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As I have already mentioned, this last week would have been a really important week in the lives of our Year Six children, the week in which they sat their statutory end of Key Stage tests. While I don't think any of us really relish the idea of a test, I do know that the Year Six children had been secretly looking forward to this week, one for which they had prepared and in which they were all set to shine. Many of them decided they would like to have a go at some tests this week, and they approached this with such maturity, displaying that responsible attitude we talked about earlier in the week. Having spoken to many of their parents on Friday, I'm pretty sure the children enjoyed the week, taking great pride in what they achieved. For my part, whilst these tests are currently part and parcel of primary statutory assessment, and form one part of assessing the children's attainment they are by no means the only measure. There is so much about who the children are and what they have achieved during their time at Primary School that can't be measured by a test: the way they draw and paint, dance and sing, run and throw, their values and their relationships. When I look at our Year Six children I see young people who are passionate about the world around them, who are motivated to succeed, who approach life and their learning with a vivacious enthusiasm, who derive pleasure from their relationships with one another and who make me incredibly proud, as they do, I know, all of you.

Virtual Post SATs Picnic!

If you've never been to a virtual picnic you've been missing out! They're the new thing in socialising, and "strawberry jelly and icecream" is the new must in party-games! A huge thank you to Mrs Nimmo who surprised the children on Friday morning by dropping off (at a distance!) a wipe-clean card and individually chosen picnic item to every child —think pink lemonade, halloumi cheese or spray cream!!

Science Club...

Local company, Mini Professors, is running online science classes. The classes sound fun; they are very practical and feedback from those taking part is very positive. The class is at 1:30 on a Thursday and costs £4 per session of 45 minutes. There may be sponsorship available if your child is interested but finances are tight —please contact the office if this would be of interest. Please contact Kristina Bull for further information (kristina.bull01@gmail.com) or email Lucy on oxfordsouth@miniprofessors.co.uk.

Family VibEs—Values at Home:

The value for this coming week value is **Positivity**. There are lots of really lovely ideas for exploring this value at home with your children in the leaflet that can be found [here](#), with practical activities, conversation starters and things to think about. More than ever right now, the ability to draw the positive from a situation is important for the children's mental wellbeing, so please do take the time to think about this with them at home, just as we would do if we were in school.

Online Safety Advice for Parents:

With the children spending more time online, and using social media, I am pleased to tell you that The Key, to which we subscribe, have created a safeguarding hub for parents, that enables you to access interactive guidance on setting up parental controls on children's devices, as well as guidance on apps like TikTok, YouTube, WhatsApp, Instagram and more.

Our unique link can be found below:

> <https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com?uuid=8c24951d-8ddc-4474-a0fb-b34effb799e3>

Mrs Miles Recommends:

[The Nonna Maria Drawing Challenge!](#) This is lovely—an art activity inspired by beautiful illustrated video audio-book: *"Maria and all the Grannies of the World – A story of kindness during the 2020 Coronavirus crisis"*.

See all resources from Access Art <https://www.accessart.org.uk/>



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