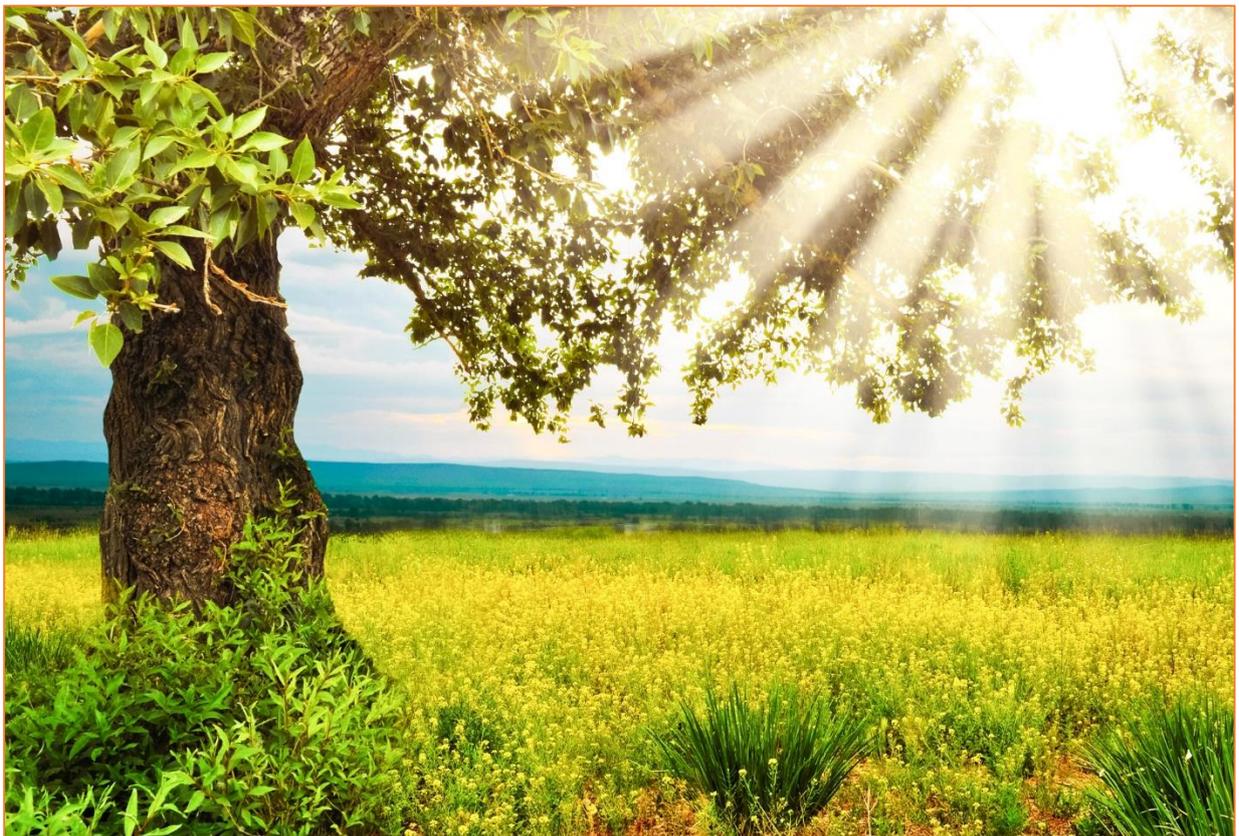


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# NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1

Welcome to our Summer mid term Newsletter. As we come to the end of an extraordinary half term I write to thank all of you at home and in school for your amazing support for our school and our children as we work through this unprecedented situation very much together.

Our term began with the very sad loss of Daniel and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Daniel's family as they move through this very difficult time.

Many of you have been enjoying the daily Tim and Carmen sessions and we are extremely grateful for their input to keep us all inspired and enthusiastic at the beginning of each day. I am pleased to say that they have kindly agreed to continue throughout the half term break and into the next half term. Thank you Tim and Carmen. It is fantastic to see everyone taking part and if you haven't yet taken part please do follow the links which will be sent out if you wish to.

In school, children have taken part in supporting the NHS and other carers by creating rainbows and a very large 'Stay Safe' Banner for the outside of the school (picture in the Secondary section of this newsletter). We have all benefitted from the sunny weather and being able to utilise our outside areas for gardening, water play and forest schools and children have additionally been taking part in sports, cooking, swimming, trampolining as well as developing their reading, communication and friendship skills.

Thank you for sharing your child's progress on Evidence for Learning. As with other special schools we are developing a 'Recovery Curriculum' to support our children through this time both from home and as they return to school. There is further information on this approach at <https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/> and we will be developing this work both in school and for those still shielding at home over the next half term.



## Encouragement

Encouragement like flowers can brighten a way,  
Turn storms into rain, paint colours from grey.  
Find good in the bad, bring laughter from pain,  
Lift up a spirit, even loosen a chain.  
Rainbows from darkness or a peek at the sun,  
Blessings enjoyed or a moment of fun.  
Sharing is easy with a little each day,  
Blossoms of joy to brighten the day.

**-Jim Ness**

We look forward to welcoming those coming back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June and we will be dropping the next Home working bags home for those who will remain shielding at home shortly thereafter. Meanwhile I hope you all have a happy and healthy half term. Take care and stay safe.

Julia James

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## EYFS AND PRIMARY

Hello to pupils, parents and staff – I do hope you are enjoying this glorious weather we are having during these strange and challenging times and that you are getting the opportunity to go outside and enjoy the beauty of the world around us at this time of the year.

Despite the circumstances, we at Bedelsford are very good at facing challenges and adapting to changes and at finding ways to overcome obstacles for our pupils. There have been some very creative and inspirational solutions to providing our pupils with fun learning activities, both from staff and from parents. A huge well done to all parents who have had to find the inner teacher in themselves in recent months and to our teachers who have had to learn new methods, create personalised and fun resources and upskill their technology know how.

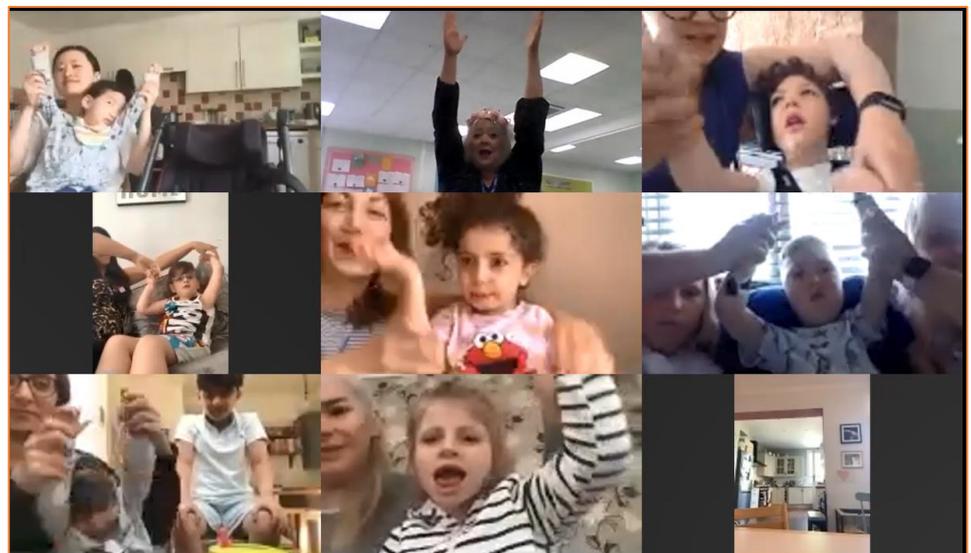
Pupils attending school have been using the outdoor areas to connect with nature and observe and experience the changing of seasons as we hurtle into the Summer. There have been many opportunities to practice physical skills in school with more regular swimming and trampoline sessions and there has been some marvellous collaborative art work made by pupils, especially the amazing rainbow displayed on the front of the school.

Home learning has been made fun by teachers sending home individualised activity and resource packs and parents have sent in fabulous examples of how these are being used at home. Some teachers and staff have been delivering sessions via Zoom, where classes get the opportunity to see and hear one another and join in with songs and stories. A big thanks to Tim for his daily Zoom sessions which the whole school community can access and to the team who have set up our new Bedelsford YouTube channel, where pupils can watch and listen to some favourite sensory stories and familiar songs from singing clubs. More videos are due to be uploaded in the new term.

In the meantime, keep well and safe everyone. We miss you and hope that we will all be together once again soon.

Becky Clowes

Head of Primary and EYFS



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## SECONDARY

Although this half term has looked very different at Bedelsford, it is true to say that the students and teachers have continued to achieve brilliant work.

This half term has been filled with rainbows and outdoor learning as our students within school enjoyed the weather and learned about the new circumstances and world around them.

At home students and families have also been finding new ways to learn and enjoying the resources and packs which have been sent to them.

In true Bedelsford style we are embracing new ways, adapting and making the very best of a challenging situation. A huge thank you to the students, families and Tim who together have created a daily workshop. This challenging time has also seen the new development of our Bedelsford School YouTube channel. We hope to continue to add stories and songs that can be reached anytime.

As we move in to the new summer term we look forward to welcoming more of our students back into school and paving new opportunities to overcome any challenges that present themselves. We will also be thinking of our friends staying safe at home and reaching out with new resources to give students an opportunity to join in with our learning. Please continue to showcase all your brilliant achievements on EFL, it's fantastic to see how well you are all doing.

As always we continue to be ready to support our families in whatever ways we can. Please let teachers and the Senior Leadership Team know if there is anything we can do.

Stay safe and have a wonderful, sunny half-term. Best wishes, Mrs Murphy.

