



Dear parents/carers and students,

This week is [Mental Health Awareness Week 2020](#) 18-24th May 2020. The theme for this year couldn't be more relevant or appropriate - [it's kindness](#). And over the past 8 weeks we have seen so much of this through individuals thinking beyond their own situation and wanting to make sure others are ok. Think about our own Millie Hollis, who has recently completed her '100km in May' challenge, raising money for her [football team](#) and highlighting awareness for [MND](#), or at school, where all our teaching staff have been reaching out through Google Classroom as well as making sure staff and key-worker children are ok. I think we've all had up days and down days but together, through kindness, we are stronger.



Next week is the half-term break. There will be no teaching or work set on Google Classroom although school will continue to remain open to support our 'Key-Worker' students, apart from MONDAY 25th May when SCHOOL IS CLOSED as no cover for key-worker children is required that day. There will be no Keep in Touch letter next week but we will be back in June with lots more useful information and updates.

Kindest wishes, Mrs Matthewman - Acting Vice Principal


Update regarding Y10 face-to-face time



As we mentioned in the last Keep in Touch letter, we now have more information to share with year 10 parents regarding our provision from 8th June. A letter has been sent to all Year 10 households today outlining the plans going forward. Please read the letter carefully; a member of the **Senior Team will contact you by telephone in the week commencing 1st June** to allow you to confirm whether you would like a place for your child as well as raising any more personal questions you may have.



[Link to Y10 Update Letter to Parents 22/05/2020](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week at Risedale

Here are some strategies that Risedale students have identified to promote positive mental health and ways to look after our wellbeing [#KindnessMatters](#) 

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It's a choice we can all make; helping to put the needs of others before our own and by doing so, can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Remember, it's the small things that matter  .





Check out these '14 Ways To Be Kind Online' by our e-safety partner, National Online Safety, inspiring us all to share a few 'acts of kindness online'. They've also produced a wide range of other online safety guides on the subject of mental health, which can all be downloaded for FREE by following this link

<https://bit.ly/2TnAtn4>



Parents and carers can access a FREE and interactive online safety workshop by registering here: [National Online Safety for Risedale Parents](#)



For more online safety advice visit the Risedale website here: [Risedale Online Safety](#) and for more mental health and wellbeing advice visit here: [Risedale Health and Wellbeing](#).

Crafty Corner with Mrs Plews - Terrific Tiles

Before lockdown we had some exciting news about the HUB garden - we've been given the go ahead to transform it into an outside classroom and want to incorporate lots of artwork to complement our new learning area.

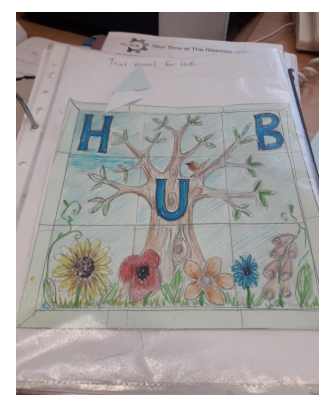
We initially started this project with our students in the HUB by making a small wall mural of individual ceramic tiles but now we're hoping to make a huge one to cover a whole wall in the garden **and that's where you come in!**

We'd like as many students as possible to design a 'Terrific Tile' and then, when we're all back at school together, you can come to the HUB and make your tile out of clay.

To design your tile here are the things you will need:

- paper
- pencil
- ruler
- colouring pencils (optional)

Your inspiration: Try to think about all the things that symbolise or 'make up' Risedale for you. It might be a symbol of a subject you love, a school trip you went on, your self-portrait or maybe something to do with the HUB garden and the wildlife we are hoping to attract to it. You might have lots of ideas - maybe you can combine them into one drawing if you're feeling really creative!



And here's how to do it:

1. Sketch some initial ideas and from them choose your favourite elements for your final design
2. Draw a square 15cm x 15cm
3. Draw your final design within your square and add colour if you wish

Keep your design safe until we come back to school and then we'll work together to model your tile from clay. Your 'Terrific Tile' will then be fired and glazed and become part of our fabulous garden mural. Risedale staff please feel free to get involved too!



Happy designing!

Recruitment at Risedale

A reminder that we currently have 2 job vacancies available and are looking to appoint a **Senior Science Technician** (closing date midnight Sunday 7th June) and a **Project Setup Manager** (closing date midnight Sunday 14th June). Join our forward thinking, innovative and creative team.



APPLY TODAY at www.risedale.org.uk/recruitment

OUR GALLERY

Examples of great work completed by our students learning from home and our key-worker students at school:

Well done to all our students who are working so hard and producing such fantastic work across all subjects. You are a credit to yourselves and the Risedale Family.



Religious Education

← Y8 Chantelle John's 'Spirited Arts' competition entry

Food Technology

Y7 Jack Weaver making cheese scones at home →



Design Technology



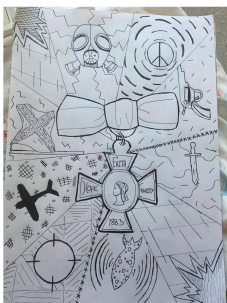
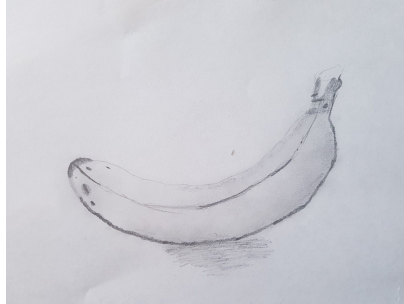
Acoustic mobile phone speakers made by our key-worker students in school with Mr Kirkbride, Head of Design Technology.



Art and Design



OUR GALLERY





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Here are some of Ms Westwood's very own 'Art Journal' pages as she joins in and works from home with her KS3 Art students on their creative diary project. She's making a new drawing every day and then sharing the photo of her sketchbook page to the [@risedalestudentgallery](https://www.instagram.com/risedalestudentgallery) on Instagram. This is where you'd usually see artwork by Risedale students, but during lockdown Ms Westwood is doing her best to inspire our budding artists and encourage creativity!

Follow [@risedalestudentgallery](https://www.instagram.com/risedalestudentgallery) on Instagram and be inspired

