

## MY LOCKDOWN EXPERIENCE

My family and I have been in Isolation at home since Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, which happened to be my brother's birthday and the first day of spring. We went into Lockdown and isolation because of covid-19 which has spread from China to all over the world causing people to die if they are very ill with covid-19.

On my brother's birthday the lockdown had not yet started so my mum and dad took us to Crammond beach where they thought it would be quiet, but it was a little crowded. We went to Marks and Spencer and got some sandwiches and had them at the beach. We walked down to the beach where there were no people around us at all. On the beach we tried to make a sun dial and a compass. We also skimmed rocks and built rock towers. After we ate are sandwiches, we went back home and had pizza and cake. Little did we know it was our last day of freedom!

During lockdown I have done a lot of things. When the weather was nice I would play outside. My brothers, my mum and me spent an afternoon painting stones with my mum's dotting tools. These are tools usually used to create designs on nails. When dipped in paint they create a dot. We really enjoyed doing our stones.

I also played with chalk and put pictures on my garden wall with the chalk. My mum showed us how to play hopscotch. I also made spears and built a fence where I used my dad's tools under supervision. I also enjoyed building and lighting a fire using flint, wood and cotton wool.

My mum, brothers and I have enjoyed sitting in the garden playing cards. We like to play Rummy and Old Maid. We also like to play solitaire and my mum taught me how to play a game called Spit!

My mum and I would sit in the garden and take it in turns to read. My mum reads to us every night and we are 2 books into a great series written by Charlie Higson which is about children surviving after all the adults have been diseased by a virus!!

I spent hours coding a game on Scratch. I really enjoyed doing this and my game was called Flappy Bird. Flappy Bird must fly past poles without touching them or he dies.

My neighbour gave us an old snooker table which we have put into our cabin in the garden. My dad has taught my brothers and I how to play snooker and we have had much fun playing before bedtime each night.

I have enjoyed watching a great movie called Zombie's on Disney+. It is a bit of a musical and I have also enjoyed watching and listening to their songs on You tube.

I have enjoyed drawing and my mum, and I have started a paint by numbers tiger and cub drawing which will look great when it is finished.

During school time I have enjoyed playing Sumdog and I am trying really to be top of the leader board. I have found some pieces of work easy and others challenging. I have enjoyed reading the book Millions and I read it to my mum who is also enjoying the story. The best bit about school is a Friday when all of us have a chat.

During Lockdown I have really enjoyed having all the amazing food my mum and dad have been making. I have enjoyed being able to eat my breakfast without having to rush to get ready for school. Before lockdown we were a very busy family and due to all our activities and my mum working 2 nights a week we rarely got to sit and eat together as a family. Now we sit down every night around the kitchen table and have our tea at the same time which is great. We are trying to eat sensibly as we know we are not getting as much exercise as before lock down.

I have been doing exercise in the house. I have been using my mum's gym equipment and doing the rower and the cross trainer. I have also done some dance videos from my favourite movie Zombies.

My 11th birthday will be very different this year as I cannot go out for a meal or to the pictures to celebrate. We usually go to the pictures at Ocean Terminal and have a gyros at the Greek restaurant Mr Nicks. This is a bit of a birthday tradition so we will try to make our own gyros on my birthday. We will try and have fun and there will still be birthday cake! I am hoping to get a chocolate birthday cake. The one good thing about my birthday this year is I will be off school as it falls on a Thursday!!

Lockdown has been a strange experience. I initially missed the routine of school, but now I don't miss school much as I am getting used to my new teacher my mother! She is very nice, lets us have fun and feeds us. I am really sad about the Covid-19 virus killing so many people but I think it is important that we stay in lockdown to prevent as many people dying as possible. Despite the sad reason for lockdown I am really enjoying spending time with my family.