Hí Alfíe, Archie, Cole, Davy-Jae, Emmanuel, Ethan, Evie, Faith, Faye, George G, George K, Harrison, Harry, Isaac, Jack, Jake B, Jake C, Jensen, Kaí, Katíe, Kieran, Lewis, Lottie, Lucy, Ollie, Oliver, Ryan, Tyler and William

I hope that you are all keeping well. It's only a few weeks until the summer holidays. I'm really proud of how you've continued to soldier on with your learning. I look forward to seeing as many of you next week! I am having a "Social Distance Hangout" for our class on the school field on Friday 17th at 9:30am until 10:30am. Please arrive promptly and come through the "Back Gate" (past Mrs Bolton's classroom). Miss Turner will greet the children and send them through to the field, adhering to the school's social distancing measures. The children can bring a snack to eat, but it must be able to be disposed of (so no lunchboxes etc.). Please collect promptly at 10:30am. We will also be giving the children their end of year reports as they leave, so please make it a priority to attend. I really want to see as many of you as

possible.

Just a reminder my email is <u>d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk</u>

Some of you have been sending in the work you've been completing and it has been amazing reading your letters, seeing your photos and hearing of what you've been up to while chatting over the front gate. Thank you to all the Year 5 children who have returned their 'buddy' booklets. You've all taken such pride in your work and I'm really pleased with the quality of your letters and your booklets. If you've not returned it yet, please make sure it has been posted by Monday 13th July at the latest.

In the TTRS battles held since the last newsletter, we've had much more competition. Well done to Alfie, Archie, Emmanuel, Jake C, Jack, Jensen, Lottie, Lucy, Oliver and Ryan for all joining in. On the 2nd July battle, Alfie came 1st, Jensen came 2nd and Jake C came 3rd. On the 9th July battle, Lucy came 1st, Jensen came 2nd and Alfie came 3rd. I look forward to next week's battle. It will be the last one. I have enjoyed seeing your speed increasing. My speed is improving too, and I managed to answer 92 questions in the studio!

Since I last wrote to you, I've kept up with my cycling. Up to this point (Thursday afternoon), I have cycled 750.47 miles. That amounts to 94.3% of the way to the World Health Organization. If I was cycling to the headquarters in Geneva, I would still be in France, near a town call Le Pont de la Chaux. I've included a map, roughly tracking my route. But even more excitingly, I tackled the Guild Wheel again. At the start of lockdown my aim was to complete the whole Wheel in under 1h45mins. Over the space of a month, I not only beat my target, but managed to achieve a personal best time of 1h31m51s which I achieved back in April. Since then, I've tried and tried to beat that time but I've never came close. To be honest, it was rather demoralising. But this week, on Monday evening, I said to Shell that I was going to go for it. It was such hard work, my heartrate sky-rocketed, but I completed the Guild Wheel in 1h28m37s. I'm so proud!

Shell and I have also been getting ready to lay some concrete in our garden. It's going to be a base for a shed. We fitted some wood and then filled it with stones. I used a tamping machine that flattened and compacted those stones so we can lay the concrete on top.

Aside from that, life has been ticking over. I'm enjoying being in school as part of Bubble 3. Seeing other people has been such a joy. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Keep your heads up. Please continue to stay safe and make wise choices. Love and prayers.

Mr B

