



Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

Messages from
Mrs Hopkins, Executive Headteacher &
Mrs Oakley, Head of School

Friday Inspiration

As we look forward to opening our doors again to all children on **Monday 8th March** we simply had to recognise the outstanding efforts and support given to our children by their **families** - mums, dads, step-mums, step-dads, boyfriends and girlfriends of mums and dads, older siblings, younger siblings, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles, cousins - anyone and everyone who has supported our children, thank you. We are so proud of you all, and we truly value the contributions you have made to your children's education. A partnership we would like to keep growing and nurturing.

- If you have balanced working from home or worked opposite shifts to one another so you could keep your children at home, thank you.
- If you have lived the experience of sitting alongside children from different year groups and kept them on track with their home learning, thank you.
- If you have found fun, hands on, real life learning experiences beyond what has been set by the teachers, thank you.
- If your family needed a space in school so you could perform key-worker roles, thank you.
- If you needed and accepted the support we offered you, thank you.

We take our hats off to you all, say a huge **thank you** - and... we'll take the day shift from here, we've got this.

"Ohana means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

(Lilo & Stitch)



Click here for our return to school handbook: [BG PARENT Handbook V4 MARCH 2021](#)

School Updates



If you have borrowed a Chromebook from school, we are not going to ask you to return it at the moment. We would like you to keep it at home, keep accessing the google classroom to look for new learning and continue to access Athletics, TTRS and Bug Club at home.

Did you know that from 1st March you may be eligible for a Rapid Lateral Flow Test. If you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test. Click the link below to find out more information about how to get the test.

[Rapid Lateral Flow Test](#)



For some children, returning to school next week will be a daunting prospect. Please take 5 minutes to read through this booklet with them, this should help ease their worries. Click the link below:

[Returning to school](#)

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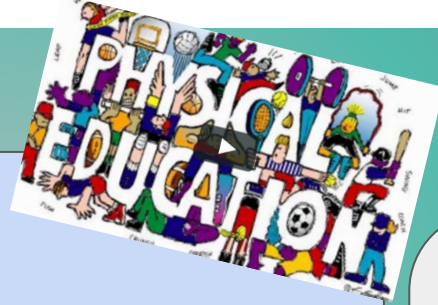
Covid Keepers

From March 2020 to now we have seen such an avalanche of innovation, invention and creativity. Who knew, this time last year, that we would be fully online, teaching a sizable portion of the curriculum to our children via recorded content?

As we start to unlock and things look a little brighter (vaccination rollout, infection rates staying low etc) we want to know from you - what are the things you would like to see us keep? Please share your feedback, there is space for 5 but if you have more you can re-submit the form with new answers.

Click the link below to fill in the form.

[Covid Keepers](#)



PE

PE lessons will resume from Monday 8th March. Weather permitting these will take place outside, so please send your child in with tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper.



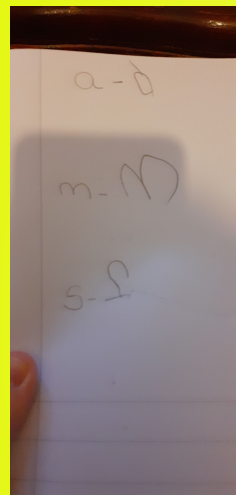
Forest School

If your child is taking part in Forest School this term, you will have received a text. Please make sure you send in clothes that can get wet and muddy. If you have any questions please contact Miss Dalton.

Star of the week - Nursery



We would like to say how very proud we are of all of the Nursery children this term. They have been busy completing their activities and working on the Google classroom and we have especially loved catching up with you all each week on our live meetings. A special thank you also goes to all the grown -ups who have supported all of your children so well over this difficult time. We really look forward to seeing you all next week!

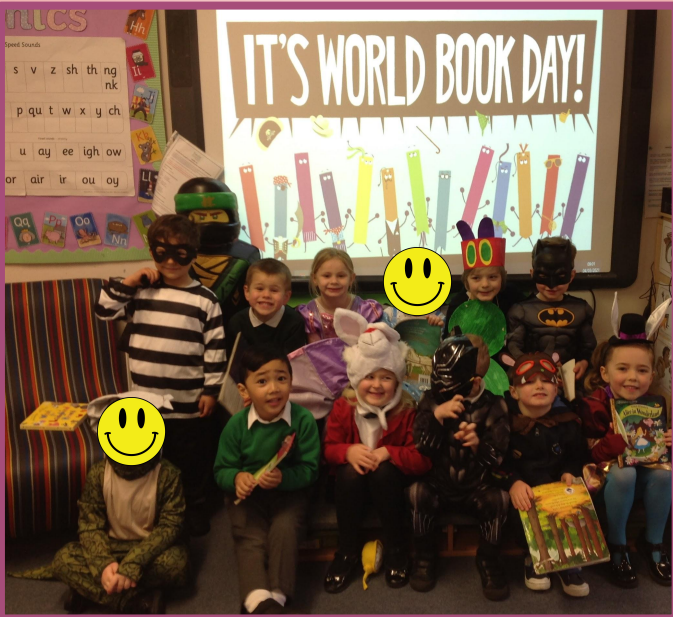
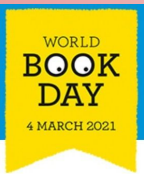


Harley's
Letter writing!



Star of the week - Reception

Miss Read and Mrs Betts are extremely proud of all the children that have been coming into school everyday for the last two terms. You are all stars. Thank you for making the time we have had in school amazing, well done to our wonderful Year R bubble. Here are some photos of what we got up to on World Book Day!



We look forward to seeing all Elephants and Penguins in school next week!



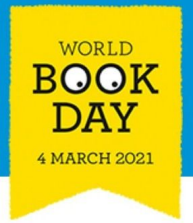
Star of the week - Reception



Well done to all of our home learners. You have done us proud! It has been fantastic to see all that you have been doing at home and you have really shone like the stars you are. Grown ups, you have been amazing at a time that we know has not been easy. Thank you!



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Star of the week - Year 1

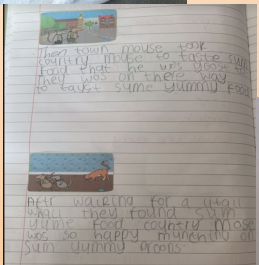


World Book Day 2021

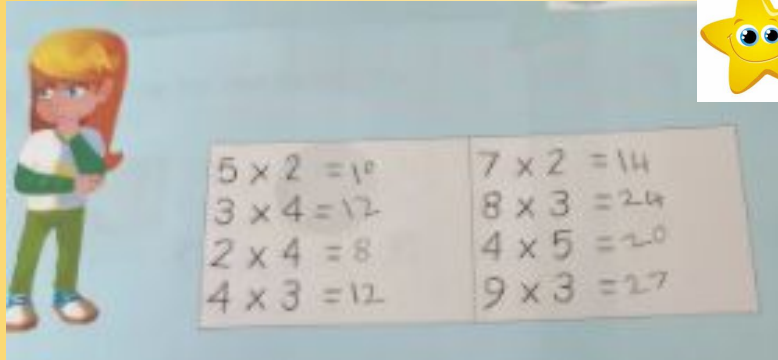


We are so proud of all the children who have been working super hard with their home learning on Google Classroom, Mathematics, Bug Club and workbooks. You have been so positive and resilient are all stars in our eyes! Children who have been attending in school have been incredibly positive towards their learning and you are all stars!

We would also like to take the time to say a huge thank you to all the grownups who have been supporting the home learning - you have been incredible! Thank you also to the grownups who have been working throughout this time as key workers or who accepted the offer of a place in school for their children.



Star of the week - Year 2



This week's Star of the Week in 2OE is Milanda for her beautiful picture of The Rainbow Fish. What amazing colours! Milanda also made a fantastic effort to join in on all the World Book Day activities! Well done Milanda!

This week's Star of the Week for 2 NB is Evie for her super times tables work.

Evie managed to solve problems from the 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.

Well done Evie, we are all very proud of you!



Star of the week - Year 2 in school bubble.



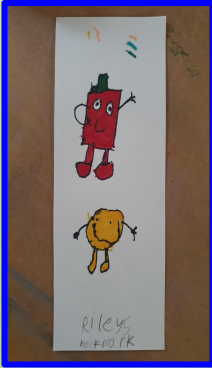
Mrs Hollingsbee and Miss Hollingsbee want to say a huge well done and thank you to the in-school year 2 children. You have amazed us everyday by trying your hardest in all areas of your learning. Even more so with your eagerness to learn Makaton to accompany the songs we have learnt.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of this bubble. Carry on being amazing!



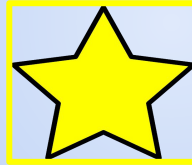
Star of the week - Year 3

All of the Home Learners are Stars of The Week. You have worked so hard for World Book Week and every other week. You should all be very proud of yourselves. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped at home. You are all superstars. Well done!



Star of the week - Year 4

We believe the children who have been working so hard at home during this lockdown and the parents who have supported them day in and day out are all very deserving Stars of the Week! We have loved supporting you on Google Classroom and seeing you on our weekly Google Meets! Thank you for your commitment to your learning!



POD - Tastic!

Last week of the 'Perfect Pods.' We have been amazed how brilliant the children have been. Coming in every day, especially knowing that some of their friends won't be there, they have my respect for how maturely they have done this. We will look back (in many years) and say we were part of that History; and the children of the Pods can be very proud of their part. Well done everyone, although we are all looking forward to seeing everyone's faces.

DUPLICATE SUPERSTARS




Star of the week - Year 5

Miss Thind and Mrs Thomas would like to take this time to say how proud we are of the year 5 children who have been in school for the past couple of terms. You have come into school day in day out with smiles on your faces, ready to work hard whilst being so kind and caring towards one another. We are unbelievably proud of you. Thank you for making what has been a worrying time so amazingly brilliant!! Below are some pieces of work the children did that they were most proud of:


Every week I have said it has been extremely hard to single out one person as the star of the week. This week the Year 5 remote learning star of the week award goes to every single one of you that has engaged and submitted work onto the google classroom. Mrs Brown and I (Miss Marks) have been so proud of the way you all stepped up to the challenge and every day logged on and carried out your assignments. You should all be immensely proud of yourselves! A special mention too, to some very special stars of the week - your parents/carers. The support from them has been amazing. Our very special thanks to you all.



Star of the week - Year 6



Mr Hutcheon, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Richards would like to thank and praise the whole of 6SH for their amazing hard work and perseverance during what has been exceptional times. The work that you have produced has been amazing. All we ask is that you continue with this hard work when you rejoin us on Monday. We are so excited to have you back in class.



6VH

Mrs V & Mrs P nominate Kiefer this week. His writing in English is fantastic and he is so enthusiastic about learning about Victorian Life - linked to our guided reading book, *Street Child*. Well done Kiefer

Mrs Hayward, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Cherry and Mrs Peacock want to say a massive HUGE well done to everyone, at home and at school for working so hard during the last 8 weeks! It's been incredible what you have managed to achieve. Big shout out to the adults at home who have been supporting you. It's been tough, but we hope you have also had some fun along the way. We look forward to being together on Monday!

