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Dear Ms Pickett,

Please let me take the opportunity to pass on my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful contribution to our VE Day 75 celebrations. Frustratingly limited in both scope and ability, I suspect just like you, our grand plans for honouring the memory and the sacrifice was significantly curtailed. We sounded our horns and flew some additional flags, but what really caught the eye were the fabulous drawings and paintings submitted by the kids from your school. Mrs Joyce did a wonderful job of distributing them across our estate, but all displayed prominently in the areas with the highest footfall. All visitors to the Base were greeted by the artwork in the reception centre and all of our sailors dining in the main dining hall were lifted by the colourful extravaganza. For that in particular I am truly grateful.

My role on the Bank Holiday was ringing the bell in the dockyard church (St Ann's), but before I undertook this slightly unusual task I managed to ride around the Base on my bike, taking videos of the artwork, some of which I uploaded to Twitter (@CaptDavidGeorge). Have a look, you may spot some of your work.

Again, on behalf of all in Her Majesty's Naval Base Portsmouth and HMS NELSON, my sincere thanks.

God bless and stay safe!

David M George
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Captain of the Base