

# CLARE MOUNT SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

No. 147

## Year 8



## Keeping in Touch May 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am so proud of all within our school community and their rise to the challenges of life in lockdown and adjusting to working from home. This newsletter, for your child's year group, is a celebration of all that children and staff have been up to.

I would like to re-iterate that the mental health and well-being of our pupils is of paramount importance and whilst we would ask parents and carers to encourage children to complete any work set, this should only be carried out if it does not cause distress at home.

Please keep in regular contact with your child's form teacher, who will answer any queries about your child's work or any concerns you may have. We also have a wealth of information, resources and links on our school website, so please take a look: [www.claremountssc.co.uk/](http://www.claremountssc.co.uk/)

In line with Government guidelines school has remained partially open for those children whose parents are working in vital roles on the front line and many members of our Teaching, TA, Office, Catering and Domestic staff have volunteered to come into school to support them, for which I am very grateful. It is still essential we continue to keep everybody safe and well and please be assured everybody will return to school only when it is safe to do so.

Over the May half term holiday next week members of staff who have been contacting you over the last few weeks, will be taking a well-earned break and will be back in touch with you on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and healthy half term and hope with all my heart that we can welcome everyone back to school as soon as it is safe to do so.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher, May 2020

## A message from Head Boy, Reeve:

Hi everyone,



its Reeve here, hope I find everyone well and safe. Just another little update as I want each and everyone of you to know that you're doing exceptional at this strange time. If you are struggling that is fine as lots of other people are age are in this time too. If you are feeling like this the best thing to do is talk to someone. Things will get better. I have seen all your hard work that has been put on the school website and social media. I love to look through it to see what you have all been up to and that in itself helps all off us to be strong as we are all in this together. I hope you all continue with your hard work.

Reeve

## A message from Head Girl, Abigail

How are you all doing in the Lockdown? I wanted to encourage all of you to keep strong, healthy, fit and happy.

I really recommend you all do a Joe Wickes fitness class every day. I know this is a hard time but stay positive, stay home, stay safe and save lives.

Go out for an hour walk every day. Keep active.

Still keep in contact with friends and family. Go out for a picnic or go for a walk with family member.

I miss you all. I am really proud as you all keep going.  
From your Head Girl, Abigail.

**Who has missed  
Zumba???**



**Mrs Poynton**



**Miss Willis**



**ZUMBA**

**Instagram LIVE**  
**WEDNESDAY 10 AM**  
**FRIDAY 1.30 PM**



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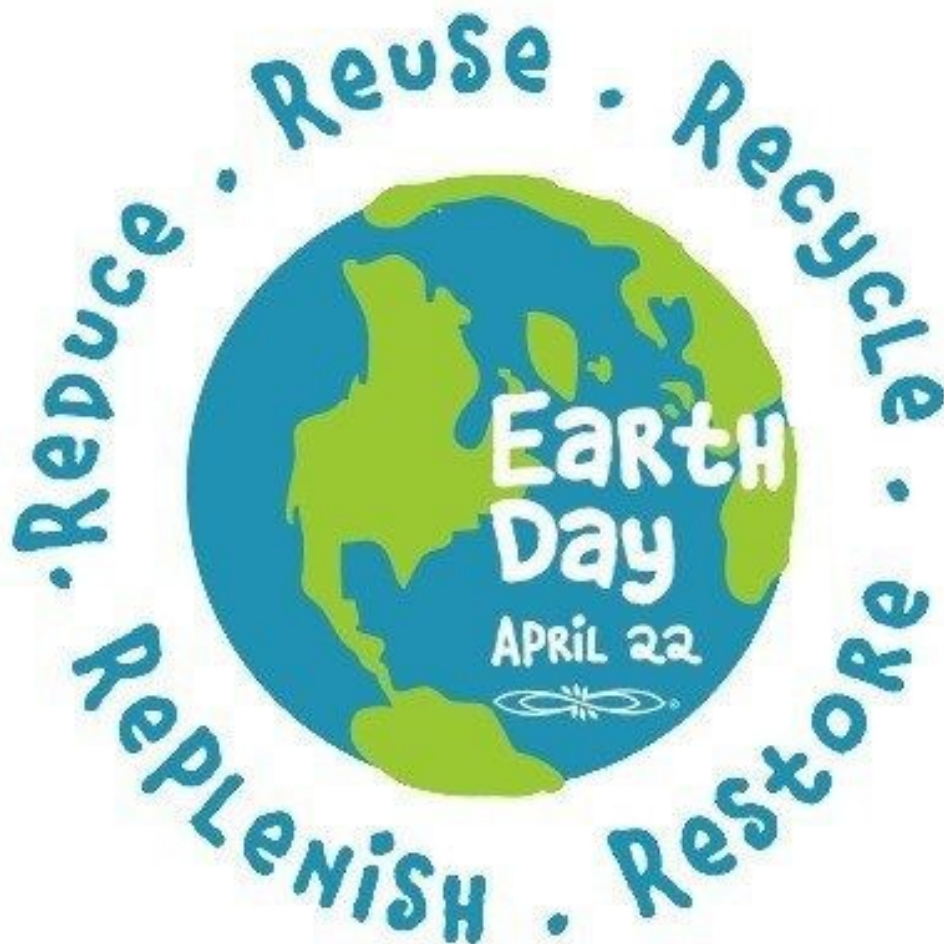
## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For any enquiries or concerns about free school meals please email [fsmvouchers@claremount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:fsmvouchers@claremount.wirral.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Egan



Thank you for  
helping us support...





27th APRIL-1ST May

**Physical Me**

**1,2,3,4,5km  
Challenge**

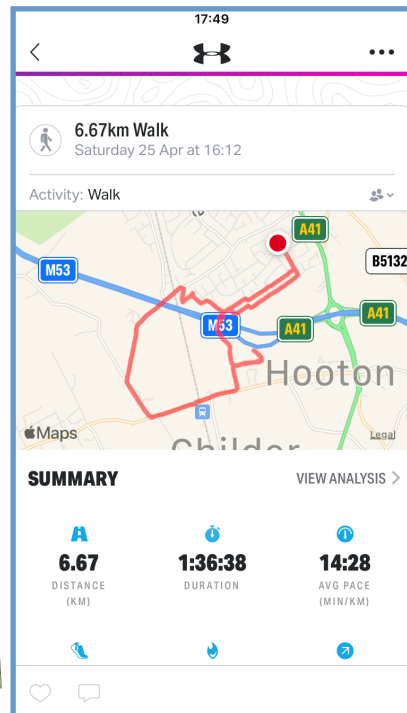
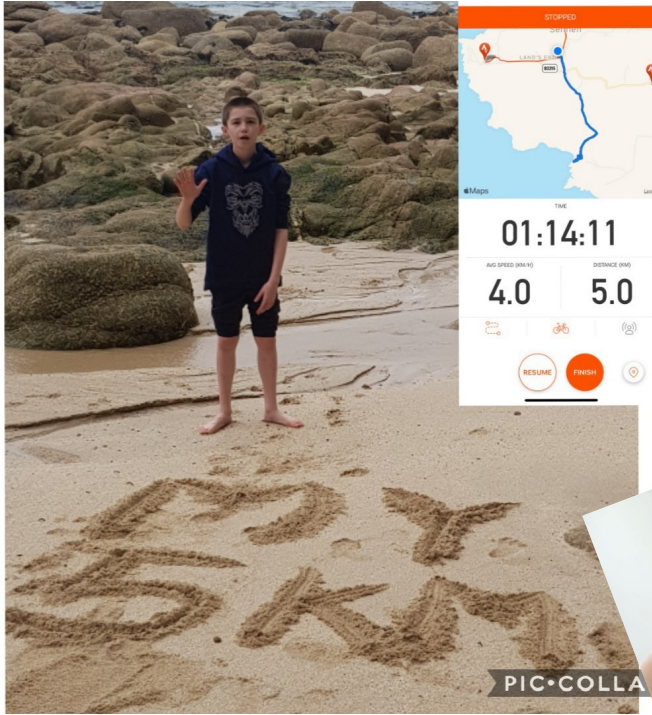


**Run, Walk, Cycle  
Log It - Send It  
Nominate 5**

**Physical Me**

**Mrs Grayson  
Nominates**





# VE 75

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
8TH MAY 2020

## Clare Mount





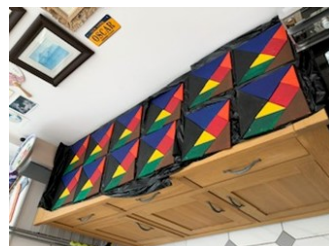
## **Covid Caring by Year 7 and 8**

Working in school, for those of us still in, has been very different of late. One idea I had was to spend our time productively and produce a resource that would be fun to make and use and be useful to someone else. We have a partnership through Mrs Parkinson, an ex-Clare Mount member of staff and sometime supply teacher, with OAKS School Sierra Leone. The students there have a very different education experience to students at Clare Mount and they have very few resources. We decided to make a set of 12 tangram puzzles out of wood, brightly paint them and package them for the students out in Africa to use. With support from Mr Hughes in DT we cut 20cm x 20cm squares and drew out the tangram templates. The wood was then carefully cut and sanded into 7 regular 2D shapes. When we were satisfied with the quality of our work we set to painting the pieces with acrylic paint. Once finished we had a dozen good looking puzzles to send to the school. With the addition of some challenges and worksheets, our product was good to go



Best of all we had real fun, learned something new and felt a sense of pride and fulfilment in what we had achieved. Well done Clare Mount students.

Mr Allkins





# UNICEF UK

## Rights Respecting School

### Going for Silver!



Our last assembly in school before lockdown was presented by our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador Group. As you know, we have been awarded the Bronze Award by UNICEF and Clare Mount is working towards the Silver Award. Unfortunately, the assessment booked for 30<sup>th</sup> April had to be postponed.

The Rights Respecting School Ambassadors' role is to help the school achieve the Silver Award. These are some of the things we learned from them that day:

A Rights-Respecting school is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

A rights-respecting school not only teaches about children's rights but also models rights and respect in ALL its relationships:

- Between pupils,
- Between adults, as well as
- Between adults and pupils.



All children up to 18 years of age are '**Rights**

**Holders'**. That means we must be empowered – that means to be given the power - to ask that our rights are met and make sure the all the adults who take care of us, promote and protect our rights.

**ALL** the adults who take care of us – in school: all the teachers, TAs, support staff, office staff, dinner staff, the Board of Governors, the cleaners, as well as the caretaker, and in the community: our parents, carers, families, the government, doctors, police, etc. - are '**Duty Bearers'** – that means they have a responsibility, which is legally binding, to respect, protect and fulfil all our rights.

The Rights Respecting Ambassador's group did a fabulous job of leading the assembly and helping our school to move towards achieving the Silver Award. Well done all!

Mrs Boyle



ART



WEEK

11th - 15th May

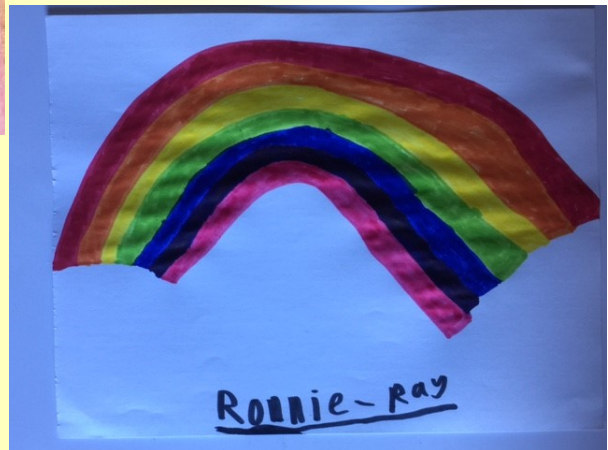


# Superlambanana Competition



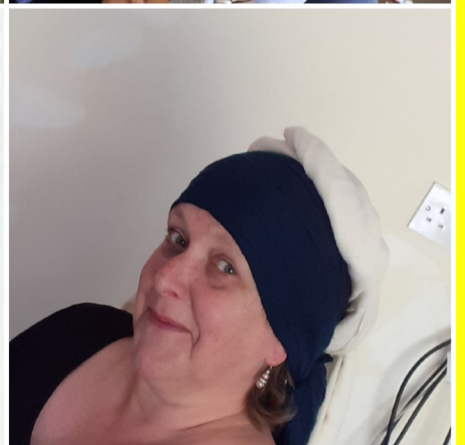
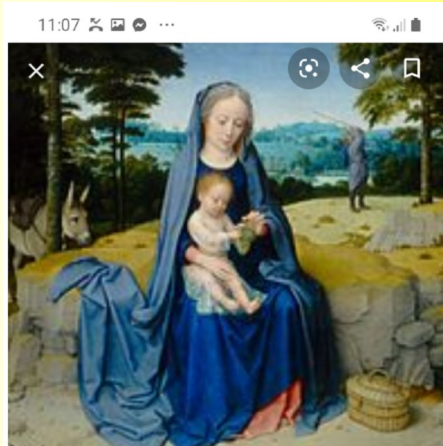
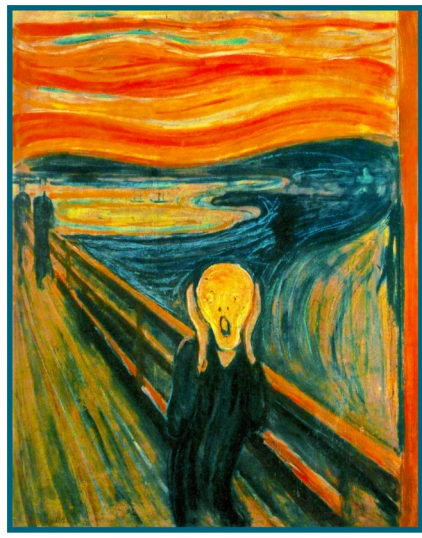
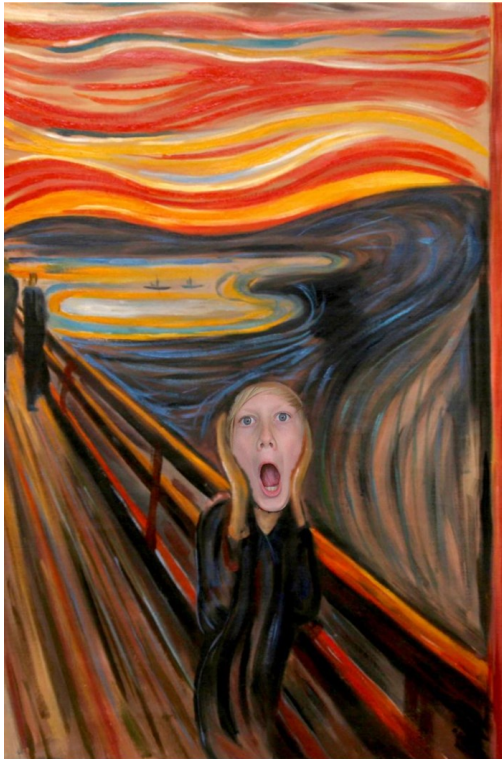
There will be 3 prizes, with the overall winner has their design recreated on the SuperLambanana in the main foyer of the school after the lock down period. The winner can choose 2 students to help them in this exciting task. All 3 winners will receive a certificate and art materials.

# Lockdown Gallery



Keep sending in your ART WORK for our lockdown gallery and the chance to have your work exhibited via the school website!

# Getty Art Museum Challenge



This challenge asks pupils and staff to recreate famous paintings at home. This is currently being done around the world. Our talented pupils have even got parents and carers involved!




# Live Well Week 18th - 22nd May 2020

## Mental Health Awareness Week

<b>The 7 Day KINDNESS Challenge!</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
	<b>Make a cup of tea for someone in your family</b>	<b>Send someone you haven't seen in ages a letter or a postcard</b>	<b>Donate food or clothes to people in need</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
	<b>Bake a cake or some biscuits to cheer someone up</b>	<b>Ask your parents for a chore that would really help them out</b>	<b>Video call someone you know is feeling a bit lonely</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>Be kind to yourself and spend some time on YOU!</b>			

## Health Week Cooking Challenge










1. Choose 5 ingredients from the shopping list  
(You can top up with store cupboard basics such as flour, oil, milk etc)
2. Use school recipes on a webpage, a cook book or the Supercook App to help you decide what to make.
3. Does your dish balance on the Eatwell guide?

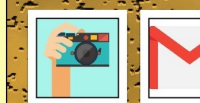



You could download the Supercook App

Is your dish a healthy eating option?







Present your dish  
Take a picture  
Send it to your form tutor  
Will your dish be better than theirs?




# Keeping busy...

## 8Wa

8Wa have been doing sterling work and finding ways of coping during lockdown. Lewis and Luke have been holding the fort at school, learning to play the ukulele, using their art skills to create banners in support of our key workers and impressing staff with their positive attitude and resilience; Lewis has also been helping out in the garden at home, whilst Luke has been keeping active on his bike; Ash has been keeping in touch with friends from school, chatting online, and can't wait to get back to see his friends in person; Rhys has been working hard, keeping himself busy with school work and gaming; Craig has been honing his inner domestic God, helping Mum around the house. There's been lots of creativity too, with James learning the recorder, CJ making a birdhouse by recycling an old milk carton and Kai has been helping his dad build an outdoor gym to help them all stay fit.

It's inspiring how, with the love and support of your families, you all find such positive ways of working through this difficult time.

Stay strong and keep it going, 8Wa!

Mr Waters



# Keeping busy...

## 8We

Lockdown stars in 8We!

This is what they've been up to:

Claudia has learnt to ride her bike during lockdown, has been enjoying walking with her family and taking part in Clare Mount Zumba sessions.

Jodie created her very own cook book with her own recipes complete with pictures. She has also walked the equivalent of a full marathon on her treadmill since lockdown began!



Sarah Mai has been enjoying Clare mount Zumba and doing lots of reading, art/crafts and word searches.

Mollie has been baking her own lovely cakes and enjoying watching YouTube videos about cats.

Elijah has been walking 5k and spending lots of time on his trampoline whilst practising his Maths, Drama and musical theatre!

Jacob has been working through English, Maths and getting plenty of exercise in the garden.



Morgn has been completing some great work. Love the colourful art!

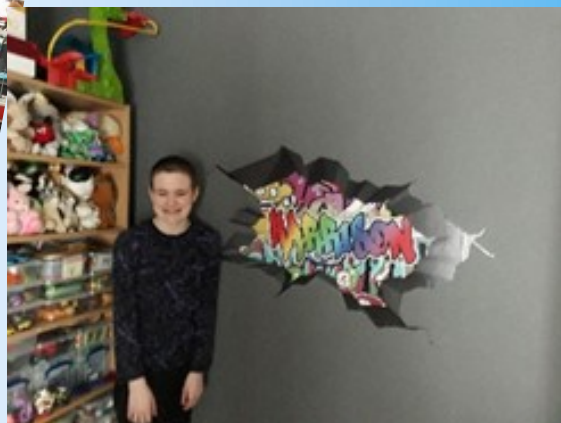
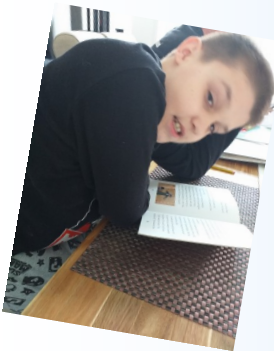
Miss Webster

# Keeping busy...

## 8Ga

### 8Ga – Lockdown Lords

Well done to all of 8Ga who have managed the “Lockdown” extremely well. We have had so many positives and loads of pictures sent through. Some highlights are: Joe smashing his targets of keeping active with his family; Daniel helping keep the garden neat and tidy; Farrell doing some home learning with his siblings; Charlie keeping in touch with friends online; Harrison with some amazing wall art; Liam attending school in his adapted play room; Ronnie Ray baking some delicious recipes; Nathan doing amazing school work and Lennon joining in and getting active on Zumba! Mr Gavin, Mrs Booth and Mrs Grayson are extremely proud of how you have all coped during this time. Keep it up!



Mr Gavin

# Keeping busy...

## 8Ha

8Ha have been busy over the last few weeks getting stuck into the challenges being set. There has been lots of school work being done, lots of cooking/baking, lots of fabulous art and designing, lots of celebrating and plenty of exercising. It's been great catching up with parents/carers and pupils! I'm really proud of my Form they have shown great maturity in these difficult times and I can't wait to see them again!

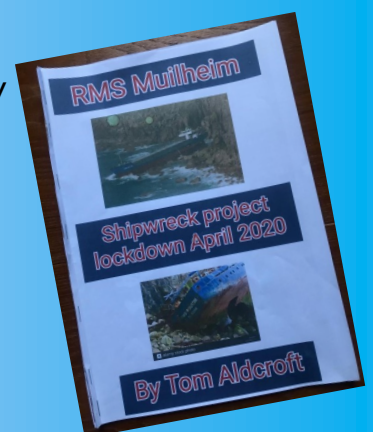
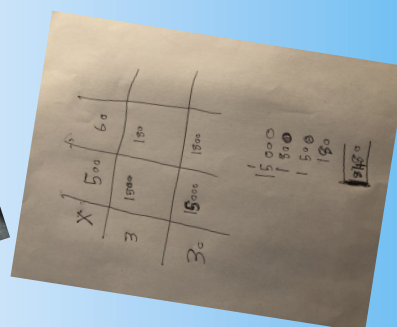
Miss Hanley'

## 8D

Pupils from 8D have made a superb effort with their home learning so far.

Tom has completed an outstanding shipwreck project on RMS Mullheim, Evan has worked consistently hard over the past 6 weeks on a variety of curriculum subjects, Alex has made marvelous progress with his long multiplication and division methods, Joni has made delicious pasta and given me the recipe to try, and Jake has been helping his dad sort the back garden and paint the fence. I am so impressed by all your efforts. Keep up this hard work 8D, you are amazing.

Miss Donnelly



# Keeping busy...

## 8AI

Tarran has been regularly riding his bike. He has been painting Warhammer figures, looking after his pets and experiencing a lockdown birthday. He has learned to enjoy the thrill of completing complicated dot-to-dot puzzles.

Tash has been out exercising the dogs. She has stayed in touch on line with her friends and has learned to ride her bike one-handed.



William is one of the lucky ones who have managed to get a haircut as Dad's partner is a hairdresser. At home he has kept busy by baking, gardening and helping clean up outside. He too has kept up his exercise cycling with mum.



Melissa has been very supportive to mum. She helped prepare a VE Day afternoon tea and has helped with the decorating. Like so many of us, she has been able to get out on her bike in the good weather to exercise but she is really missing her football.



Tom too is sporting a new haircut now that the clippers have finally arrived in the post! He has been a great help in the garden with mowing the lawn and enjoyed making and cooking his own pizza from scratch in the new pizza oven.

David is another to have had a lockdown birthday recently. He has rediscovered that playing computer games with his younger brother really isn't all that bad. He set himself up as the new Mary Berry of Wallasey with his butterfly cakes and is working up to shortbread for his next project.

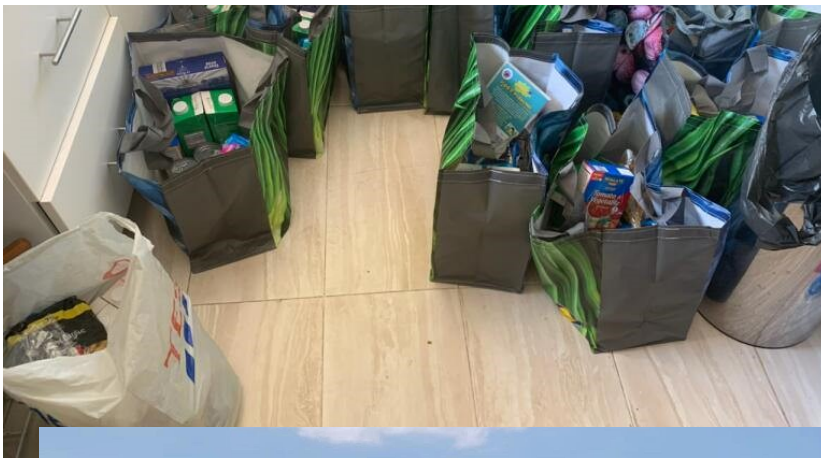
Some of 8AI have kept in touch with weekly Zoom meetings with each other along with Mr Allkins, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Swap.

Mr Allkins

# FOOD PARCELS

Since late March a number of our families have been receiving food support thanks to Mr. Scott and his association with The Heswall Round Table charitable organisation. Over the course of the last few weeks, Clare Mount staff, via a Just-Giving page set up by Mrs Badzire, have raised over £900 in order to extend this support to more than 40 of our families; and we are hoping that this number will increase.

This has been a fantastic effort by a remarkable team of people. Thank you, on behalf of our entire community, to everyone who has contributed.



**Just a few of the food parcels be prepared for delivery!**



# SENSORY EQUIPMENT



Some families of students from Clare Mount Specialist Sports College have received a welcome boost, in a period of uncertainty, thanks to the innovation, compassion and generosity of the school staff and some amazing partner organisations.

Thanks to a funding bid, written by Mr. White, the Morgan Foundation awarded the school over £1800 to purchase sensory activity equipment to be used at home. Many of our students take part in sensory circuits when in school. These activities help to set children up for a school day and reach the level of alertness and/or calmness needed to concentrate. It is hoped that by providing some of this equipment to our students it will help with their home learning while the 'lock-down' continues.

## Coronavirus (COVID-19):

support for parents and carers to keep children safe online



It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

These resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

Thinkuknow ([www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/) ) by National Crime Agency-CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online

Childnet ([www.childnet.com/](http://www.childnet.com/) ) has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online

Parent Info ([www.parentinfo.org/](http://www.parentinfo.org/) ) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations

NSPCC has guidance for parents and carers to help keep children safe online ([www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety) )

UK Safer Internet Centre ([www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)) provides tips and advice for parents and

[schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk)

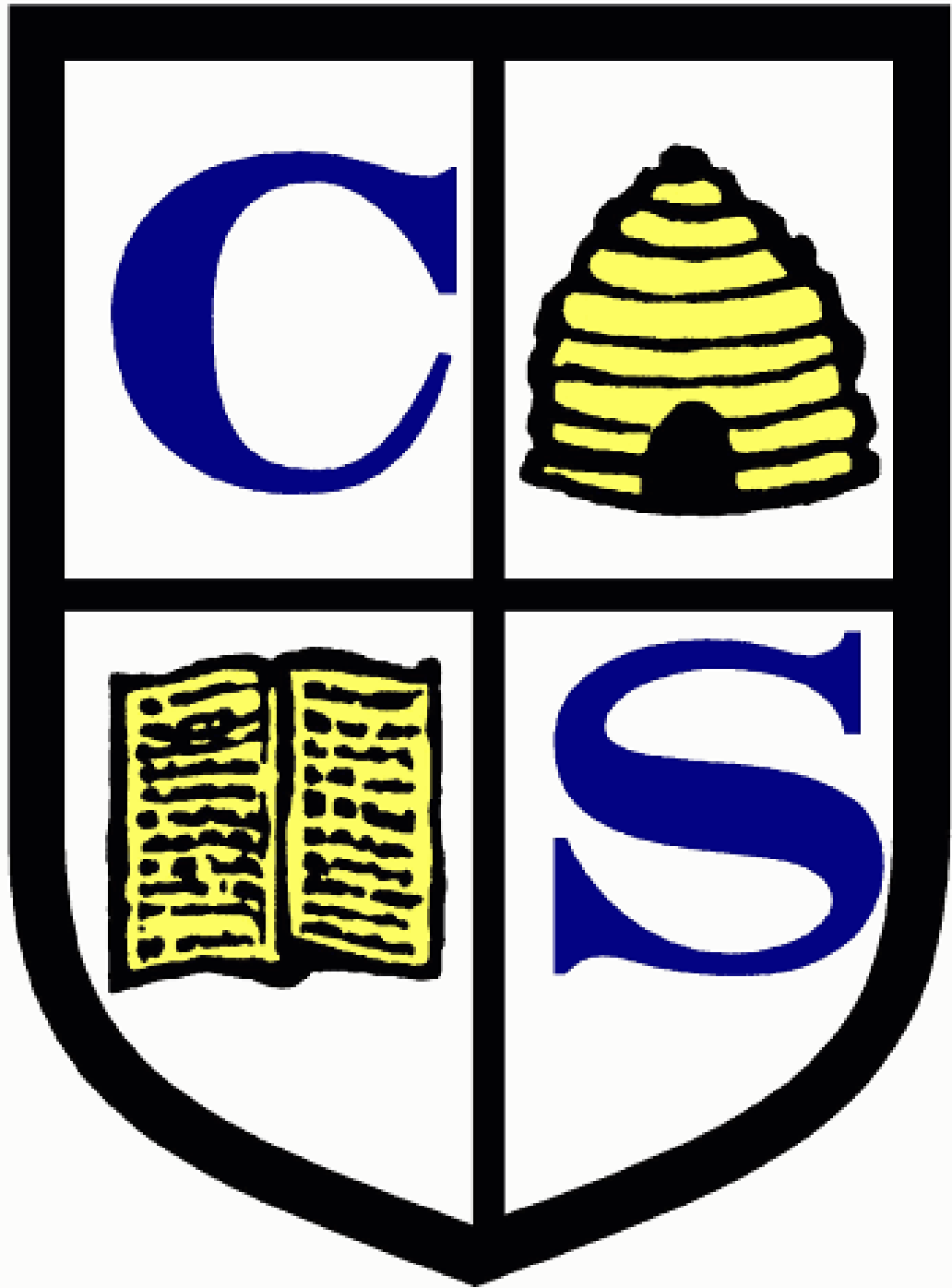


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