



**Week ending 27.03.20**

## **Raleigh Learning Trust Weekly Roundup during COVID 19 period**

It has been a very different few days at the Raleigh Learning Trust Academies, and it has felt strange not to be seeing all of our pupils or all of the staff. The streets of Nottingham are quiet because you are being so sensible and staying at home. Thank you.

Our Academies have been open each day to pupils who have needed or requested a place.

Our situation seems to change daily, but the small staff team who are on each site are positive, healthy and getting things done.

We also have a large group of staff who are working from home and they are working hard on home e-learning ideas; lesson planning; assessments; school reports; and the next set of home learning packs, which will be prepared in time for distribution in the week beginning 20.04.20.

Denewood and Unity staff have been producing daily videos on Class Dojo. There have been quizzes and games that pupils can then respond to, and Dojo is proving to be a brilliant platform to communicate with parents. For staff and families who are self-isolating, there have been on-line team building games. The first was a Kahoot quiz : 'Three truths and a lie'. The second was a variation on Keith Lemon's 'Through the key Hole': a picture quiz where people send a photo of an item in their houses and participants have to guess who it belongs to.

Key Stage 2 pupils who attended Westbury Academy last week baked cakes for their families. And this week, Westbury students of all ages, and Woodlands pupils will be getting involved in the rainbow project. This is an art campaign to bring hope amid the uncertain times we are currently living in. Pupils will paint rainbows to place in the windows of their homes as part of a national campaign called Chase the Rainbow.

A small group of children have been attending Ambleside Academy each day, along with the Principal's Border terrier, Tim. They've been learning outdoors and made beautiful insects, wreaths, and arm cuffs, as well as continuing with their writing and maths challenges. They've all joined in with the Joe Wickes online exercise classes, and on Monday the staff were full of enthusiasm and really put their all into it. By Tuesday, the adults had become aware of muscles they'd never used before, and by Wednesday they could hardly walk... The children found it all a breeze of course!

If you are at home, do what you can with school work – home learning is very different for everyone, and no-one has the perfect formula. At worst, read, cook, draw, and do whatever exercise you can. We will continue to keep you updated via these pages, and all send out our very best wishes.