

House Competition 6 – Proud Parents and Carers

As a school we would like to thank you for your engagement during the house competitions. Obviously, there were no winners or losers this week, we have nothing but admiration for the support you have provided for the students, whether they are working from home or as part of our key worker bubbles.

It has been delightful to receive these sentences (some may have exceeded the word count but we will let you off), your positivity has been much needed during this turbulent time. As educators working in school, we are always proud of the children in our care. However, when we get the opportunity to read to what their parents and carers have said about them it makes us even more proud of their ability to embody the school values of: self-management, perseverance, innovation, reflection, independence and teamwork.

Many thanks and enjoy the half term break.

Year 7

We knew Joe would work hard, be brave, and take these challenging times in his stride, but honestly, this lockdown has shown that our boy is kind; it's his nature to be so and this makes us prouder than anything else

We have been very impressed with Erin's commitment to school work. She has developed a very good work habit and does this without requiring our supervision.

For my morning hug and making me smile every day during this time of uncertainty.

Ethan has maintained a lovely positive attitude throughout the lockdown, always finding something to fill the time and never complaining about how difficult things are right now

I'm so proud of Chace as he has taken lockdown in his stride and just got on with his learning and completed all lessons and work to the best of his ability

With Rishika's parents as key workers, she has been self-reliant with her learning and also made her own lunch, washed the dishes and put them away! She's our superstar daughter!

We are so very proud of Layla, not only has she been working hard, doing her French duolingo, and reading lots she also helping care for her brother keeping him company & making his lunches.

Maisie has made me so proud with her determination to complete all her school work each day without having to be asked.

*We are exceptionally proud of Poppy, who has throughout this academic year shown great self-motivation towards all her learning tasks, confidence in her approach to lesson subjects and always there to help her little sister with her work if she gets stuck (and sometimes dad too)!!
Lily has made me extremely proud, watching her confidence and perseverance grow throughout lockdown, like a dainty flower, blooming on a lone cliff edge.*

She amazes us every day with her smile and drive to learn, she has a lot of challenges and overcomes each one with a positive attitude. We are super proud of her drive to do her schoolwork and the feedback from her teachers has been heart-warming and certainly helps to build her confidence at this time. 'Proud as Punch' is certainly what we are as parents

No matter what life is throwing at him at the moment he is persevering, completing remote learning every day, regularly contacting family asking how they are and not complaining once of the things he

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cannot do at the moment, showing us just how resilient and strong he really is - we are extremely proud of him.

I am extremely proud of Ida for always doing her best, completing all her work without complaining and for organising herself so well for each day

We are proud of our son due to the fact he has really excelled in motivating himself, in this testing time he has remained ultra-focussed and continued his hard work not only in school but realising that keeping up his fitness helps keep him physically and mentally strong

Ben has made me so proud this term by doing his lessons, getting lovely comments from his teachers, leaving time to play with his sister and just being himself.

Sadie has shown an enormous amount of perseverance and resilience; even when she's struggled herself she's worked so hard to support, encourage and motivate some of her friends.

Georgia has embraced the difficult transition to home learning with motivation and determination, I am beyond proud of her outlook in these unsettling times.

I have been so impressed with my sons approach to his home schooling he's received many spirit points for the work he's submitted. I've also had some lovely messages from his teachers with the same great feedback, which makes me incredibly proud.

Luca has made me very proud this lockdown as not only has he tried his hardest with his work he has stepped up to look after his sisters needs i.e. lunch while I too am working from home. He has gone far and beyond especially last week when I lost my grandmother. He was supportive and always asked how I was doing although he is hurting too.

We are proud of our daughter who has worked so hard and shown lots of dedication and self-motivation to her schoolwork during such a difficult time.

We are very proud of how well how well our son has adapted to online learning, he has shown great resilience and maturity in managing his new style of learning.

If you know Bella, then you will know why I am proud of her in every way and if not, then there is not enough room in this sentence to explain.

Zion has made us proud because he's worked very hard on his Teams lessons and received good feedback from his teachers.

You make us proud everyday but during lockdown I'm especially proud of your willing attitude to learn, your perseverance in never giving up on something you find difficult, your positive attitude and just getting on with it, you asking for help when you need it and starting each day with a clear fresh mind, you make us so proud.

Laila has made me so proud of how she has handled lockdown and how she has made sure her work gets done in these difficult times.

My Daughter Eleanor of NLTO has made us very proud for realising the importance of her education, she adapted well to on-line learning with determination, using her own initiative to obtain knowledge to help her learn and understand about the subjects being taught, working to the best of her ability, she also recognises the dedication of her teachers and their commitment to helping remarkably well in these unprecedented times!

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We are so proud of Ebony because of how well she has adapted to Home learning she is more engaged, focused and organised. At school Ebony would be too scared to participate but now her confidence has grown so much that she can do so comfortably

Our child has made us proud during lockdown by independently organising and completing her Home Schooling and by continuing to be an amazing Foster sister to our foster children. She leads by example by being very mature and supports our placements during what are very scary and difficult chapters of their lives. This is all alongside her own journey of dealing with the COVID pandemic.

I am very proud of Ryan during lockdown 3.0 as he has taken an interest in storytelling & writing which has kept me & his younger brother Hayden very entertained.

I am extremely proud of Bethany because she has shown me how dedication she is and how organised she has made herself to complete her school work.

We are so proud of all your effort and hard work with home schooling May hoping you can be back at school with your friends and teachers soon - keep up the good work!

We are proud that he has stuck to doing his school work, he is trying to keep things as normal as possible and has put in some great effort with the house competitions, we are especially proud of him winning the writing competition.

Lottie's smile and sense of humour has certainly helped us as a family through this lock down!!

I'm extremely proud of the way Zack has adapted to school work at home. He has made so much effort in his teams live lessons and also with his set lesson work too. He's been a star.

I am so proud of my son for his flexibility and maturity throughout many changes this half term, from dealing with the initial disappointment of the last minute closure to organising himself for each change in my work pattern, working at home and in school.

Rihanna does her best for her remote learning and is working very hard. We're very proud of her.

Poppy-May has made me proud by demonstrating adaptability and resilience during the most challenging of times

We are so, so Proud of Megan, she seems to have grown up overnight. Her confidence has increased and she has become more mature, independent & responsible. She has been a massive help to us all. Thank You Megs... we love you.

I have been amazed by Annie's resilience, she has shown maturity beyond her years and coped with the situation excellently, she has even used this opportunity to start her own fantastic jewellery business!

Harry makes us proud daily for just being himself and no matter what he is faced with pushes through it and achieves the best he can.

I am proud of Matteo, because he has adapted well to home learning and is contributing to the live lessons as much as possible. He is not complaining about it, just gets on with the tasks and I am happy to see that

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I am proud of the way Poppy has applied herself and how she has adapted to home learning, achieving an award for spirit points is the icing on the cake.

Tyne is a very pleasant friendly girl, during lockdown she's made our whole family proud of her, she hasn't missed not one lesson and the amount of help she's giving her siblings with their work too is fantastic, well done Tyne keep up the hard work and you're going to go far in life and get to where you want to be, keep shining. Love mum

I'm so proud of Jacob - lea he has really got on with the school work with no complaints he has been my superstar and help me so much his help his little brother with some of his learning. Sophie has made us proud during this lockdown because she has taken up running and has put in an amazing amount of effort to improve!

Year 8

Travis has continued to make us proud with his work Ethic during lockdown, he completes his lessons without being asked. Travis wanted to ensure he continued with his drumming and decided take his Grade 5 exam during lockdown, we are so proud of his achievements to date but are over the moon that he has passed with a merit.

We never have to ask Travis to do his work; he is both conscientious and hardworking which results in an enormous amount of trust between parents and child

We are extremely proud of Noah and what he has achieved with his school work, he has absolutely amazed us with everything he has done. He has also gone above and beyond with helping his younger sister with her work when we haven't been able to. Well done boy

Shay has made us extremely by just "getting on with things" in a positive manner and never moaning about the situation.

Felicity never gives up and shows up every day and gives it her all.

Staying focused and making sure he's giving 100% throughout all his lessons. Staying positive at all times.... My daughter has made me so proud through lockdown, she has been a god send. She helps with her 4 year old brother and also with her dad who is working from home. It is very challenging with 2 children and 1 adult trying to complete live meetings and learning, but my daughter has not let it get her down at all and she is also still so dedicated to her learning. She always tries to help her brother with his phonics live lessons and writing with him. Then she gets her head down for her live lessons and work sent over to her. She also helps with little jobs that I need help with too when she has finished school. I am the proudest mom ever xx

I am proud of how Lily has adapted to the new learning and how she just gets on with it without any prompting

Throughout lockdown Lucy has shown an incredible level of determination, commitment & organisation, we are beyond proud

Jake really struggled in the first lockdown as he was out of routine and everything felt pressured working from home, but in this last lockdown he has really taken control of things himself and he organises his books ready for the next day, checks his Teams invites have come through for live lessons and really manages his own time and workload, which has been reflected in the lovely comments from teachers and the amount of spirit points he has received. He has taken control of everything himself, becoming more independent in the process and we couldn't be prouder of him!

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We are so proud of Jonty and his positive attitude towards not only his school work but life in general. He starts the day by going for a jog, no matter how cold and makes sure he is on time for all his lessons. He gives 100% to his school work and still makes time to relax. He ends off each day making time for his family and playing cards together. He always has a smile on his face and a hug to share. We are very proud of you, Jonty.

Lily has taken home learning in her stride and is now reading around subjects that interest her, taking responsibility for her own learning.

Aimee has really impressed me in how she has adapted to this new way of learning; her bedroom has become her new classroom, the kitchen is now her dance studio (for her online zoom lessons) and she has shown a renewed interest in the snowdrops, cyclamen and hellebores injecting some much needed colour into the garden.

We are so proud of how Niamh has adapted her learning over Lockdown, she has been unphased by all the changes: motivated, focused and has challenged herself, with a continued positive attitude

We were proud to receive a text to say she was" in the top twenty for the amount of spirit points received.

Year 9

I am very proud of Casper as he has attended every live lesson, and completed all online work set :))

Elena has consistently kept up with her studies during lock down, she's attended every lesson not only for school but also dance lessons via Zoom four or five times a week. She's had to push her comfort zone and run errands that I cannot as I'm shielding, support her little brother with his home schooling so I can work full time. Even although she badly misses her friends she hasn't complained and has matured so much during these months of lockdown.

I'm proud of my daughter's resilience and optimism during these uncertain times.

Proud parents of Henry for fantastic effort and amazing attitude to home schooling

We are extremely proud of Ruby for her resilience and hard work during these tough times.

Leo has made me proud by starting to play his guitar again and making more of an effort with his school work and lessons.

Emma has achieved independent learning, determination & dedication, when dealing with very difficult unknown Social circumstances!

We are very proud of Alex as he has really interacted with lessons, has consistently joined in and has completed his work to a high standard.

I am proud of Reuben's maturity in his approach to his studies and helping around the house when I was in hospital and now while I'm convalescing. He is a credit to both me and my husband but also the school.

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I am immensely proud of Lanre because I have been very ill since Christmas so he has had to organise himself and independently commit to school as well as running our home with his older sister, he has surpassed all my hopes in doing this and still found time to help others; well-done son!

Calum makes us proud every day showing us his commitment to his school work. He is also doing between 3-5 mile runs everyday

Ella has matured greatly and shown how resilient she is by her whole attitude to learning and has gained new life skills for the future.

Daniels kind nature gives us all something to aspire to.

Year 10

We are so proud of Libby – she was determined to do something to thank the staff on the ward because they have done so much for us as a family

Eva’s endless positivity inspires us all every day

My daughter Grace has made me so proud during this lockdown. She has taken part in all of her lessons and organised herself so well. She’s worked so hard even though missing the social aspect of going to school has been really tough.

1) Jacob didn’t find adapting and adjusting to home schooling easy to start with, due to the change of routine.... however, Jacob has joined all of his live lessons every day (with the exception of one English lesson which was unfortunately due to a technical malfunction and connectivity issues).

2) Jacob has independently completed all of assignments and submitted good quality work back to his teachers, hopefully on time!

3) Jacob has risen to the challenge and responsibility of assisting me to get his younger brother signed onto his Primary School live lessons in time, on the odd occasion when I have been tied up in work Zoom meetings with my employers, as I am currently working from home.

4) I’m proud of how well Jacob has adapted and coped with any challenges which have come his way over the last couple of months, especially bearing in mind the fact that our family have had to deal with the death of an elderly family member very recently, on top of everything else. Hopefully the qualities Jacob has displayed of strength of character, tenacity and determination will stand him in good stead for the future.

Ben has shown a greater willingness to contribute to his lessons and as a result has received good feedback from his teachers.

Year 11

Since the lockdown my son has shown a lot more maturity and helped the elderly neighbours because we live down a private road and has been trying to concentrate a lot more on his revision and school work and piano playing which is fantastic. I will send you a piece if you would like to listen. Cooking is not the best but washing up is great. Definitely missing lessons and being in school

My proud moment has to be the fact that he's getting up, dialling in and I'm receiving positive comments from his teachers about in class engagement:

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Charlie has made us proud in lockdown: “By being even kinder, caring & helpful than normal”

I am so impressed with how she has been self-motivated to revise and commit to her exams during this lockdown period, she has been focused and determined to ensure she is prepared for each subject even the ones she struggles with. She has missed her friends and socialising, but she has done extremely well in this difficult time and showed how mature she is. I am very proud of her. Your tenacity and drive to achieve what you can during these difficult times makes me so proud, you are a shining star keep it up and you will succeed.

We are so proud of how calm Callum has remained over lockdown and whilst doing his 2 weeks of assessments. He has focussed on his studies but has also made time to spend time with his family, connect with his friends online and to enjoy some outdoor fun. This shows true strength of character and a very healthy and mature approach to life. Keep it up, Callum.

Despite always working hard in lockdown, I was concerned last week because she was reluctant to leave the house for fresh air, however since liaising with her form tutor Miss Brunt and having a quick chat with her, she has been out for exercise all this week, including a 6K run on Monday.