

Onchan School Hub

Friday 1st May 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am just writing a short note to keep you all updated with everything that has been happening in the Onchan School Hub.

Last week, Team B worked across the school with Mrs Richardson in charge. This week, Team A have been on duty and I have been coordinating. The children have had many different activities which have all been well planned and well received by the children all week.

On Monday we joined with everyone across the Isle of Man and United Kingdom in observing a minute of silence at 11am as a mark of respect for all those across the World on the front line that have died of COVID19 caused by the coronavirus. It also gave us a chance to remember the many loved ones that have passed away because of the virus.

During the week the Onchan staff coordinated efforts across the hub to produce a wonderful display of a tree of support and hope. All the children who attend the hub contributed by decorating heart shapes with handwritten messages. It looks fantastic and really shows the strength of support for key workers within the hub school.



Once again we have been very lucky to have had sessions run by MSR and ICue Football Academy and the coaches have managed the difficult task of delivering sport with the restrictions of social distancing.

On the subject of social distancing, please reinforce the importance of this with you children over the weekend. We must not be complacent and must not be lulled into a false sense of security in the school setting.

It is difficult to manage social distancing in schools, but we are taking every possible step to ensure that seating arrangements in classrooms maintain the 2 metre distance rule. We are also managing social distancing at break times and lunch times, and give regular reminders to the children about the need to observe the guidance.

We are yet to receive official confirmation from Isle of Man Government about whether or not the hub will be open next Friday which would normally have been a Bank Holiday. Keep your eye out for an official announcement early next week - Mr Lewis is leading the Hub (with Team D on duty) and I'm sure he will endeavour to let you all know.



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