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Dromore High Live — Listening — Learning

are all well and have had a busy week juggling some extra time at home and getting to grips with your on-line and remote learning. Teachers are busy setting, monitoring and marking your work and we are delighted by the number of you who have taken to this new world of learning. For those who haven't, particularly those in Year 11 and 13, it is important that you engage and keep working. In September you will be moving into the second year of your GCE or GCSE course

and it's critical you are ready for that.

Hello everyone and welcome again to Dromore Live! We hope you

As we move into our Easter vacation the work will ease for a week or two but let's not forget those who will be working day and night to look after our health, our essential needs and our country. We owe them a lot and can repay their sacrifices by, yes you've guessed it, staying home and staying safe!

Thanks to all those who have contributed this week—to everyone else why not grab yourself a tea, coffee, lemonade or treat and sit back, relax and have a quick read!!



our bit for our NHS workers

Instead of attending their local Nursery, Primary or High School, young people are at home getting used to what that means. Many are unhappy; they would rather go out to play, go to the

Students from all the schools in Dromore are facing 'lockdown'.

shop or meet up with friends. Instead of this they are at home: safe, warm, well fed and looked after. They are forced to relax and take it a lot more easy than normal. How different it is for those who work for or are part of our Health

Service. They are busier than they have ever been, they are working long shifts, making difficult decisions, fighting for the equipment they need and genuinely putting their lives on the line for us. We want to help, to make things even a tiny bit better if we can;

letting our workers know that we care and that we value and appreciate what they are doing more than we can even say. As such, we are setting up a

'Just Giving' page, and with the money we raise we are going to put together 'Comfort Packs' for our front-line workers.

It is our aim to provide as many packs as possible for those caring for us at this desperate time. With your donations we are going to

provide as many toiletry and food packs as we can for distribution to these brave and caring individuals. What can you do? It is simple - just donate a small amount of money and we will do the rest. We don't want anyone going

shopping or buying the items for the packs, we have that organised in a way that is cost, content and safety effective. All you need to do is donate. It doesn't have to be much—if we do this together we can achieve a lot!! This is your opportunity to say a tangible, 'Thank you' to those doing so much for us. Look out for the email and facebook posts

we will be releasing over the next couple of days to find out details of how to donate.

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BBC offering highest

education push in history with presenters Oti Mabuse, Katie Thistleton and Karim Zeroual. Starting on 20 April, videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles will appear on BBC Bitesize Daily via the BBC iPlayer, red button, BBC Four

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THANK YOU!

The 'Clap For Our Carers' is a fantastic campaign and many have uploaded photographs or videos of themselves taking part in this.

How About a Challenge?

On Thursday night we even had pipers taking to their door steps at 8.00 p.m. Miss McMurran's challenge is to ask pupils and staff to record a short 10 -20 second video clip of themselves carrying this out

whilst wearing an item of school uniform (hoody, blazer, tie),

school colours or something featuring the school logo. She wants you to send all clips to her at gmcmurran111@c2kni.net and she will edit the footage into an iMovie and post it on social media. This competition is open to pupils and staff from all schools in Dromore. If you are a student make sure you get your parent's

permission first!



Mind Matters We have reached the end of week one in terms of our 'Zoom' counselling sessions and so far the technology is working really well and students are benefitting from the face to face sessions. Pippa and Deborah have emailed through appointments for the week beginning April 20th but should anyone need

Alternatively, if you feel you do not need to use your session the week after Easter, then let Pippa or Deborah know so that they can slot in someone else. It is better to make contact and cancel than to waste time someone else could be using. We are all going through strange and stressful times at the moment and it is really important that in the face of what is going you look after your mental health. Do not worry alone - we are here to help.

help or support during the Easter Break please contact me on email rravey244@c2kni.net.

Bridge Counselling **Pippa** and



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STAY PRESENT

LISTEN TO

SOOTHING

SONGS .

Thank you

Deborah



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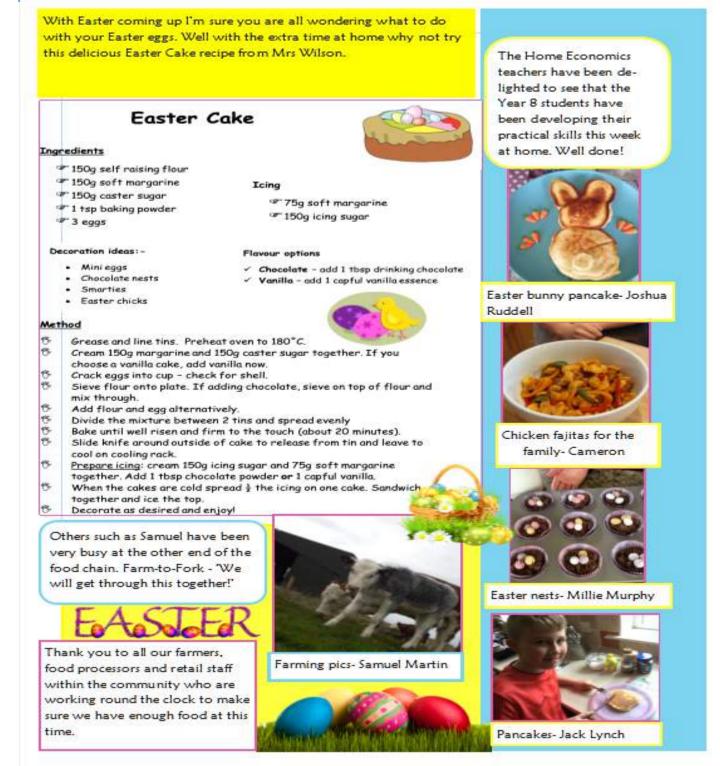
Do you mean to tell me a stress ball isn't for throwing at people who stress you e)(e))t



out?







English teacher? Aake sure you are completing your

Have you checked in with your

English booklet (emailed to all KS3 students) Keep checking your inbox – we will be

releasing literacy challenges next week Amazon vouchers up for grabs each week!



She-goat, Wolf and Cabbage

Literacy Question

A farmer returns from the market, where he

bought a she-goat, a cabbage and a wolf (what a crazy market!). On the way home he must cross a river. His boat is small and won't fit more than

one of his purchases. He cannot leave the shegoat alone with the cabbage (because the shegoat would eat it), nor he can leave the shegoat alone with the wolf (because the she-goat would be eaten). How can the farmer get everything on the other

the Week and join last week's winners: Darcy McCullough (Yr 8), Jane Monroe (Yr10) and Loren Begley (Yr 10)

Why not take up the Art Dept Challenge of











- Driven one of these
- 1. Ford Cortina
- 3. Mini.
- 4. Morris Marina
- 6. Austin/Morris

8. Ford Capri.

- 2. Ford Escort.
- 5. Vauxhall Viva

7. Austin Allegro

Garfunkel

John Newcombe won Wimbledon

Chelsea beat Leeds in the FA Cup Everton won Division One—Spurs finished 11th

The average wage was £32 and bread cost 9p

Troubled Waters'

Or known about this

Diana Ross left The Supremes and the Beatles broke up HAVE A GREAT DAY!



From us to You



Message Boards

Boris and his virus....can we learn anything?

Hiya Year 8!

Another week of almost total lock down. How are you all coping?

Doesn't normality seem so far away now and how we would all love if we had our daily routine back again. The dreaded virus has everything turned upside down. But in the middle of these awful times is there anything we can learn from it or about ourselves?

Boris (not his real name of course) arrived home (perhaps at house number 10) from school with a headache. This got worse as the evening progressed. He then started sneezing. During the night he developed a nasty cough, streaming eyes and a sore throat. One minute he was shaking and shivering, the next he went into a hot sweat. After a long restless night he did try to get up for school the next day but his legs wouldn't support him and he was so dizzy that the room seemed to be going around. Boris's mum phoned for the doctor and described the symptoms.

"Get him to stay in bed (isolation) for 48 hours. Keep him warm. Give him plenty to drink. He's got 'flu! There is an epidemic going round," said the doctor.

The word 'flu is short for influenza, a sort of severe, feverish cold which is infectious or catching, that is, the illness can be passed from one person to another. Fortunately it does not last for more than a few days and having taken the doctor's advice Boris was soon feeling much better.

influenza from which we also get the word "influence". "Influence" is something way we behave and speak to others, we influence their behaviour. During these le normality returns) are we a good influence for good or bad? How often do we he wasn't really my fault, so and so told me to do it and said it would be all right. I her."

In another sense, year 8, we all have influenza, for the name of the illness comes t

I hope that you are all well, every one of you. I

Dear Year 13 and Year 14.

hope that you are also starting to adapt to what people are calling our 'new normal': accepting the differences in our lives at the moment is one of the best ways of coping, whilst realising that it isn't our new permanent 'normal'. What's more, we are all in this together and many of us are all struggling to adapt to different circumstances. I am sure that a lot of you are using social media to keep in touch with friends as well as family and keep doing so - this will be the only time you can use your phone during the school day.....

period. Everything I hear or read in the news tells us that the next couple of weeks are so crucial in stopping the spread of the virus, so please follow the guidelines and act selflessly. As ever (this hasn't changed!), I will keep in touch with you by email and let you know of anything

Please don't be tempted to go out over the Easter

useful or important that way. This week I sent out some tips to help your wellbeing at this time. I would also love to hear from any of you by email if you have concerns, advice for others or just want to say hello. This might be especially important for all of you in Year 14..... please don't feel abandoned because you're not!! Year 13: please note that your subject teachers are keeping in touch with you primarily by email to continue with your work, so it is vital that you are

having internet/mobile issues, then please get a message to your teacher via someone else. To all of you: stay safe, keep your distance and don't hesitate to ask for support if you need it! Mrs Scott

ALL checking emails and responding. If you are

I would like to reassure you that the <u>Careers Service</u> remains open for business & I want to help in whatever way I can to support you with your career planning. I can be contacted by e mail if you have any queries or questions, alternatively, you can refer to our website to

I hope you are keeping well and still staying safe

Dear Year 9

indoors. I am sure you have all been coming up with creative ways to have fun at home so let me know what these are and we can share them with others. Well done to those who managed to complete my challenge for this week - I am sure you have sore legs and arms from all those exercises. As it is Easter, I am going to set you a 2 week challenge which is to READ A BOOK. Any book of your choice then let me know which book you chose and what you thought of it. Have a wonderful Easter and eat as much chocolate as you possibly can but remember stay home, stay safe and protect the NHS.

Happy Easter!

Miss Hillen



per the date on the email he sent you.

help with information & guidance: www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers Career ideas (14-19).. Doing this questionnaire can help match your skills,

interests & values with careers. It will give you career suggestions based on what you like and/ or what you're good at. Career A-Z list: this helps you explore careers you're interested in. It has lots of information about what it is

like to work in your chosen career by watching videos & reading real life case studies. Plan your career....Take a look at Skills in demand...useful to know where the jobs are now & where they're likely to be in the future.

Skills to succeed...Covering information on Education, Courses & Apprenticeships. I hope you find this informative, please don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any help Liz Monteith

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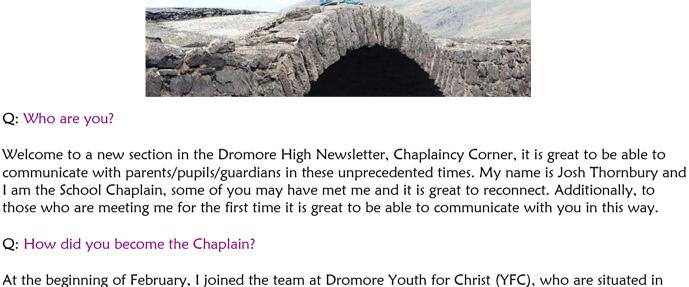
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HELP

This week's edition of the Dromore High Newsletter will introduce to you our school Chaplain – Josh Thornbury. In this section he will share some thoughts for us weekly as we wrestle with isolation and



the centre of the town, and a significant part of my role within YFC is spending time in the High School.

best for them.

Q: Who are you?

Q: What do you do as Chaplain in Dromore High? I aim to provide support for young people within the school, supporting them in 1-2-1 meetings, communicating with young people during lunch times and being a part of the wider pastoral care for young people within Dromore High. It has been a real privilege and joy to get to know these young

people over the last number of weeks, a particular highlight was Chaplaincy Week. This was a full week of activities, including the facilitation of a prayer space within the school with over 100 young people in year 8. Also, during this week we delivered personal development classes to over 100 young people in year 9 and 10. In a world that is ever more challenging to grow up in, I am committed to providing young people with opportunities to express themselves and engage in conversations with others who want the

Q: So what do you have to say to us this week? On the 11th of March I went to Australia for what I hoped would be a good holiday, I was meant to be going to a family wedding in the Philippines at the end of March. However, this like everything else was impacted by Covid-19. Within 48 hours of arriving in Australia, the Philippines had gone into lockdown for at least 30 days. This meant that the wedding we had travelled this far for was now cancelled and that

we would not be going to the Philippines. At this point we thought that we would just extend our stay in Australia and then return home at the end of March. However, like everything else in the world things changed ever so quickly. With airlines grounding their fleets, countries closing their borders to planes we were beginning to feel unsure if we would get home. Thankfully, following consultation with the Irish Consulate they managed to charter a flight from Perth to London that I and my family were able to get on and return home. It was a scary time, and I am sure many of you have been confused and at your wits end about what this virus will mean for our tomorrows.

However, as a Christian I have been finding that my faith has been a rock in this crisis. It has highlighted to me that I am unable to control my destiny: all the great plans I had about going to Sydney and seeing an Opera got cancelled, I had no control over any of that! In the bible, Psalm 57:1 says this:

wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

I wonder how many of us are sitting indoors, turning off the news because all we hear is bad news, watching empty streets, going to the supermarket and getting used to new social distancing measures and are asking what is all of this about? What are we learning in these days about ourselves, about our world and about God? What I have found is that in these circumstances when everything is uncertain, unclear

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your

and unknown all we can do is trust in the one who will protect us. The author of this Psalm, David, probably wrote this Psalm in the midst of trials and difficulties. Yes, his would have been different to ours, yes his were in a different time. However, we can still trust in the same way that David has trusted. But why can we trust? Why should we trust? Well, Psalm 57:3 goes on to say: He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out

come and save us is Jesus. He still loves us, still cares for us and will be faithful to us in these days. It will not be easy, there are difficult days ahead – but we can trust in the one who WILL come from Heaven and save us and all of this will pass – his name is Jesus.

As we read this verse now, knowing the whole bible story, we know that the one from heaven who will

completely gone – we have one left.

A book that I have found is a real uplifter is 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. I'll share some of the images in each of my contributions. This week – our freedom is not

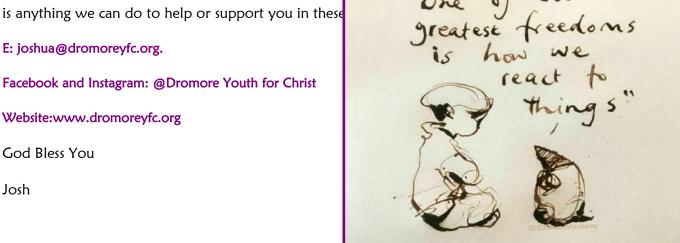
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his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

Website:www.dromoreyfc.org God Bless You

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Quizzy Masters



Quizzy Masters: Challenge yourself to a few of our puzzles

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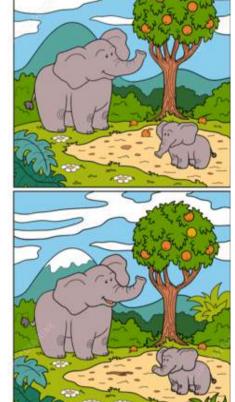
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PLANTS SEEDS SOIL GROW SPROUT APRIL MAY BLOOM BUD RAIN







Holly Jordan - well done Holly!

Math-Whizz

Caption Contest - Create Captions for the Photographs Below to Win a Prize.



Email your answers to lwilson437@c2kni.net



deserve at least a large latte and some chocolate

time with your family.

something clean

something sharp

something hard

something tiny

something blue

something noisy

something wet

something pink

something soft

something heavy

something that moves

something smooth

something alive

something tall

something light

something fluffy

something purple

something colorful

something dirty

something shiny

something orange

something with wheels





virus and I imagine there are parents who never want to hear the words Email, Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams or Zoom again. It actually crossed my mind this week that I would like to have invented

As teachers, we have developed our IT skills at a rate comparable to the exponential growth of the corona

Zoom as it would appear it is being used by just about everybody with a mobile device across the globe!!

But now it is Easter! It is time for a break from the routine of schoolwork and time for everyone to breathe. Just to stop and breathe.

For those trying to balance long hours of work and home schooling, use the time from this break in study

to claw back some precious moments for yourself knowing that your children can also relax. Enjoy not having to come in from work worrying about who has done what for which teacher and have some down

For those looking at days of lockdown with children, plan some fun things to do around the house - I am not a fan of Board Games but even I am enjoying the 'craic' that can be had from them and children can get fun out of doing simple things that as adults we take for granted: planting seeds, baking scones, helping redecorate a room! (Well I don't really do the baking scones thing but you get my drift!).

home?', 'Do you remember what we did?' and use the technology we have to capture the memories; to re-engage with friends we sometimes don't have time to talk to and check up on someone who may really

We can make history with those around us—in days to come we can say, 'Do you remember being at

be struggling at this time.

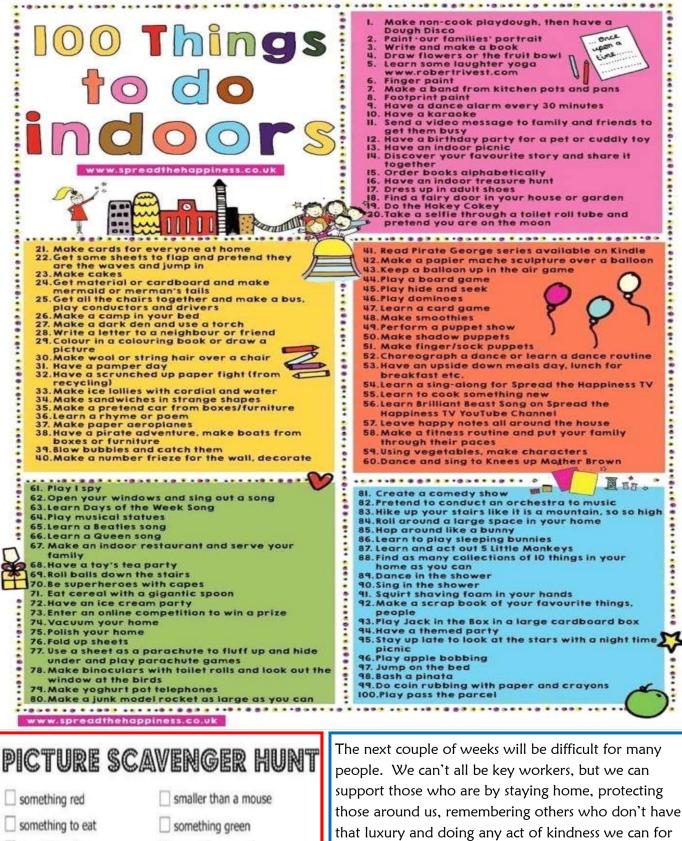
How lovely for a relative or friend who is lonely, exhausted or stressed to receive a little message or homemade card to say, 'I'm thinking about you' or 'I'm here to listen if you need me'.

I've included a few activities below that you might want to try out with your self and your children over

OPING CALENDAR: KEEP CALM. STAY WISE. BE KIND 🕥 🕞

30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together. Please use & share 🙏





them. I'll leave you with my favourite funny of the

Stepped on the

scale this morning

and it said: Please

one person at a

time. 🗑 🗑

use social distancing

week!

As ever, if you need

to make contact you

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