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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

As we are at the end of the second week of school closure, I wanted to take some time to celebrate some more of the wonderful stories I have heard.

Year 8 pupils are absolutely smashing Maths Watch. An update by Mr. Marshall has revealed that Year 8 have completed 1226 assignment questions and 176 practice questions. Well done to Year 8 – that is a fantastic amount. It also pained Mr. Marshall to say that Miss. Cairns' class (8x1-2) outperformed his class (8x1-1), as they completed the most questions. Well done to 8x1-2. Massive credit is also due to the pupils who completed the most assignment questions - the amazing Sophie Karakurt and the awesome Sophie Watson! Great effort!



Year 8 tutors and I have received lots of nice emails from pupils telling us about their experiences so far, and there seem to be a huge amount of pupils completing the Joe Wicks exercise challenge, which is brilliant. A number of pupils have looked into the Headspace app, and there have been nice stories of pupils in 8E making an apple and blackberry crumble, and designing quality posters, as well as pupils across the tutor groups communicating on social media to families and friends across the globe to share their experiences and remain in touch.

I would again like to thank all of you, for your support with the remote learning tasks that have been set for your child. I really do appreciate that there has been a lot of work set, and this has understandably overwhelmed a number pupils. Please do help your child construct a timetable of work to focus on after Easter, and, after Easter, they need to complete the work they reasonably can. If there is far too much work set for your child to complete in a time period, then they need to prioritise some subjects over others, and do what they reasonably can. I completely appreciate this is a strange situation, and as parents, you are juggling a number of roles and responsibilities, which can, and has made day to day life extremely tricky and different. The Year 8 Team would like to thank you as you have been so amazing in your support and communication over any issues experienced, and I believe we have resolved all issues that have arisen thus far. Please do continue to keep in contact with any issues or nice stories you wish to pass on.

Next week sees the start of the Easter holidays, and please, if possible, have lots of relaxation and family time over the next two weeks. Year 8 pupils need to try and forget about work and have a well-earned break.

Finally, I would like to alert you to a mystery at the Emmbrook School – Cucumergate. Mrs. Hodgson was searching for something at school, and stumbled across a rather disgusting looking cucumber in a fridge. No-one has owned up to leaving it there and just abandoning it to go off; however, through staff correspondence, we have narrowed the culprit down to 3 candidates – Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Bhambra, and the strangely silent on this matter, Mr. McSweeney. Hopefully by the next bulletin, (and by the fact it has reached global news,



judging by the photograph below) the culprit will have owned up, and there will be justice for the cucumber.

If you have any questions about the work that is being set or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at sbaker@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk and I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Best wishes,
Stuart Baker
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