



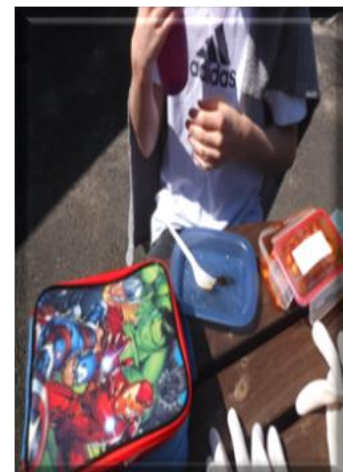
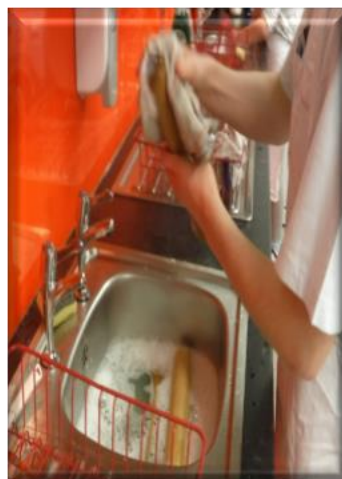
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Raleigh Learning Trust Roundup during COVID 19 period

### Week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Our academies have all been partially open, as directed by the Department for Education, during the COVID 19 period. We have had pupils of all ages and abilities attending on agreed days, according to need, and each academy has devised weekly rotas of staff who are available and able to be on site to support pupils or carry out other essential tasks.

Those staff who can attend are either teaching; preparing meals; cleaning; copying and collating work packs; delivering work to your homes; tending the gardens; or delivering packed lunches to pupils. Staff who are working at home are writing school reports, preparing lessons, or carrying out curriculum development tasks in time for when schools fully re-open. Teachers are communicating with pupils and families by email or phone, and are enjoying finding out about the work that pupils have been doing at home. Staff are also completing training, such as online safeguarding sessions; and making resources which will be used in classrooms.

Pupils attending Woodlands Academy have continued with their food technology lessons. One cunning member of staff was able to procure both flour and yeast (which is quite a challenge at the moment), so pupils were able to design, make and test pizzas. The pizzas must have been delicious as we weren't fast enough with the camera to get a photo of them being eaten for lunch!





They have also been making the most of the sunshine and working outside, in the Woodlands grounds, completing creative activities with chalk and paints.



KS3 pupils at Westbury have taken a creative approach to exercising. They not only found and fixed up four bikes, but also set up a ramp and a safe area for practising wheelies.

You will deduce by basic maths that four bikes would not be enough to go round... This was not a problem for a group of pupils who were able to co-operate and share so brilliantly – even taking care to socially distance, while giving each other plenty of support and encouragement. KS4 pupils were then keen to join in the fun – the way they all worked together so well and safely, really made their teachers proud.





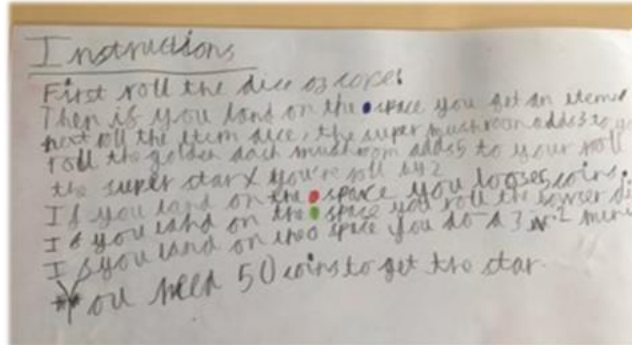
During the Easter holidays, they also completed a star banner for the gate. The names of workers on the banner were chosen as those to whom pupils particularly wanted to show gratitude, for their hard work and dedication during this global Coronavirus pandemic



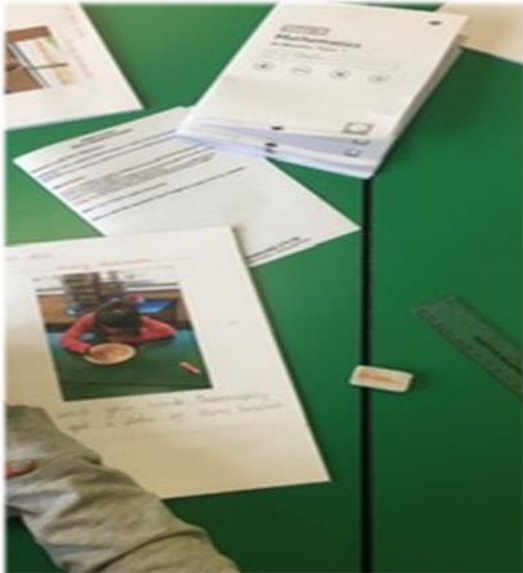




Pupils at Ambleside have been writing instructions about their different design projects: from how to play a Mario Party game;



to how to make biscuits ;



to how to make your very own owl:



And finally, there are many rumours around in the press about when schools might re-open, and for which pupils. As yet, we have had no firm confirmation. As soon as we have facts, we will let you know.

In the meantime, as a Trust, we send you our gratitude – for keeping your children at home; for doing what you can to home educate, and stay healthy in mind and body; and for being patient with us as we navigate various voucher systems for those entitled to free school meals.

A banner which should be displayed on all our academy gates, should be: “Thank you - to parents and carers - for being amazing!”