Q8:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be and why?

I would love to be a musician and play concerts and write music! I already do this as a hobby and enjoy writing my own music all the time. I think it would be a cool job.

**Q9:** If you could go anywhere on holiday, where would you go and why?

I would love to go to New Zealand. I have been to a lot of places in the world but I have never been to NZ. If I went there, I would visit the mountains, the forests and the beaches. It is supposed to be one of the most beautiful places on Earth.

**Q10:** If you were given a million pounds, what would you do with the money?

I wouldn't be able to enjoy all that money if I couldn't share it with my family and friends! I would share most of it with them, then I would give some to my favourite charities. I would then put some in the bank, which would be a sensible thing to do. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. I would buy a grand piano for my living room!

# Ramadan and Eid

Reported by Zahra Miah

In April and May, it was the Islamic month of Ramadan. In this month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset. Muslims believe that the Quran (the holy book) was revealed to Prophet Muhammed (Peace Be Upon Him) in this blessed month. They also believe that this is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar and is fasting in this month is the 4th pillar of Islam.

There are loads of things to do in Ramadan, such as read the Quran, pray, give charity and make decorations to celebrate, such as lanterns. Taraweeh is an optional night prayer for Muslims in Ramadan. It is prayed after the five daily prayers. Throughout the month of Ramadan, Muslims read the Quran and many people try to finish it in the whole month. Many people also like to clean and decorate their houses for this blessed month. There are lots of Islamic charity appeals on TV that collect money to give to needy people in other countries that are less fortunate.



Fasting starts at Suhoor/Sehri time. This ends at dawn, which is when Muslims pray the first prayer of the day.

At this time, Muslims eat a meal before the fast starts, like breakfast. People can have different types of dishes, such as porridge or toast. After dawn, the fast starts and Muslims cannot eat or drink until Iftar time.

Iftar is at sunset and is the time when Muslims are allowed to open their fast. They usually do this with dates. Dates are a type of fruit which are very sweet and stick. Like suhoor, people have different dishes to break their fast. Like samosas, chickpea dishes, chicken curry and salad. Many people like to have a nutritious healthy meal so when they fast, they do not feel too weak and hungry.



After 30 days of fasting, it is time to celebrate Eid. Once the new moon for the next Islamic month is sighted, Eid is officially announced. This is a very special day of celebration. Girls and women often put on henna or mehndi on their hands and families also decorate their houses. In the morning, Muslims go to the Mosque to pray a special Eid prayer and then go on to meet with family and friends and usually have a feast of food. Children also get lots of presents on this day.

Because of Corona Virus and lock down this year, Ramadan and Eid will be very, very different. As Mosques are closed, Muslims will have to pray Taraweeh prayers, the five daily prayers and Eid prayers at home. Also, they will not be able to have the usual big gatherings of family and friends. Many people will use an app called Zoom to see and talk to their family and friends on Eid day. It will be a virtual Eid celebration!

# Get to know Ms. Bibi!

**Q1:** What is one thing that you miss the most from life before lockdown?

I miss being at school and working with the children. I miss teaching.

**Q2:** What have you been doing during lockdown? Have you learnt any new things or skills?

I have been baking lots of cakes for the first time. I have been trying out loads of new recipes! I have also started to grow my own vegetables for the first time.

**Q3:** What is the first thing you are going to do after lock down is over?

I am going to have a big party with all my family to celebrate all the birthdays that were not celebrated with family because of Covid-19.

**Q4:** What is the best and worst part about being a teacher?

The best part of being a teacher is working with the children—I love talking to them, finding out about their likes and dislikes and seeing them grow as learners. The worst part of being a teacher is working long hours to plan and prepare lessons.

**Q5:** Who is your hero/role model? Why do they inspire you?

My hero is my father. He has taught me never to give up and to keep trying. He has taught me to always look at the positives in life and not to dwell on the negatives.

**Q6:** If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?



I would carry on eating rice, as you can eat rice with a lot of other food!

**Q7:** What was your favourite book as a child? What is your favourite book now?

My favourite book when I was a kid was 'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton. Unfortunately, I currently do not have a favourite book as I do not have much time to read. I need to make more time to read!

**Q8:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be and why?

If I wasn't a teacher, I would love to work in the travel industry, perhaps as a holiday journalist so I could go and travel the world and write reviews for other travelers.

**Q9:** If you could go anywhere on holiday, where would you go and why?

I would love to go to go back on the Nile Cruise in Egypt again. I went there 15 years ago and loved it!

**Q10:** If you were given a million pounds, what would you do with the money?

I would give some of that money to charities that support orphan children, then I would buy myself a big house and use the rest of the money to do lots of travelling around the world.



# Book Review: The Dream Snatcher

Reported by Subaha Saif



The Dream Snatcher is a book which is written by the best-selling author Abi Elphinstone, who has also written other books like The Night Spinner and The Shadow Keeper. This story is about Molly Pecksniff who is a gypsy orphan living in Tanglefern

Forest with her wildcat Gryff. She is haunted by a nightmare that takes her deep into the dark side of the forest. She wakes up one night to find her terrible dream has become reality. She has been summoned by the Shadowmasks: a group of magicians who work for Skull, an evil witchdoctor. They plan to kill her - as it has been foretold that Moll is the only one who can save the Old Magic and stop the Shadowmasks taking over the land. With help from Alfie, a mysterious boy from the enemy camp, Moll and Gryff must fight the darkness to fulfil the Bone Murmur prophecy. This book had very good examples of creative writing because when they describe a place, like Skull's Lair, they describe

it in so much detail that you can picture what it looks like in your head. Also, this book falls in many genres as it is full of adventure, magic and even suspense! I would recommend this book to a person who enjoys reading magical and scary stories because it has both aspects in this book. It also motivates us to reach for what we really want to do in life because the author (Abi Elphinstone) was dyslexic and she was still able to write this amazing novel, so you should never give up on your dreams too.



## Ms. Jessner:

I have been doing my Harry Potter jigsaw, playing the ukulele, having family quizzes online. I made a marble run that takes up most of my kitchen!

## Ms. Cull:

I have been taking long bike rides and reading loads of books in my garden in the sun. I have also been attending choir sessions online!

## Mrs. Stopps:

I have got a new allotment and am growing swede, sweet peppers and beetroot! I am also getting better at my computer skills and have been playing a bit of guitar!

## Mrs. Raybe:

I have been busy baking, I have baked a carrot cake! I have also been talking long walks with my daughter and have started reading 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama.

## Teachers In Lockdown!

Zahra Miah finds out what our teachers have been up to during lockdown!

## Ms. Ormesher:

I have been exercising a lot more, I baked an apple cake and learnt how to make Jollof rice!

## Ms. Modhwadia:

I have been painting Niagara Falls and have been completing a 1000 piece puzzle!

## Ms. Sullivan:

I have been learning lots about space and chemistry, have been playing the guitar and am learning how to crochet a scarf!

## Ms. Preston:

I have been doing some gardening, lots of Zoom meetings and I have been reading a book set in Sweden that has an evil villain!

## Mrs. Cullen:

I have been taking part in many Zoom meetings and calls! I am in school often to make sure that the children who come to school are safe.

## Mrs. Phillips:

I have been doing a lot of DIY, I repainted my kitchen and have also been painting a boat! I have also enjoyed cooking with both my daughters!

## Ms. Dickeson:

I have been learning Welsh! I am hoping to be able to speak to my nieces and nephews in Welsh soon!

# VE Day Interview with my Great Grandma!

Reported by Roxy Kaye-Irabor

VE day (Victory in Europe) was on the 8th May 1945. It is celebrated every year and this year was extra special as it was 75 years since Victory in Europe after World War 2.

On 8th May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following on from Germany's surrender the day before.

I am lucky to have my Great Grandma, who is 90 and has clear memories of the war and VE day celebrations. This is what she told me when I asked her questions about her recollections of the war:



## 1. How did you find out that the war was over?

On BBC radio. There was no television at that time as it had been suspended.



## 2. What happened at the party after the war was over?

Everyone had a street party. Everyone sang, danced and brought cakes and sandwiches. My Great Grandma's brothers were not back from the war for VE day.



## 3. How did you feel during the war?

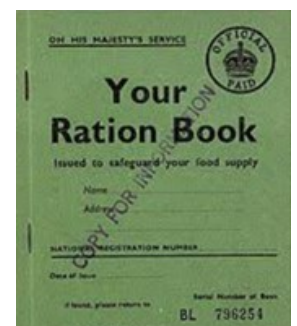
My Great Grandma's family had three girl evacuees from Newcastle and 3 French soldiers. They lived with them for 3 years. Newcastle had a shipbuilding yard which was bombed by the Germans to prevent boats being built for our army to use in the war. People carried on working and going to school. Carlisle was a safe place to live during the war but we missed my brothers and worried about them.

## 4. How did you feel after the war?

We all felt very happy, proud and relieved but sad that so many people were killed.

## 5. What was life like after the war?

People still had to ration food, so no sweets and people only got small amounts of food. People had to use a ration book till 1954. Throughout the war and after, there was a real community spirit and nobody locked their doors.





# Get to know Ms. Shereif!

**Q1:** What is one thing that you miss the most from life before lockdown?

There are a lot of things I miss, but what I miss the most is seeing my family and friends every week. I miss eating out at restaurants, especially Nandos!

**Q2:** What have you been doing during lockdown? Have you learnt any new things or skills?

I have been focusing on Ramadan the past month and taking Arabic reading classes online as I want to learn how to read the Quran fluently. I have also been really into baking and trying out new recipes. My friends and I have weekly video sessions where we bake/cook and catch up. It's not the same as meeting in a restaurant but it's the next best thing!

**Q3:** What is the first thing you are going to do after lockdown is over?

The first thing I am going to do is go back to my gym classes!

**Q4:** What is the best and worst part about being a teacher?

The best part about being a teacher for me is knowing that I am doing my dream job and helping children to reach their full potential. The worst part is probably having to deal with children who misbehave.

**Q5:** Who is your hero/role model? Why do they inspire you?

My dad is my hero because he taught me to value myself and always hold myself to a higher standard no matter what life throws at me.

**Q6:** If you could only eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?

I would definitely eat Dominos garlic bread pizza!

**Q7:** What was your favourite book as a



child? What is your favourite book now?

My favourite book is 'A Child Called It' by Dave Pelzer. It is heartbreaking but fills you with so much hope and inspiration. As a child, I loved reading Jacqueline Wilson books. My favourite was The Story of Tracy Beaker.

**Q8:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be and why?

If I wasn't a teacher, I would want to be a volunteer charity worker because of the job satisfaction that comes with helping people.

**Q9:** If you could go anywhere on holiday, where would you go and why?

I would love to go to Tanzania—it's the perfect mix of beaches and culture.

**Q10:** If you were given a million pounds, what would you do with the money?

I would give half of the money to charity and then use the other half to travel the world!

# How to survive during lock down!

As you all know, because of Covid-19, the country is in lockdown. Schools and shops are closed and this has changed life as we know it. If you are bored during quarantine, here is some things you can do:

1. You can learn a new instrument! You can install music apps on your phone to teach you or download music sheets from Google.
2. You can learn and practice your drawing skills. You can watch sketching tutorials on YouTube or use apps for this too. You can also do painting and other arts and crafts.
3. You can play board games with your family. If you don't have any at home, you could make one!
4. You can keep in touch and chat with your friends and family on different messaging apps. Did you know you can

Reported by Elizabeth Dawson

email your teachers and friends on Purple Mash?

5. You can learn how to cook or bake new things. You can look at different recipes from cook books or online or even watch cooking shows on TV or YouTube. You can ask your parents for help.
6. Use this time as a chance to spent quality time with your family and pets! You won't get this time again when school starts.

Make sure you keep safe during lockdown. Keep washing your hands, stay 2metres away from people from different houses, and if you can wear a mask!



## Back to school!

Reported by  
Faiza Suriya

It's been three months since schools have closed due to Corona Virus and they are finally starting to reopen from June 1st. Some children are very excited about this...BUT will it be safe?

What are schools doing to be doing differently?

On the 28th May, the Prime Minister confirmed that schools could reopen from the 1st June. To ensure the safety of pupils, strict social distancing will be enforced in schools. For example, desks should be 2 metres apart from each other and there won't be 30 children in a class. Also, not everyone will be returning, only key year groups, Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6. Pupils will be taught to wash their hands properly and will have to use hand gel to clean their hands. Schools have also been sending home learning packs in case of delays in reopening.

What is Nelson doing?

To ensure the safety of children, Nelson has also taken important safety measures. They will take

every child's temperature when they come into school with a machine and if they have a high temperature, they will be sent back home. Also, children will be grouped into bubbles which will have 9 children and 2 adults. Each bubble will attend lunch time at different times to to avoid crowding.

What can you do to help?

Now, as students, we have a MAJOR job to do by making sure we are keeping a safe distance from everyone and making sure we are washing our hands properly. If you have COVID like symptoms, you should stay away from school.

Everyone is excited to come back but hopefully we can do that safely.

Stay safe everyone!

# To infinity and beyond! The Space X Launch!

## What is SpaceX?

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, also known as Space X, is a space transport company in California. It was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk, who also owns Tesla and PayPal. The goal was to make space transport cheaper so they could send people to Mars. The company makes reusable rockets that lift off, fly to the International Space Station and return safely back to Earth.

## What is the mission plan?

SpaceX launched a mission to the International Space Station. They usually send cargo into space, but this time, they transported people in a new Crew Dragon spaceship on the 30th May 2020. The mission was a success!

## Who were the astronauts?

The NASA astronauts on this mission were Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley. They are both married to astronauts and have young children.

Reported by Thulashika Kugathasan

