

Bonjour à tous,

Durham County International Office is running a virtual project with partner schools in the Somme area in France.

'Last year, the world came together in Durham. Greetings were assembled from all over the globe and artist Mick Stephenson put them together in a stunning illuminated sculpture for the Durham Lumiere festival. Colourful messages of friendship were encased in recycled plastic bottles and formed into a tree structure <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DLL4NIBxBew> Today, the whole world faces this terrible crisis. Many children are unable to go to school or see their friends. Neighbours and family members may be lost as a result of this pandemic. It would be wonderful if our friends and colleagues in France would engage with partners in Durham in an action of solidarity and demonstrate that we all care about our global neighbours.'

We are asking you to write a message of friendship to children in schools in the Somme. Your message should be in the following format. Simple message in either English OR French. A small colourful drawing. The name of your town and country.

The children in France have been asked to do the same.

Please upload your messages and pictures onto DB and I will forward them to the International Office. I have contacted our partner school and hope they will join in too.

Merci!

Madame Morgan