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INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

12th June 2020

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a positive week. You might be pleased to know that in this week's virtual whole school assembly I was the right way up! Which was progress. Unfortunately, not all classes had sound. Oh well always good to have something to work on ☺

School closing early to say goodbye to Year 2

Following the announcement this week that schools were not going to have to continue to open to more pupils we have decided to close the school earlier than planned to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. This is to allow us to spend some dedicated time at the end of the academic year with only Year 2 children. We will of course remain open for the Key worker children until the end of the school year. We recognise that this will not suit everyone but hope that the year groups who have been in will appreciate the dedicated time they have had in school and will understand that we want to say goodbye in a more formal way to the Year 2's.

The end of term for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be the 9th of July.

The end of term date for the Key Workers will be the 17th of July.

Year 2 parents – we will provide more information to you as our plans develop.

Remember that different schools will be managing their own situations in different ways because of their different circumstances. If you remember my top tip for week 1 teaching at home was 'never compare'. When you hear what other schools are doing keep in mind that we will have all had our own set of challenges to face and all of us have tried to do the best we can with what we have. Let's

support each other positively knowing all of this and not compare to the detriment of our community.

Returning Reading Books

If you have finished with the reading books we sent out at the beginning of lock down and would like to return them to us we would be very grateful! There will be a box left outside the school next week (on dry days) for the books to be returned in if you are walking past. Thank you!

Keeping in Touch

Remember that we are manning the emails for your work to be celebrated at home, queries and questions. And we love to see the different learning you do at home.

Nursery Class: sheltie@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Corgi Class: corgi@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Beagle Class: beagle@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Dalmatian Class:

dalmatian@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Husky Class: husky@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Spaniel Class: spaniel@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Labrador Class:

labrador@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Top Teaching Tip Week 10: Encourage them to push themselves

I have been talking to my cousins this week who all have primary aged children. I asked them how their home learning was going and they all said 'we've stopped it.' (Not sure some them even started!) I asked them what their children were doing with their time and they said 'just playing on their computer games.' I know it's hard for them and for

you. I know that there are lots of battles that you simply feel you don't have the strength to tackle. I know it's simple to say 'ok do nothing' for an easy life.

Research demonstrates that 'effective learners aren't the children who sit in their comfort zone, but those who aren't afraid to push themselves.' Our children are young and to push themselves can be to read the scales for ingredients when making a cake, or doing 15 jumps instead of 10, or reading two pages of a book instead of 1. If you are finding that they are doing less and less and it is harder and harder ask them what they think they can do, remember what they said and challenge them the next time to do a little bit more. It doesn't have to be for hours. A little and often and each time a little bit more, all the time celebrating each piece of extra effort will be enough to help them keep learning. Most of all try not to give up – and know that anything you do will make a difference.

Learning from Home Gallery



Remember to keep your Golden Certificates completed for the Weekly Learning Challenge. When you have 4 Golden Certificates you can send them in for a Credit Card 😊

Skipping Challenge

1. Mrs Paines 160
2. Esther 140
3. Anna 130
4. Mrs Emmett – 110 (Go go Mrs Emmett!)

Thought for the week:

"The more you think positively, the more you think of a peaceful world, the more you will create it."
Maitreya

Also saw this on Facebook:



Have a positive, full on laughter weekend! And the suns back 😊

Mrs Paines

Nursery

We have had a good week in nursery playing in the garden in all weathers! We have enjoyed dancing and singing songs and we have played skittles. We have welcomed some new class pets, Caterpillars! We have 5 caterpillars and we have enjoyed observing them and watching them grow. I will be sending some photos via the class email to share with everyone!

Phonics: continuing phase 1

- Rhyming:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/word-soup-jungle-washing>
- Letter sound to practise: 'i' - 'down the body and dot for the head'
- Watch the clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qi8OBh11U>
- Can you find objects around your home with this letter sound?

Maths: Repeating Patterns

- Can you make different repeating patterns using colours or shapes? For example: red, blue, red, blue, red, blue...etc Can you use

pens, pencils, paints, paper or toys to make your own simple one element repeating patterns? For example: car, teddy, car, teddy, car, etc.

Key Vocabulary: what comes next? your turn, my turn, next, after, repeat

Challenge: Two element pattern: Can you complete a three element pattern? For example: red, blue, yellow, red, blue, yellow, red, blue, yellow, etc.

Theme: Senses

Talk about the human senses:

- Sight - Guess the object game - describe an object you and your child can both see, can they name the object from the description?
- Hearing - Go on a sound walk, identify sounds that you hear. Talk about loud and quiet sounds that you hear.
- Smell - Can you make some smelling pots together and ask someone to guess the smell?
- Taste - Try some new foods and use exciting words to describe the flavours!
- Touch - Guess the Object- fill a pillowcase with some objects and without looking guess what they are by using your sense of touch.

Get Moving:

- Wash Your Hands Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDHJW4r3eIE&vl=en>

Make a Pattern with your movements:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ9q4U2P3ig&t=15s>

Get Creative:

- You could try some dough disco

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrBsNhwxyzgc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOLR3pQt8zg>

You could make up your own dough disco routine to your favourite pop tune!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team

Reception

Reception have had another fantastic week in school, working hard and learning new things.

We looked at our daily routines, making our own paper dolls and the different ways we can be kind to one another for our weekly challenges. The children have produced some wonderful work and it has been lovely to see what our home learners have been doing, on Tapestry and email too!

We started our understanding the world timelines by thinking about and writing a sentence describing what we were like as babies. We also looked at story mountains, discussing the different elements of a story and applying this to stories we know.

Next week we will continue our understanding the world timeline by thinking about what we were like as toddlers. We will also recap story mountains before writing the opening for our own mythical creature story. In maths we will be thinking about the weight of different objects and being able to order objects from the lightest to the heaviest. We will also begin to create our own mythical creature using the art techniques we practised last week. There will be three new challenges for the children to have a go at too; Mrs Dawes' outdoor challenge, Mrs Bailey's creative challenge and Mrs Johnson's physical challenge.

Key Vocabulary:

Time connectives (after, next, then, finally), lightest, heaviest, weigh, weight, light, heavy, myth, mythical beast, author, illustrator, story mountain

Home Learning Ideas:

- Talk about familiar stories with your children, can they remember the different parts of a story

(opening, build up, dilemma, resolution, ending)? Can you break down stories you know into these different sections?

- We have been thinking about what we were like as babies this week, what could we do or not do? Did we look the same or different to now? Can you compare yourself to the rest of your family, did you look the same as them when you were a baby, or did you look different?

Reminders:

- Please remember to email in a photo of your child as a baby and one as a toddler for our understanding the world work in school, if you have not done so already.
- From next week we will be putting a box at the carpark gate in the morning for you to return the reading books sent home with your child before the school closure. Please bring these in as soon as possible so that we begin to use them in school.

Have a great weekend,
The Reception Team

Year 1

We have all had a fantastic week at school. We continue to be very impressed and proud of all the children in Year 1 and how well they have adjusted to the new school routines. This week everyone has continued to follow social distancing, wash their hands throughout the day and treat each other with care and respect. Well done Year 1, you are all amazing!

We have been working very hard in our bubbles. This week in literacy, we have been learning about letter writing. We have been writing messages for friends in the other bubbles. Next week, we will be filming them and sending them to the other bubbles. In maths, we have been revising partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We have also been learning about more than and less than. In science, we learnt facts about woodland animals. Did you know that hedgehogs' have 5,000 spikes on their bodies and badgers' favourite food is worms? In Jigsaw, we had circle time and

discussed life cycles. We talked about how humans change as they grow from a baby to an adult.

Next week, we have planned lots more fun learning. In maths, we will be learning about repeated addition and multiplication. In literacy, we will continue our topic on woodland animals. Children will continue to learn facts about woodland animals. They will then write their own 'What am I?' on a chosen animal. 'What am I?' is when clues are written and the reader must guess what animal the clues are describing. We will then edit and improve our work to produce the best copy we can. We will also continue our work on Jigsaw and discussing how our bodies change from a baby to a child.

Show and Tell

We will also be sending out the 'Show and Tell' dates for this term. The theme is 'Home Learning'. Please do not send in any objects or pictures, instead please send images/photographs to the class e-mail. We can then display them while the children talk about their experiences.

Key Vocab for Next Week

Maths: groups, equal, unequal, repeated addition, multiple, multiplication, add

Literacy: facts, capital letter, full stop, conjunction, exclamation mark, question mark

Home Learning Ideas

- Using natural objects found in your garden or on a walk make a woodland animal picture.
- Using household objects make a repeated addition sum
 - for example, 4 bananas + 4 oranges + 4 apples = 12 pieces of fruit
- Can you write your own 'What am I?' about an object in your house/garden

Reminders

If possible, please can you email in a baby photo of your child by Wednesday 17th June for our PHSE lesson.

Class emails are:

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Mrs MacIver/Mrs Russi

husky@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Bradley spaniel@longditton.surrey.sch.uk

Year 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a good week and have enjoyed the home learning. The children in school have really enjoyed learning all about The Great Fire of London and thinking about what life was like in the 17th century. We discussed the different jobs and decided which one we definitely wouldn't want to do. No one wanted to be a rat catcher or a Gong Farmer!



Our pictures of Sunflowers were so lovely we have decided to make a year 2 display in Labrador class. We would love to see yours as well and if you could email them to us we can then print them off and put them up on the wall.

Next week in Maths we will be focusing on problem solving in a variety of ways. In Literacy we will be looking at sources of information which help us to find out about the Great Fire of London. We will find out more about Samuel Pepys and his diary. Using all of the information we have learned we will take on the role of a journalist and write a newspaper report about the fire. Our topic activities include creating an obstacle course, using the Purple Mash apps to create artwork of the Great Fire and playing a game involving identifying parts of a plant.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

School Office

Contacts in case of illness or emergency

If you have changed your mobile number or email address recently, please ensure that you inform the school office so that we have up to date records for your child. Thank you.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars



Anna – for coming into school with a smile
Teddy – for showing kindness to others
Luca – for being responsible
Daniel – for demonstrating friendship to others
Lola – for great kindness
Arthur – for great cooperation sharing
Noa – for being kind and helpful
Olivia – for looking after others

Golden Certificates



Sean – for settling into new routines in school
Freddie – for shaking cookie crumbs into the bin
James – for fantastic maths work
Joseph – for amazing handwriting
Calla – For showing resilience settling into new routines
Aurora – lots of lovely drawing and mark making
Idris – for creating a super fact sheet
Claudia – for being resilient in maths
Oliver - for being sensible and following the new rules
Joshua - for coming back to school with a positive ready to learn attitude
Oscar – for being a super kind friend
Poppy C – for always showing consideration to others

Other Achievements

Amaya has completed her home learning challenge
Theo R completed his home learning challenge
Leo T was invested as a Beaver into 1st Surbiton Colony via Zoom



Bonnie – 4
Alex P – 5
Joshua L – 6
Daisy – 7
Mrs Johnson – over 21

DIARY DATES**June 2020**

Saturday 20 th	Summer Solstice
Sunday 21 st	Father's Day

July 2020

Thursday 9 th	School finishes for summer holidays for Nursery, Yrs R & 1 – see letter sent out today
w/c 13th	Special Yr 2 week for Celebration – details and dates to be confirmed – see letter sent out today

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

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- We are anticipating a huge online demand and post is taking longer than usual **so don't leave it too late**
- Our cut off date is August 14th After that date uniform may not be with you in time for the new term
- To reduce visitors to the stores this year there will be no click and collect facility

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As you can imagine phone lines are going to be tremendously busy so if you need to contact us we recommend by email. Each stores details are on our website or alternatively email customerservices@pmgretail.co.uk and they will pass your query on to the relevant store.