

This year began with a second school closure and therefore we were limited as to what we could achieve with the School Council members.

Since returning to school, we have continued to stay safe in our class bubbles and are continuing to follow the Government Guidance for schools during this pandemic. This means we are still, at present, unable to meet together as a group.

However, now the nicer weather is approaching, we will be meeting at a distance outdoors in teams of Years 3/4 and 5/6 to get together for School Council meetings.

In March 2021, we participated in the National Day of Reflection and Year 4 and the School Council members made this beautiful cross with paper daffodils to mark the occasion and displayed it in the school grounds, displayed with the prayer written by our Church. The children were invited in their classes to visit the cross and pay their respects to people who have lost their lives and been affected by Covid19.





Key Stage 2 classes then used the cross to carry, like Jesus did, around the school grounds. Pupils visited each station of the cross; pausing, praying and reflecting at each one.



During the school closure weeks, we took part in activities to mark two 'Democracy Days' and learned about what it means to be a part of a democracy, making decisions, being fair and the importance of having and using a vote.

We also completed activities about staying safe online during our 'Internet Safety Day'. As a school we also started 'Wellbeing Wednesday' where we completed activities at home which were 'screen free' such as baking, cooking, building, crafting and artwork. We have continued 'Wellness Wednesday' now we are back in school.

SUMMER TERM PLANS

During the Summer Term, we are keen to run some competitions in school and we are hoping to be able to meet, at a distance outdoors to discuss our plans.

One of our ideas is to hold a 'Scarecrow' event in our school grounds. The plan is for each class to build a scarecrow under the theme 'HEROES'. Children will also be invited to make scarecrows at home to display around school, Shady Hollow and the school field. We are hoping to award prizes for the best scarecrow in each class and each year group. The idea is for us to recognise some of the heroes from the pandemic, as well as recycling/reusing old clothes and materials in the making of the scarecrows. We will also be using some Design and Technology techniques to build them and we feel it would be a fun 'wellbeing' activity for everyone and enjoy some creative time!

We are also aiming to have a team of regular litter pickers in action from the School Council, and maybe even have an after-school club (when we can mix our bubbles) who can also help in cleaning up in our local community and around our school grounds.

We are awaiting further guidance on how and when we can meet together to talk through all our exciting future plans!