

# #ApartButTogether at The Rowans



### School



"Safe space, clean hands"

















### Online Learning

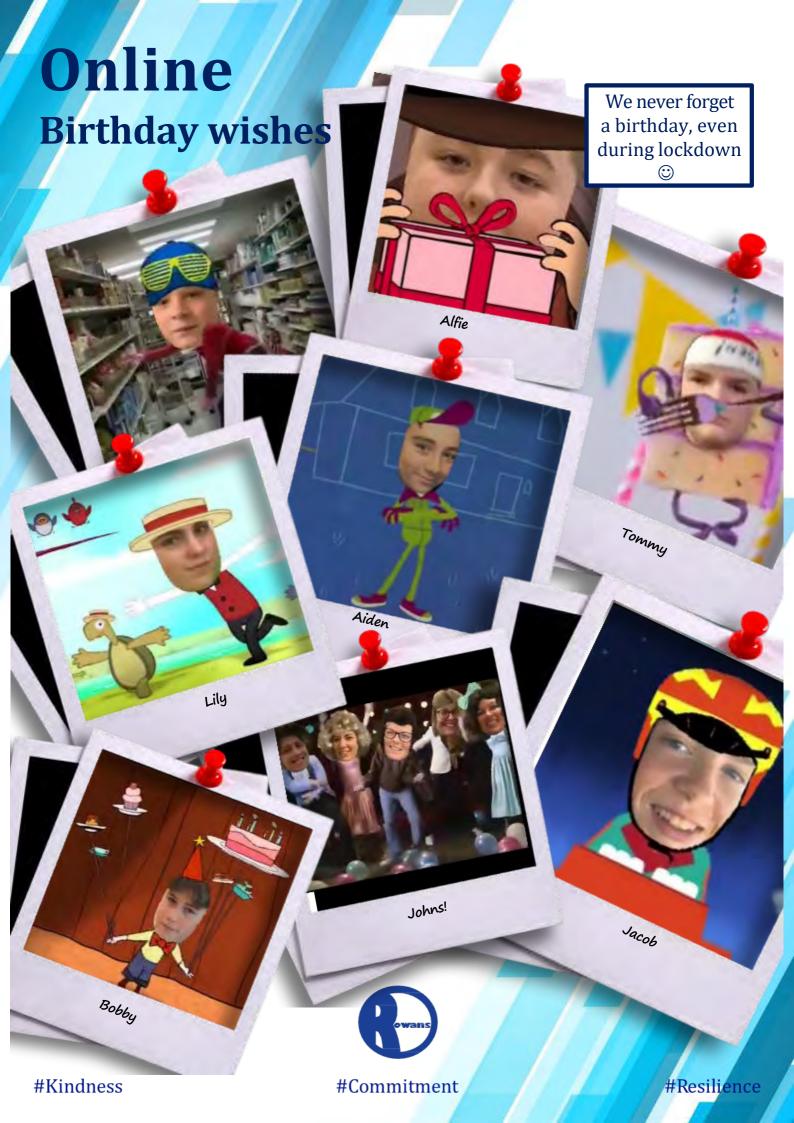












### Community



**Family Links** 

Well done to these two boys from @TheRowansAP for helping renovate their grandparents garden. It is great to see you putting your DT and Engineering skills to work. @HakeG2 @TheRowansDT #kindness #commitment #resilience #apartbuttogether



We are so incredibly proud of the resilience shown by our pupils during this difficult time...

The Rowans AP Academy @TheRowansAP per proud of Danny and his cooking skills, he has in busy at nome cooking unch and dinner for the

> Amazing to see the projects that Harry @TheRowansAP has been completing this week. Well done Harry, #apartbuttogether



Keaton @TheRowansAP has been continuing to cook at home, developing skills for the future and mum assures me it tastes great too! Well done Keaton, we are all

Kyle's lockdown DIY! ©

We are all super proud of this young man and his maturity during this

challenging time Well done Kyle



Delicious home cooking!

Look at what @TheRowansAP Rick making at home. @jammie

T-Jay @TheRowansAP has kept himself busy with online

T-Jay @TheRowansAP has kept himself busy with online learning and practical projects- the most recent one is a playhouse for his younger brother. Well done T-Jay we are proud of you!!!! 👆 #apartbuttogether

#commitment #kindness





...Just look at what they've been up to! ©



Beauty packs made for the girls at @TheRowansAP.

for the children and families. #apartbuttogether

Thank you to all staff @TheRowansAP who have been

in school today on Bank Holiday, supporting learning, arranging enrichment packs, doing deliveries, cooking arranging enrichment packs, doing deliveries, cooking and carrying out welfare checks- you all are heroes

#apartbuttogether #inspiringchange #staffteam

#Abeautytreat

These were delivered yesterday along with a snack bag

We have worked harder than ever to support our 'Rowans family', maintaining and strengthening positive relationships, and the feedback we've received has been incredible! ©



Look at these amazing goody bags ready to be delivered to our lovely @TheRowansAP families. A lovely opportunity to see them all this week (from a distance)





Handmade packs for families ©



Kerry Smith

Big thank you to all the staff at The rowans for all the phone calls and visits just to check up on the boys. The care packages and activities have been good fun and as you know the boys have absolutely loved having the photos taken

Not many school have gone above and beyond like you all have. You should all be very proud of yourselves x

Like Reply Message

Louise Mcmanus

You are all doing an amazing job. From coming to see us once a week and phones calls. I dont get any of that from my other kids school. Well done all of you stay safe enjoy half term and thank you all soo much. XX

Esm Like Reply

More food parcels being delivered today for pupils and their families @TheRowansAP ready for the Easter weekend. Thank you @att3ndanc3 Mrs Jones





l would like to say a big thank you to ALL the staff at the rowans accademy for supporting all the students not only when they are in school but all the way through covid 19 even today on bank holiday a member of staff came out and have my some a pack lunch you are all amazing

Amazing feedback from parents ©





### **Local Community**

Links

We have forged even stronger links with our local community during lockdown. We are both proud and grateful to have supported and been supported by so many local businesses and charities.





@BookerCatering Rochester, who have generously donated food for our 'kindness snack packs' for pupils @TheRowansAP and their families. These small acts of kindness make a huge difference #apartbuttogether #community links





One of our core values @TheRowansAP is kindness. Thank you to one of our students families @markmichelle50 who have shown kindness to our provision week after week. We are all very grateful, thank you. #ApartButTogether



Weekly food donations ©



Chatham Town FC @C. 27 Apr Community spirit at its best Face shields made by @TheRowansAP & gloves donated by @bauvill all delivered to @friendsofwisdom today by @Chat.

Working with our community



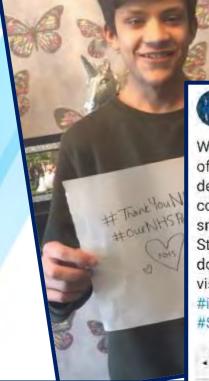


We have done our utmost to support and recognize the incredible work of the NHS during this pandemic.

One of our pupil's NHS support

rainbows ©

#Resilience



Fiona May @FloreMay003

We are humbled by the work of the @Medway\_NHS\_FT and delighted @TheRowansAP could support in our own small way. Mrs Gale (Leanne Stacey) @TheRowansDT has done a great job making visors #workingtogether #inspiringchange #StayHomeSaveLives



@TheRowansAP We are so proud of our Rowans family throughout this difficult time. Kelice and her family are a great example of what wonderful

The Rowans AP Acad

children and families we work with 😊 #thankyouNHS



**#Kindness** 





Government
Recognition for NHS
Support



So proud to have our local MP acknowledge the importance of Design Technology and Mrs Gale's amazing efforts to provide PPE equipment to our NHS.





Really excited to have single
-handedly made 80 face shields
today for my local hospital
@Medway\_NHS\_FT. Thanks
to @kitronik and others for the
inspiration. Hope to make a few
more next week @TheRowansAP
#PPE #NHS #keyworkers

@TheRowansDT









#### Achievements



Both staff and pupils have been officially recognized for their hard work, efforts and achievements during the lockdown period.

Jerry Reynolds

Jerry normally attends sea cadet, but due to the lockdown he regarding LI today – the foster parents Mr and Mrs Miller were singing the garding the support that they have had during the Covid lockdown from the Rowans and your staff. Much better support than from any other school that their other children go k them via zoom. He has also been working od by completing a piece of work on

sy baker, making artisan style bread and

#StayAtHomeStars MYC YOUTH Medi

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Rowans praise

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#### T Jay Lancaster

T Jay has been working hard to complete his school work. He has also built a play house from scratch for his younger brother, and has been helping out around the house.

T Jay also decorated the outside of their family home to honour the NHS for all their hard work during lockdown.







#### #StayAtHomeStars



Congratulations to Jerry Reynolds our 24th Stay At Home Star! Young people across #Medway are doing amazing things during Covid19 pandemic, help us recognise more young people by nominating someone today at:

medway.gov.uk/stars #StayAtHomeStars @MYC\_MEDWAY. @medway\_council



#### Staff



#### Together, We're Stronger

Our staff have worked harder and more cohesively than ever to support families and each other during lockdown. We recognize it has been a difficult and uncertain time for many, and as such, staff morale, their staying in touch has been a top priority.



#### Wellbeing Wednesdays

Wellbeing Wednesdays continued to relax and enjoy their interests...



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Things to Remember

you don't have to be perfect

#### The Buddy System



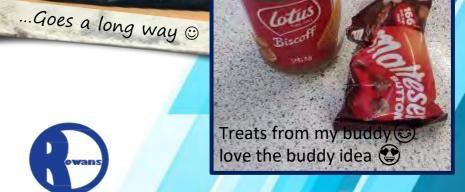
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And talking of acts of kindness...

TO COCOA

Present from my Buddy!

A thoughtful gesture...



Lotus

#### Thank a **Teacher Day**

...Staff were blown away by the school's kindness on 'Thank a Teacher Day'! ©

Never have I felt so appreciated by a place of work or so grateful for the opportunities they have already given and continue to always give. Thankyou so much @FlenaMay003 @C.JohnsonICMAT and Claire artheRowansAP. #apartbuttogether #thankateacherday

Nikkita Smith @KSmith\_Z... 20 May

Feeling appreciated ©



I'm so lucky to work in such an amazing school and with such amazing people! @TheRowansAl Thank you Caron, Fiona & Claire #apartbuttogether.



A lovely gift from @TheRowansAP seniors leadership team for #ThankaTeacherDay2020 my little one was very happy with the sweets and the card was gorgeous! Thank you to you all @FionaMay003 @CJohnsonICMAT and Claire too



An unexpected surprise



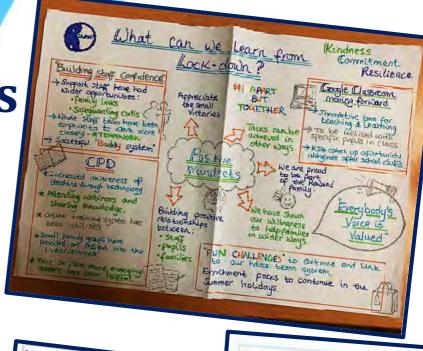
Not only have @TheRowansAl been working tirelessly to support all our pupils right now, but SOMEHOW they have also found time to make individual staff doorstep drops on thank a teacher day! 😍 💌 #feelingblessed #apartbuttogether Thank you @CJohnson/CMAT @FionaMay003 & Claire! 🙏 🛌

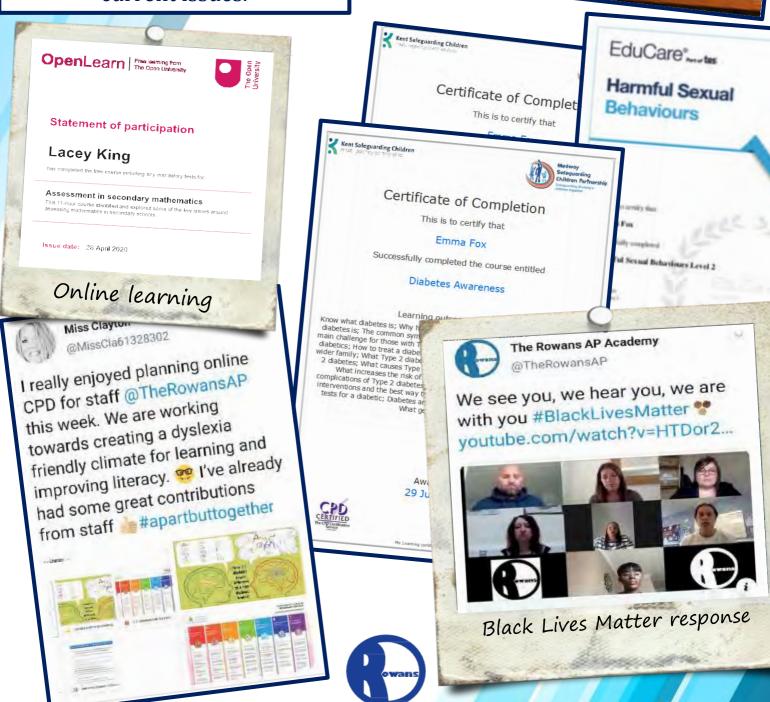




CPD Opportunities

Staff have also had the opportunity to develop skills, complete online CPD and reflect on the learning we have all taken from lockdown and wider current issues.







**Changes in Job** 

Roles

"My data role changed completely over lockdown as we had to completely rethink what progress looked like and the way in which we monitored it. We also had to incorporate data from Google Classroom, as well as from the pupils attending school."

"During lockdown I have coordinated and delivered the enrichment drops. This has enabled me to build some really lovely relationships with some of The Rowans families over the past 4 months. It has also been really positive talking to the families not only about school but also their own life through lockdown."



Mrs Keeble 😊



Staff had to learn how to teach and support learning in new ways. The introduction of weekly enrichment packs proved incredibly popular and complemented pupils online learning.



Mr Ketcher ©

"During lockdown CH and myself have been responsible for coordinating and overseeing remote learning. This is a role that was new to me, but with the support of staff has been a huge success. Organising remote learning allowed pupils to continue learning during these difficult times, work was completed to a high standard and live lessons were very successful, with lots of positive interaction between staff and pupils "



**Changes in Job** 

Role

"I've been able to contact students and parents that I wouldn't normally communicate with. It's been really positive being able to offer them my support."



Miss Calder ©

"I've had to adapt my way of teaching, working remotely on google classroom, understanding what our learners need to know and what they would be able to access from home."

Miss King ©

Many staff have seen their job roles change significantly over lockdown – this adaptability has allowed the school to support pupils and their families in new and creative ways.



"Saying goodbye to year 11 has been very different, but has also been great. We did it differently and they have been showered with gifts and films made for them, all delivered to their doorstep. Seeing photos and videos of how happy they have been to receive the gifts has been worth it."



# The Rowans 'Covid Heroes'



#Resilience

**Positives from** Lockdown

"It's been lovely weather and we've managed to finish the garden - decking and all, so we can enjoy being at home in the sunshine." 🛱 🛱



Miss Ravate <sup>©</sup>



"Being able to spend more time with my daughter and seeing her take her first steps and say her first words."

best they've been in years. Running and HIT sessions daily...lots of creative cooking...feeling happy." ⊚

"My fitness levels are the

Mrs Calder-Smith ©



Mr Cheal 3

Lockdown has been difficult at times, but staff have also been able to identify the positive effects on their lives, both personal and work related.



"I've enjoyed helping deliver virtual sports day by creating supporting example videos."

#### **Positives from** Lockdown

"Lockdown has taught me how to be adaptable in my teaching style, home life and parenting. I have really enjoyed spending more time with my own child while being able to continue to support the pupils remotely"



Miss Horsley ©



"I have been able to watch my twins take their first steps."



Miss Harris ©

"I've been welcomed really nicely into The Rowans by everyone and been able to settle into my job role."



" I have started to get fitter running 5k 3 times a week and eating more healthily. My gardening skills have definitely improved and my garden looks colourful and pretty 🕒 I've also been baking and cooking meals from scratch and spending more quality time with family."



# Positives from Lockdown



"I have formed better relationships with pupils who I didn't have a strong relationship with before lockdown. I have also been more active, which has allowed me to focus on something positive during this time of crisis."



Mr Abbot ©

"My fitness is so much better. I am running every other day. I'm on week 8 of couch to 5km and up to 25 minutes running."



Mr Straight 😊

"Getting to know members of staff better, finding new ways to remote support staff and having more time to concentrate on my IT course at home."





"It has been nice to have quality time with my family. I have enjoyed doing Arts & Crafts with my daughter and playing in the garden with my son."

#### **Positives from** Lockdown



"I have learned how to use online learning effectively. It has given me lots of new ideas about how this can be used in the classroom too."



"I've thoroughly enjoyed the doorstep/ enrichment drops as it gives a valuable insight into students' home setup and their networks.



"Much more quality time with my kids - teaching them all to ride their bikes, going on adventures, cooking and even teaching them new subjects in their school work."





"I have been able to spend more time outdoors - in the garden, walking in the woods - enjoying nature. I have also become closer to colleagues, despite being apart. Staff collaboration has been incredible!"

# Positives from Lockdown



"Been really impressed with the teamwork of the staff. It's been great to see some staff really grow and take on more responsibility."



Mrs Delahay ©

"It's been great getting to know students and families better and has felt great to be that extra support."



"I am so impressed with how pupils who sometimes have little patience and kind words towards each other have been just so respectful of the new school routines. I have seen a lot of kindness and politeness. A real family atmosphere."

Mrs Antoncini ©



"I have started making jewellery, I'm now a yellow belt in karate and have learnt loads from home-schooling."



# Positives from Lockdown



"I have been incredibly proud to lead such an amazing team of individuals who have been outstanding in keeping the 'Rowans Family' connected, all showcasing the power of relationships. I've seen staff grow in roles they never thought they'd be doing and heard voices of all staff...

"together we are stronger".

It has been a huge learning curve for us all, getting the right balance between remote learning, enrichment, welfare and safeguarding. We have worked hard to get this right, to support all pupils and their families."

I would like to say a huge thank you to our families and wider community. You have all acted with such resilience and strength and we are proud of every one of you. I am immensely proud of the wrap around support that The Rowans has offered all families and how our core values of kindness and commitment have continued to be important to all of us. I have learnt a lot about other people during this period and have seen some amazing acts of kindness. It is so important to me that our community stays together and that we all continue to support one another. I have no doubt that there will be challenges one another. I have no doubt to overcome ahead and together we will work together to overcome whatever we are confronted with. On a personal note, I am also proud of the way The Rowans as a whole has managed this unprecedented situation: I couldn't be prouder!



Miss Johnson ©



## Final thought...

