



2nd Raleigh Learning Trust Roundup during COVID 19 period

Our Academies have been partially open as routine, and staff and pupils continue to get on with their usual work in unusual circumstances. Our thoughts this week are particularly with pupils who are managing all sorts of stresses and challenges in their own lives right now, including bereavement. We commend the resilience of our pupils and families and remind ourselves that every day is a new opportunity. It is a good enough reason to be kind to people when we interact, as we usually do not know each other's personal circumstance, and a smile or small gesture of generosity might well help someone through their day.

Year 9 pupils attending Denewood Learning Centre have focused on not only showing gratitude for our National Health Service, but also on its function, and that which we value about our NHS. The clay tile made by Shannon, and Ryan's presentation illustrated here, help us consider all those NHS staff who are working so hard in these challenging times



NHS is for UK residents to use if they become sick or hospitalized

The main goal of NHS is to make health care system available to all, rich or poor.

The NHS was created on 5th July 1948 at park hospital, Manchester by, Aneurin Bevan, minister of health. This was because the current system was deemed inadequate.



THE NHS is made-up of the frontline workers protecting the nation from coronavirus - an "invisible enemy" which is sweeping across the country killing thousands.



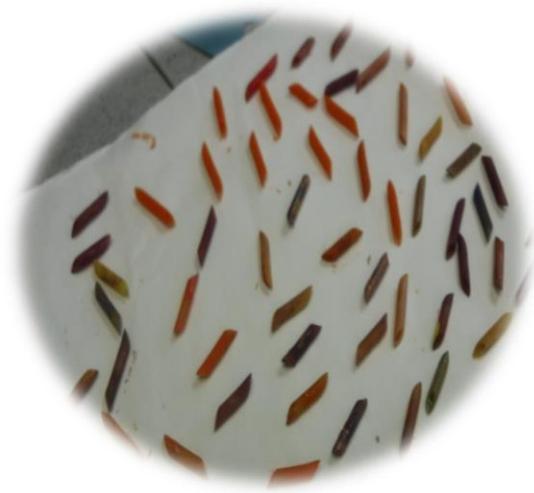
NHS STAFF working tirelessly on the frontline have been praised by people up and down the country, who have been coming out to clap for them every Thursday. This is to recognise the efforts of the NHS fighting the coronavirus pandemic everyday.





Pupils at Woodlands Academy have continued to develop skills to ensure a balanced diet for themselves and their families by independently preparing fruit crumbles, which look so tasty and healthy.





They also found another use for leftover pasta and decorated it to create some designer jewellery!

There have been Scavenger Hunts taking place at Westbury Academy, with pupils moving around the building quietly and sensibly; working in teams; listening to each other and to adult direction; and using good manners.

This has helped remind everyone that school rules still apply, and that we need rules and agreements to function effectively as a community. Also

Pupils have been thinking about starting new projects, and the questions that they would want to investigate within their project theme. On the scientific topic of Space, pupils found that there were so many mini-research opportunities where they would be able to explain different phenomena to each other- using the wall display. They have begun to explore ethical questions such as whether animals should be sent into space instead of humans. The conversations they had were fantastic. One pupil said, "Just because it's a stray dog doesn't mean it should have its life risked."

And at Ambleside, the three Y6 pupils who attended enjoyed getting stuck into some more challenging arithmetic and bringing their mental calculation skills back up to speed. Younger pupils have learnt about nocturnal animals. They have written about the animals, painted pictures using cotton wool and made some wonderful owls with wings that flap!

The Ambleside staff have been delivering new work packs. They've added up their steps and calculated they needed to walk a total of 100 miles to ensure all the children receive the work set for them by their teachers. They are grateful for the waves and smiles they received from windows, which encouraged them on their way.

Our Raleigh Learning Trust academies will be closed on Friday 8th May 2020 due to the Bank Holiday. Friday will be part of a three day commemoration of the end of World War 2. We hope you are able to join in the V.E. Day celebrations by hanging bunting or having a picnic in your garden or front room. It's certainly an opportunity to reflect on some of what we value: whether that be health, good relationships, personal safety, freedom of movement, independence, choice, or access to education.

Stay safe everyone, stay well!