



30th March 2020 : Day 6 of the Bosco 'shut-down'

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Well, this is the sixth school day of us being on shut down. As I arrived to school this morning, it was incredibly strange to see the building empty and in silence. But, that silence has been broken with the laughter of our key worker students, telling stories and singing songs during their various activities. As I write, one of the girls is trying to give me a 'music lesson' and trying to teach me how to rap... needless to say, I have no idea of what she is saying, so that's me failing that music lesson! Whilst the others complete a 'thank you NHS banner' as well as an Easter banner.

I am not sure about you, but it has been hard to not go out, see the people you love and care about the most and carry out daily activities. When the highlight of your day is a walk to Home and Bargain on a Saturday, you know the world has definitely changed!

Being in school has been a welcome relief for me. We've done some Macbeth, migration and wildfires to name but a few topics. But what has been lovely about being in school is actually 'being' with the girls; watching them dance and sing and enjoy being together (regardless of the year group they are in). Talking to them about their homes, their hopes and dreams, their weekend antics and also the incredible contribution that their parents and carers are making to our society to keep us safe.

Then you are reminded of the innocence of the child - not completely understanding the unprecedented times we live in, not fully grasping the contribution of their carers. Their concern is whether their dance move was perfect, whether their eyelashes are on straight, or whether the right colours are on their banners. At times when you see them being young people, and the joy they get out of small things, it makes you reflect on the busy lives we lead, and how sometimes the world would be a better place if we all just remembered to pause, be present, and take the joy out of little things in life...just like a child.

I hope you and your families all stay safe. The girls here also wish you the best. Now...for another dance routine.