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**WOODSIDE ACADEMY – MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the bank holiday weekend fast approaches, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the many ways you are connecting with the Woodside community; for the website and telephone call feedback, the photographs, the messages of thanks. We appreciate them all. We are also keen to know that you and your families remain safe and well and do not underestimate the challenges you face at the moment.

The Woodside Academy website has some wonderful ideas and resources for this weekend's marking of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day here; <https://www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk/learning-from-home/additional-information/75th-anniversary-ve-day-resources>

I am hoping that you have been able to explore the Oak National Academy specialist lessons ; <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/specialist/#subjects>. There are some fantastic music and dance lessons , ideas to develop independent living skills, communication and language sessions and also therapy lessons available. Lessons have been geared to different learner ability and hopefully there is something there for everyone. This week Mrs Vincent is leading the numeracy lessons , next week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May Miss Hookway will be delivering lessons and she is followed by Miss Andrews, the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Tomorrow, there will be an online assembly with performers from the Lion King teaching us to sing ' The Circle of Life' on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**. This will be live-streamed on the TES News Youtube channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-gOKwgu5\\_g9Pm1YBMb5G\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-gOKwgu5_g9Pm1YBMb5G_A) or you can catch up afterwards from 11am, here: <https://www.thenational.academy/assembly>

I am sure that, like us, many of you are wondering about when schools will re-open. Please be assured that we will be taking a measured and detailed approach to any announcements and plans. As soon as we are informed of developments, we will share these with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I hope that you and your families are well. As always, please do not hesitate to make contact either through your weekly phone call ; by telephoning the school office number 01322 350123 and following the menu, by calling the Belmont office direct 01322 432057 or by email, [office@bwf.education](mailto:office@bwf.education)

Enjoy the long weekend

With best wishes,

**Mrs Freame**

**Head of School**

