



Dear all,

A big welcome to the first issue of the Welwyn St Mary's Gazette. Each week you will receive a copy of the Gazette packed full of learning ideas, jokes, projects and pictures of the fantastic work you have all been completing at home. Each week there will be a special interview with a member of staff at school so you can get to know them even better. This week we hear from Mr O'Neill. I wonder what items Mr O'Neill would take if he was stranded on a desert island?

### Exciting News!

*Sumdog arrives at Welwyn St Mary's!*



You will soon be receiving your own unique usernames and passwords for you to access the work and games on Sumdog. Sumdog can be used on any phone, computer or tablet and is very easy to use. Before we get started, why don't you download the free app and begin exploring?

You can access Sumdog at <https://pages.sumdog.com/>

## Purple Mash

We hope you have all been completing the different tasks set by your teacher on Purple Mash. Remember to continue completing the different 2DO'S each week.

If you are stuck you are able to ask your friends via the emailing system on Purple Mash and even contact your teacher.

Keep up the excellent work!



Remember to continue playing TT Rockstars.

Did you know you can challenge other children in your class and try 'Sound Check' where you can test yourself against the clock?



You ROCK!

## Wake up and shake up!



Who has been completing PE with Joe Wicks each morning? Remember to tune in on Youtube at 9am every day to take part!

## Science Week 2020

Well done everyone on completing an excellent science week at school. You should have all received your science challenge pack to complete activities both at home and school.

Eliza and Oli completing a home baking challenge!



What challenges did you complete?

### Experiment of the week

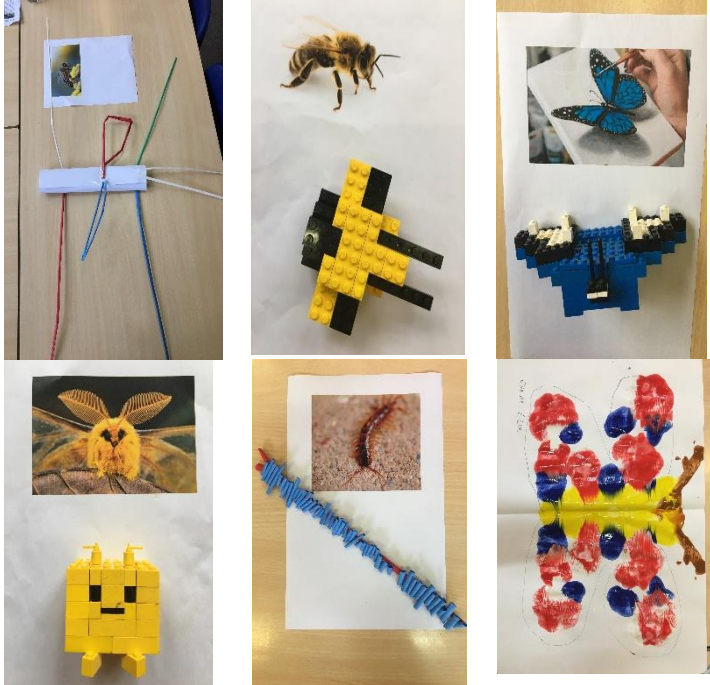
Washing your hands is now even more important than ever. Remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds. Try this cool experiment to see how soap can help get rid of those unwanted germs!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/germs-experiment>

## **Animal Project Pictures**

We have been thrilled with the animal projects completed so far. Keep pictures of them coming in by asking your parent or guardian to send them to the school office at [admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk)

*Check out these amazing animal designs and creations!*



*Well done to all the children who have been working at school last week. We love these designs!*

*Will it be your work featured in the next edition of the Welwyn St Mary's Gazette?*

## **Art project**

We have loved seeing the different rainbows children have designed and put in their windows to support the NHS and to spread some joy and cheer. Did anyone clap at their front doors or windows last week?



Can you think of a different way to display a rainbow in your window to spread some joy and happiness?

Please click on the link below for a few ideas on how to get started.

<https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/12-vibrant-rainbow-art-projects/>

## **Getting to know...**

### ***Mr O'Neill***



1) How long have you worked at Welwyn St Mary's?

*I have worked at Welwyn St Mary's since October 2013.*

2) What do you enjoy most about your job?

*I love working alongside such a dedicated team of professionals. Every day is different and the pupils within the school really make the job so enjoyable.*

3) What is your favourite meal?

*My favourite meal has to be the chicken pie with roasted vegetables from the school kitchen.*

4) If you could take three items to a desert island, what would you take?

*I would have to take my golf clubs. I would have lots of time to practice. My snorkelling set and kettlebell to practice with. **Mr O'Neill is often found at Panshanger Golf Course playing in the sand so he should have lots of practice!***

5) What do you like to do to relax?

*I like to go to concerts and often read. More recently, I found relaxation through exercise such as squash, gym and cycling. I'm really loving my golf at the moment as well.*

# Garden Adventures with Miss Milnes

The forecast for the Easter holidays looks to be fine and dry. So why don't you **get crafty?** Have a go at some of these ideas.

## 1. Paint pots



Real fun can be had painting terracotta pots for use in the garden. For best results, base coat the pot with emulsion first and varnish at the end to keep your creations looking spectacular. Let loose with a wide palette of colours and then choose what gets planted in the pot once they're finished.

## 2. plant markers



You may also enjoy making your own plant markers. Recycle wooden sticks, use lolly sticks or collect flat rocks for painting or drawing designs onto—it's up to you. Have a go at copying plant names, drawing or painting a picture of the plant onto the labels, and then put the labels to use by

## 3. Wind chimes



For a noisier addition to the garden, try creating a wind chime using sticks from your garden itself or those collected on a woodland walk.

## Mrs Bould's DT Challenge

**How to Make**




D & T challenge: Junk modelling. Use a plastic bottle to make a car. Check out [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) for ideas there are loads. Share your brilliant designs with us.

**Rubber Band powered CAR**



Write a letter to yourself about your day and the historic situation we are living in. Put it in an envelope and it keep to open in the future.



## Easter Bunny Jokes

Q. What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A. Hot cross bunnies!

Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A. Bugs Bunny!

Q. Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?

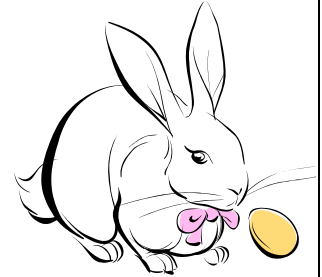
A. It might crack up!

Q. How did the soggy Easter Bunny dry himself?

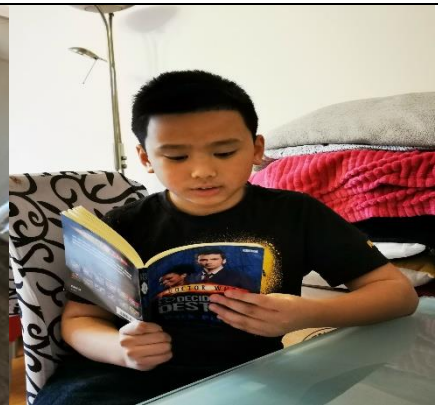
A. With a hare-dryer!

Q. Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

A. Because the chicken had his Easter eggs!



## Home Learning Heroes



**Well done to Eliza in AB5, Oli in MR and Troy in O4.**

We loved receiving pictures of the fantastic work you have been completing over the last two weeks.

For your chance to feature in future editions of The Welwyn St Mary's Gazette, please look out for our newly dedicated magazine email address which will be in next week's issue.