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Good Morning Everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed the break from home schooling. It's hard to believe that we are now entering week 7 of home schooling and I suspect our current arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future. Thus, this week I thought we should recognise National Teacher Appreciation Week and I'd personally like to thank you all for the fantastic job you've been doing in supporting and encouraging your children at home to continue to complete schoolwork. We know that it is not easy to maintain motivation and we appreciate all your efforts to ensure they continue to learn. You are doing a superb job! As you have all been working so hard, you will be glad to hear that this week is a slighter shorter week and we have a holiday scheduled for Friday in lieu of the Bank Holiday and to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

A big thank you also to the teachers and classroom assistants who have embraced the challenge of effectively using Seesaw for remotely setting and responding to learning tasks so that the pupils feel supported in their continued learning and will not be at a major academic disadvantage when we are eventually allowed to return to school. I know that this has not been an easy task, particularly as they have also had to balance this with home schooling their own families and caring for vulnerable relatives.

Today, as in previous weeks, your child's teacher will have set some learning tasks for your child to complete. Please try to complete what you can and when suits your family's circumstances. I have also set a whole school Seesaw task for the pupils to design a poster or banner to say hello as I know that the children are currently missing each other dearly. Please encourage your child to complete this task during the week and to send a photo to smcgrath554@c2kni.net. At this surreal time, photos and video messages are so essential in helping us all stay reconnected.

Have a great week and if you are encountering and difficulties using Seesaw or logging on, Mrs McParland will be in school up to 12.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs S. McGrath