

*Hey team,*

Well as I write this, tomorrow is half term! That is a very strange feeling. I really am craving normal routine and school. It seems very surreal not really seeing people - that's what I miss the most. Here is what I've been up to. As always, feel free to write back and I'll include pictures at the end.

Thank you so much to all of you who have been sending me some of your work. I have really enjoyed looking and finding out about things that you have been up to. People have sent me heaps of photos. A couple of you have been reading plenty by particular authors - Michael Morpurgo seems to be a favourite. There have been lovely responses to the RE work and your responses to the #OffTheShelf. People are still going for bike rides and there have been many more. Keep them coming in. Well done to Lucy (1<sup>st</sup>), Jensen (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Ollie (3<sup>rd</sup>) for the 14<sup>th</sup> May TTRS battle and well done to Jensen (1<sup>st</sup>), Alfie (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Lucy (3<sup>rd</sup>) on the 21<sup>st</sup> May battle. Next battle, after half term, is on 11<sup>th</sup> June, someone needs to dethrone Jensen as reigning champion. That's three in a row! Each and every email I have received has put a smile on my face. Please keep sending things through. Just a reminder my email is [d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk)

Since I last wrote to you, we (because Shell has been very helpful too) have done some more landscaping and dismantling of things. I took apart our shed, moved all the rubbish that was going into a skip from the back to the front, dug up the paving slabs, and did some more weeding. But I didn't get to fill the skip, that was all Shell. As I was digging up a fence, I stepped forward and ended up standing on a nail. Yes, there was a lot of blood, no I couldn't really walk, and yes I had to go to A&E. The NHS staff were incredible and thankfully, the wound wasn't infected. It did then mean that I haven't been out on the bike. I have started again this week, just taking it easy. The total miles I've cycled is now up to 368.04 miles (45.3% of my way to the WHO).

Shell & I are still working on our Lego project, we have completed 34 bags of the 37 that came in the set. I'm now torn between getting it finished, because it's such a lovely time together, and not wanting it to end. I've also been doing a lot of colouring. I've been reading a book by Hannah Dunnett. It has really helped my mental health and I've found it very relaxing. I'm still cooking. I am trying to perfect a stir fry, which is different every time as I'm trying to get the sear on the chicken right as well as gauging how much soy sauce to add. I've also made curries, a lovely chicken dish, homemade KFC! and an apple cake.

*Enjoy your half term. Please continue to stay safe and make wise choices. Love and prayers.*

*Mr B*



Chicken saltimbocca  
(with spinach,  
mozzarella and  
parma ham)

Homemade  
KFC!



My chicken,  
broccoli and  
rice noodle  
stir fry.

The apple,  
raisin and  
cinnamon cake  
I baked.



My shoe when  
I got back to  
it.



My foot after  
Shell  
performed  
emergency  
First Aid and  
cleaned and  
dressed my  
foot.

The nail I  
stood on. It  
went about  
half a cm into  
my foot.



Shell filling  
the skip.



What the garden  
looks like now. Very  
different!



My trip to  
A&E, where  
the doctor  
and nurse  
redressed my  
wound.



& I  
working  
on our  
Lego  
project.  
3 bags to  
go.



Shell & I went to the  
beach for an evening.  
We threw a Nerf  
Vortex around.

