

DAILY UPDATE

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SANDY'S DAILY MESSAGE

I've been thinking today about the positive changes in our environment that have come about through the lockdown that was imposed on us due to Covid 19.

Due to so many factories being closed down across the world, the burning of fossil fuels has been reduced and that coupled with the reduction in traffic fumes means the air quality across the globe has improved.

Rivers are cleaner, with sightings of fish in places where they have not been seen for years - even in the Grand Canal in Venice.

Today is [World Rainforest Day](#), a day that was created in 2017 to raise awareness of the importance of rainforests and how important they are for world health. They do many good things for the earth. Did you know that 20% of the oxygen we breathe comes from rain forests? They absorb carbon

dioxide and stabilize climates. Another interesting fact is that half of the plant and animal species on the planet call rainforests their home. The diversity and potential of the rainforest is astonishing.

Now, I'd like to set my weekly task for the pupils.

For those of you keen to explore and investigate - I wonder whether you can tell me how many rainforests there are around the world? To encourage further research - can you also tell me where they are?

For our younger pupils, perhaps parents can encourage them to colour the picture of the parrot that is attached to this newsletter. Some may even like to draw a bird or a creature that lives in the rainforest themselves.

Just take a photo on your phone of their completed work and email it to Sue R in the office, who will ensure I see all the work carried out in this respect.

Sandy

ACTIVITIES / LINKS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL

Olga has passed on a link to a wonderful story which is all about happiness and helps children to think about their own feelings and the feelings of others.

Entitled 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud, we feel it is worth taking a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE>

WHAT'S EVERYONE BEEN UP TO?

Lily from Hazel Class has been busy. She has been taking her daily exercise with a walk to her favourite woods again - just look how big this tree is! Lily looks so small against it.



Here is a photo of Lily that shows just how much she has grown. In

this photo she looks so tall doesn't she? Look at how long her hair is now! We all send a big Link wave to you Lily.



Here at school, our raised beds are looking very healthy indeed. This is due to the regular care given to them. Kian in particular has been very keen to ensure the plants are watered every day and is monitoring the growth of the tomato plants very carefully. Very soon, it will look like we have our own rainforest!

