

Granted by Martha Capitano

It's strange isn't it? The things we took for granted a few weeks ago could simply be just walking to class with our friends and going out for a meal with the family. Singing happy birthday while we watched them blow out the candles and being all together and having a good time. A few weeks ago, we were laughing at it making fun of it we were thinking it was just another viral phase and it will soon pass. However, in fact it was the total opposite. It has changed so many people's lives in the past few weeks and has sadly even taken some. Most of us are trying to cooperate as much as we can but missing a loved one can be hard. The best thing I look forward to is once a month I will go and drop the food off at my grandparents and I can wave at them down the drive but I can't go any closer to them not even a step closer. I took school for granted and how much time I could spend with my friends and family, but I miss it all. I know that eventually, in time, this will be known as a bad dream and as a memory but this will go down in history. I am waiting for that day I can see my family and friends not through a screen but in real-life and I can't wait for that hug that I've been waiting for, for months. This virus has taken so much already and I'm not going to let it take any more.

Fishing by Charlie Sharman

I was looking through my pictures on my phone when I came across a picture of me and my grandad fishing. It seems like years since I last went fishing with my grandad and I would give anything to just fish with him again. But this lockdown has crippled us both and we're stuck indoors. I can only imagine how fed up my grandad is. He can't stand being locked up inside. Fortunately for me my granny is keeping him sane. Her Sunday roasts are the best in the business and if anyone could help us through these difficult times it would be her. I really am blessed that I have such amazing grandparents. And without a doubt in my mind I know we can all get through this crisis. And when lockdown does end I know exactly what I'm going to do – I'm going to go fishing with my grandad.