

# LETTER TO THE SUPERHEROES OF EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL (AND THEIR PARENTS!)

April, 2020

Dear boys and girls, you're playing a blinder,

So this is just a gentle reminder

To keep on putting up the fight

And everything will turn out right.

We know that you've been good as gold

At doing everything you're told

To stop the spread, to play your part,

So keep the faith and don't lose heart.

You followed the rules, you didn't roam

Beyond 2K - you stayed at home,

And think of all the lives you saved

By doing your bit and being brave.

It seems the world is upside down,

School at home, no friends around.

Churches, libraries, swimming pools,

Cinemas, sports clubs, playgrounds, schools

All closed for now, it seems so strange,  
Everything has utterly changed.  
Although, at times, the news is tragic,  
What you're doing is truly magic,  
Rising to the challenge, holding your nerve,  
Managing to flatten the famous curve.  
You're washing your hands for 4 times 5  
And keeping hundreds more alive,  
Doing your best never to forget  
Coughing and sneezing etiquette.  
You've kindly pardoned our insistence  
To stay apart\_\_\_\_\_ 2 metres distance!  
Sometimes it might seem the world's gone mad  
And this could make you feel quite sad,  
But don't lose hope, this too will pass,  
Even Covid cannot last.  
And while we're keeping far apart,  
We can still talk heart to heart.  
Remember that you're not alone,  
Say hello, pick up the phone,

Skype, Facetime, Hangouts, Zoom,  
You don't have to be in the same room  
To laugh, to joke, to sing, to chat  
About the news, or this and that.  
You've written postcards, or one better,  
Some of you have written letters  
To family and friends in other lands,  
To cousins, neighbours, Grandads, Grans,  
Even though their hugs we miss  
We can still wave or blow a kiss!  
We understand you miss so much  
That lovely gift - our sense of touch.  
Fist bumps, spuds, goal celebrations,  
Face-to-face communications,  
High-fives, backslaps, hugs and cuddles,  
Getting into team-sport huddles,  
Playdates, sleepovers, birthday parties,  
Sharing cupcakes, treats and smarties,  
All put on ice, but not forever,  
Soon you'll all be back together.

Simon says 'Don't get complacent'!  
Or all our efforts could be wasted,  
But that's not something we will do,  
We'll stay at home and see this through,  
We won't let this challenge tire us,  
We're on a mission to kill that virus!  
The sun still shines, the flowers still bloom  
And one day soon, school will resume!  
Whoever thought we'd think it cool  
To be allowed to go to school,  
But we've had lots of time to ponder  
And absence makes the heart grow fonder.  
Out of cocoons come butterflies,  
It really comes as no surprise  
That each of you is a superhero,  
LET'S GET COVID DOWN TO ZERO!!

Well done, everyone!

From Lorraine Tallon