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Dear Parents and Children,

As we come to the end of a busy half term may we take this opportunity to acknowledge parents and children who are home schooling, alongside juggling other commitments. We recognise the strain this may be putting on families and we hope that you are all managing to remain safe and well. It has been a challenging few weeks for all and our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have been ill.

Thank you for your positive feedback and comments around remote learning. We have received many messages appreciating our Teams sessions. It has been lovely keeping in touch with families through these and our phone calls home. Thank you to all of the staff for their continued hard work and commitment in developing this provision in an ever changing landscape.

A huge thank you to **all** of our amazing children; we are very proud of the way in which you have engaged with the learning this half term, whether in school or at home. This situation has been difficult for everybody but you have really displayed our school values of perseverance and courage. As well as completing the learning provided you are developing life skills in so many areas; independence, resilience and technology, to name a few. Your creativity and the way in which you are adapting to new ways of learning is fantastic.

TTRockStars

Wow - St Michael's rocks at this game! I'm so impressed with how many of you have been on practising your times table skills - keep up the great work! Once again, we were the highest scoring school in the whole of Lichfield and you may have noticed that a few more schools have joined in so what a great achievement!

As I was so impressed, I've sent 'top 3 rocker' certificates to each class (Y2-Y6) so please check if you're one of the top 3 in your BGFL folder. Overall, 3G were once again our highest scoring class (3rd in all of Lichfield) - this is hardly surprising as the overall top 3 in our school is made-up entirely of pupils from 3G so a massive congratulations to 3rd place Thomas, 2nd place Edward and once again 1st place Oliver! I must say, it was very close with the top 2 who both made the top 3 (2nd and 3rd) in the whole of Lichfield. I'm so impressed - keep up the fantastic work! Year 1 have now joined the fun and will hopefully be adding a few more points to our total in the Spring 2 challenge where, once again, you'll have the opportunity to receive a top 3 certificate in each class. Good luck!

At the halfway stage of the house competition, it's very close; here's how it stands (average player score):

1. Johnson 1,566
2. Wedgwood 1,367
3. Anson 1,330
4. Mitchell 786

Keep up the good work and remember the winning house will be rewarded at the end of the Spring term. This competition will be live over the half-term break.



Staffordshire Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme



Lennie the Litter Legend Competition

Thank you for all the entries to the poster making competition; Bob was bowled over by the effort and creativity put into every entry - well done! As a result, many of you will be seeing your poster displayed in Tesco in the near future. There were 2 overall winners though and they were Douglas from Year 2 and Ida from Year 3. A panel of Lichfield Litter Legends spent hours cutting down their shortlist until there was 1 winner in each category; there were many disagreements along the way but they all agreed in the end and I hope we all agree we've got 2 very worthy winners - well done! The winning posters will be on display in the window of Michael's Menswear from the 26th February. Bob (and Monty) dropped by personally to deliver the litter picking prize bundles.



A huge thank you for all the work that has gone into the Lichfield Litter Legends learning; you've really brought the book to life and Bob (the author) has loved seeing some of the amazing pieces you've created. We hope it's made you more aware of our local area and how we can all make a positive change. Thank you; you are all Lichfield Litter Legends in my eyes!

Diary Reminder

A reminder that we will be closed next week for February Half Term and we will not be setting any formal learning. Monday 22nd February is a planned staff training day therefore no learning will be set and Teams meetings will not take place. Remote learning will commence from Tuesday 23rd February, when school will be open to the children who are currently attending.

If your child would like to take part in a creative activity during the break, please see the attached link for a national art competition which encourages children to think about something positive for the future;

<https://www.bottlemoments.com/covid-19-kids?fbclid=IwAR27S1L-0aYwBx0uTB2blMJC7TzBmlod2CJuk5hClqaA-SjX9spVMivl4no>

We look forward to meeting with you after half term through our virtual parents' evenings.

Wishing everybody a safe and healthy break.

Mrs J Webster
DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER