



# LONG DITTON

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER

#### 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## LATEST NEWS

### Dear Parents and Carers

It's sports week next week! (It feels great to write something 'normal') Miss Griffiths has planned lots of sporting activities for all of us – whether at home or school. More information can be found later in this newsletter 😊

### September 2020

The DfE released guidance this week that highlights in September schools would not be required to implement social distancing. This indicates that they are expecting schools to endeavour to resume some normality. I am sure there will be more guidance on exactly what September will look like but we are continuing with our plans at the moment to be more 'normal' in September 😊

### Sports Week 29<sup>th</sup> June

Miss Griffiths has been working very hard to put together a 'blended' sports week for everyone (both in school and at home). Next week if your child is coming to school please make sure that every day they come to school in either their PE kit or sensible shorts and t-shirt so that they can take part in all the sporting activities we have planned. They should also **bring in a towel** in a plastic bag for their yoga session **on Tuesday**.

At home you can take part in the Gymnastic videos that we will put on the website and by using the ideas Miss Griffiths has put together for you to complete at home.

We will be holding special 'bubble' races that include running races, balancing a quoit on your head race, an egg and spoon race and an obstacle course race.

If you have any photos of the sport activities you do at home – send them in and we will put them in the newsletter to say well done to all of you for taking part.

You can access all the ideas to try at home here:

<http://longditton.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Virtual-sports-week-plan.pdf>

Thank you Miss Griffiths for organising Sports Week for us!

### Out and about in the sunshine

Please remember that when out and about in the hot sunny weather protecting your children from sun damage is very important! Parents and carers can find lots of information on the internet about what to do and how to protect their children. Here is a link to just one we got sent through this week:

[https://soltansunready.com/families?utm\\_campaign=1916465\\_Boots\\_Burst%202020\\_EdComs\\_JUNE\\_Subscriber&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Edcoms&utm\\_content=families\\_hyperlink&utm\\_i=3Q6Z,152R5,35PU0D,411YT,1](https://soltansunready.com/families?utm_campaign=1916465_Boots_Burst%202020_EdComs_JUNE_Subscriber&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Edcoms&utm_content=families_hyperlink&utm_i=3Q6Z,152R5,35PU0D,411YT,1)



### Road Safety

As we slowly come out of lockdown it is going to be important to take a moment to remind the children about road safety. I know many of them will have been making the most of fewer cars and less traffic on the road. It is worth remembering that 6 children are killed or seriously injured every day on the roads. Stripe for 6 is a Road Safety challenge that you can do at home to remind your child about the importance of staying safe when using the roads. You find details by following this link:

[http://brakezebras.org/stripesfor6?mc\\_cid=db5a35b79a&mc\\_eid=e2f3aaf3ba](http://brakezebras.org/stripesfor6?mc_cid=db5a35b79a&mc_eid=e2f3aaf3ba)

## 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.

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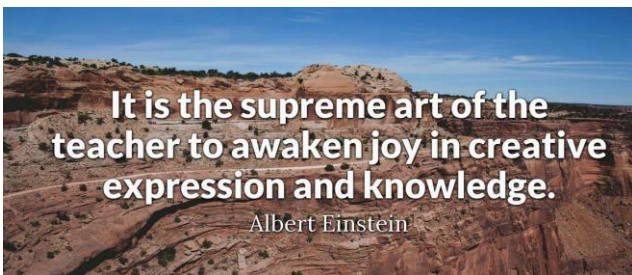
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## The Final Top Teaching Tip Week 12: Teaching is an Art



Over the past twelve weeks my intention was to try to help all you home educators through some very tricky times. The 'little nuggets' I have included in the newsletter would be not even make up the first few pages of most books about teaching. It is complicated and in my opinion a true art form that takes dedication and hard work to become fluent in. Some people take to teaching naturally, others have to rehearse their skills to improve. Some teachers are right for one child and not another. Whatever your experiences of teaching at home have been, your children will have been learning. Might not be anything the government are going to test them on later – but they will have improved, progressed and 'got better' at hundreds of things. And all of those things will be the building blocks for all they achieve in the future. I would like to say well done to all of you for everything you have achieved and will continue to achieve for your children. I know that like all teachers you will have

done your best. You will have had good teaching and learning days and ones that you would rather forget. As I said in the very first top tip, teaching isn't easy – it is an art.

## 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

It is with great pleasure and delight that I can inform that I have been beaten! Yes, I received a fabulous email to say I had been bested by 15 skips! (I have asked for further tips but to be honest the 160 took every effort so I don't fancy my chances much.) It's always better to keep trying when you have a target to work towards!

1. Mrs Donin 175!!!!!!!
2. Mrs Paines 160
3. Esther 140
4. Anna 130

### Thought for the week:

'Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts your life will start to change.'  
Powerfollowsthoughts.com

Have a brilliant weekend!

**Mrs Paines**

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## Nursery

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We have had a lovely sunny week in the nursery. The children have enjoyed being superheroes using the capes in the nursery garden. They have enjoyed dancing and singing. The children watered the plants in the nursery garden. We also had a bubble party to celebrate all the good choices that the children have been making.

**Phonics** continuing phase 1:

Rhyming:

[http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story\\_files/washing\\_line\\_rhyme\\_US.swf](http://www.literactive.com/Download/live.asp?swf=story_files/washing_line_rhyme_US.swf)

Letter sound to practise: '**p**' *Down the plait and over the pirate's face*

Watch the clip:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0akp\\_j1nbc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0akp_j1nbc)

Can you find objects around your home with this letter sound?

**Maths: Shapes**

Go on shape hunts to see how many different shapes you can find. Talk about the different shapes that you see. Describe the different shapes and name them. Can you spot 2d or 3d shapes? Try this online shape sorting game:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

**Key Vocabulary:** circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oblong, cylinder, cone, sphere, cube, cuboid

### Theme - Sports Day Challenge

- Throw and catch a ball with a friend
- How many times can you bounce a ball?
- How many star jumps can you do?
- Bounce a ball to a friend
- How many times can you hop on one foot?

Please remember children who are at nursery need to bring a hat to wear in the sunshine! We will be participating in some sport events in the

nursery garden next week so please send your child in suitable footwear.

We hope that you have a great weekend.

The Nursery Team

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## Reception

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This week in Reception we have been continuing with our understanding the world project, thinking about what we have learned since being a toddler and what we would like to be when we grow up. We have also been thinking about number bonds in our maths learning and looked at the number bonds to 5 and 10. The children have continued to work on their mythical creatures' art work and have put a lot of effort in to this, we have been so

impressed with the results.

We have also enjoyed completing the creative challenge to make African masks, the mindfulness challenge using our senses to be more present and using what we learned last week about weight to estimate the weight of objects in our maths challenge.

Next week it will be sports week and we will be completing daily sports challenges including; yoga, gymnastics, races and an obstacle course. As part of sports week we will also be thinking about the different ways we can keep our bodies healthy and why this is important. We will continue with our mythical creature story writing, thinking about the dilemma and resolution. The children will be consolidating their knowledge of number bonds to 10 as well.

### Home Learning Ideas:

- Talk to your child about their mythical creature story. Can they remember the plot? Where the story is set and the characters? Can they retell the story? Can you develop the plot together to think about what might happen next?
- Practise counting on and back on a number line or create a number line to jump forward and backwards on outside. Can your child use this to add and take away two single digit numbers?

- Recap the set 1 and 2 sounds with your child to ensure that they recognise them all. Can they think of words containing the sounds they find tricky? Can they spot these sounds in words in their story books?

### Key Words:

Time connectives (now, next, then, after, before), mythical creature, myth, number bonds

### Reminders:

- Remember to send your child in PE kit every day next week.
- Remember to send your child in with a towel and a plastic bag for our yoga session on Tuesday.
- If you have not done so already, please email in one picture of your child as a baby and one as a toddler for our understanding the world project.

Have a lovely weekend!  
The Reception team

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## Year 1

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We hope you have all had a lovely week and enjoyed the glorious sunshine. We have been enjoying the warm weather at school and taking lots of opportunities to learn outside. In literacy, we have been learning about Cinquain poems. We explored the woodland area and found animals and objects we could use as the subject of our poems. We then revisited nouns, verbs and adjectives to write our Cinquain poem. We were very impressed with the Cinquain poems and the creative, descriptive language used.

In maths, we continued to learn about repeated addition and multiplication. We practised drawing arrays and splitting them into groups before writing addition and multiplication sums.

In Jigsaw, we identified the different body parts that make boys different to girls and learnt the correct names for these body parts. We also talked about respecting our bodies and understanding which parts are private. The children were very sensible

during the lesson. They listened very carefully to each other and worked hard to complete the activity. We were very impressed, well done Year 1.

Next week is Sports Week. We have lots of exciting activities lined up. Fingers crossed the good weather continues and we have a lovely, sunny week. As part of Sports Week, we will be having our own sports day in our Bubble. Races will include running race, egg and spoon race and an obstacle race. We will also be having a yoga lesson and gymnastic lesson via Zoom. During the week, we will also be talking about the importance of keeping fit and eating healthily.

In literacy, we will be designing a poster on keeping fit and healthy. In maths, we will finish the unit on repeated addition and multiplication.

### Reminder:

- Next week, please can your child come to school in their PE kit every day.
- On Tuesday, please can your child bring in a towel, in a named bag for the yoga workshop.

### Key Vocab for Next Week

- Maths: repeated addition, add, times, equals, arrays, circles, rows, columns
- Literacy: healthy, unhealthy, fit, vegetables, balanced diet

### Home Learning Ideas

- Make up your own obstacle course. How long does it take you to complete it? Can you race a family member, who is faster?
- Design a healthy meal. Can you draw a picture of the meal? Can you write instructions to make the meal or cook it and take a photo of it? We look forward to seeing the tasty creations!
- Create your own sports kit. When would you wear it, for which sport? Can you draw it and then label the different parts?

Have a great weekend!

The Year 1 team

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**Year 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed the week of home learning. We have really enjoyed recapping our time telling skills in school. We found telling time to the nearest 5 minutes tricky, this is a difficult concept to grasp so please don't worry if your child can't do this yet. We have loved The Literacy Topic

'Something Fishy'. We particularly enjoyed watching the short film and then making our story boards. In Art we have loved making our underwater scenes with collage materials.

We have been busy practicing our 3 songs for the Leavers' Celebration and we really can't wait to see you all again! Please continue to learn these songs so we can all sing them together.

There is still time to send in your memory videos, we are hoping to create something special for the children with them so please do this if you would like to be involved.

Next week in Maths we will be revisiting 'money' This is a really important concept for your children to learn so please make sure you complete as many of the activities as you can.

In Literacy our focus is Superheroes. We will be creating our own superhero character along with an outfit and symbol representing our chosen super power. Our character will go on an adventure that we will record in a comic strip.

We would also like you create your own sports week at home using the virtual activities on the website.

We will be hosting our 'Zoom' singing assembly for you all on Tuesday 30th and will be in touch with the invitation and more details on Monday.

Have a super weekend!

Year 2 Team

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**The Friends**

Scarecrow Trail\*\*



After the success of the Rainbow trail we would like to introduce a new event to spread some joy and raise funds for our school.

We understand some may have more pressing priorities during this lockdown period, as always this is meant to be a bit of fun and something to do if you need to occupy children while trying to work. We aimed it so it could be done after school breaks for the holidays. All that said, we do appreciate that not everyone will participate, but if you want to go for a walk you can still enjoy the ones that are out!

Follow the link below for full details or to register.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu3d-OJar3Yetdiiml4L\\_zPMSk0\\_beHOAiMIB27JsI3tDUHq/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu3d-OJar3Yetdiiml4L_zPMSk0_beHOAiMIB27JsI3tDUHq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

With great thanks to our fantastic sponsor Humphrey & Brand. We can't wait to see your creations.

The Friends

## ACHIEVEMENTS



Jose – for being polite  
Miguel – for being a very kind member of the bubble  
Teddy – for persevering with his writing  
Bo – for cooperating and always being willing to lend a hand and have a go  
Daniel – for being a good friend  
Esther – for always having a fantastic learning attitude  
Millie – for being kind and thoughtful  
Oscar – for being kind and helpful

### Golden Certificates



Sophia – for super writing and maths work  
Eilidh – for sharing super facts about 'gel'  
Georgia – for coming to school everyday ready to learn  
Charlie – for coming back to school with a positive attitude  
Fynn – for writing a super conquain poem  
Neva – for being a good friend  
Fevos – for settling into his new bubble happily  
Finn – for being able to open his banana independently  
Maxwell – for settling into his new bubble well  
Alice – for super story writing  
Thomas – for fantastic phonics work  
Jacob – for writing a super woodland poem

### Credit Cards

(4x Golden  
Certificates)



Riley

### Other Achievements

Riley learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers  
Ryley has learnt to ride his bike without stablisers



Siya - 4  
Hari – 4

**DIARY DATES****June 2020**w/c 29<sup>th</sup> June

Sports week


**July 2020**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

School finishes for summer holidays for Nursery, Yrs R &amp; 1 – see letter for more info

w/c 13<sup>th</sup>Special Yr 2 Leavers' Celebration – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – see letter for more info

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

Please note the school does **not** promote or endorse any children's clubs or activities advertised.



# YOU CAN SAVE ME

## KNOW

During lockdown, some children and young people may be being abused and exploited at home. They can be made to believe that they should never tell anyone and that the abuse is their fault. Shut in with their abusers, they have little chance to escape or to tell anyone.

These children need your help! As a neighbour or key worker visiting homes for any reason, you may be the only person able to spot abuse and report it.

## LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Sudden changes in behaviour
- Children with bruises, burns, bite marks or fractures
- Children appearing withdrawn, anxious or frightened
- Hearing or seeing shouting and violence towards a child
- Children seen carrying or using drugs
- Children being late or arriving home late in different cars
- Unaccompanied children visiting a house where only adults live

## ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- If something doesn't feel right, it might not be
- Even if you're unsure, it's better to report your concerns
- Do not attempt to intervene yourself
- If you have a safeguarding manager / lead within your organisation, notify them immediately
- Call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- Call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

The Children's Society  
NSPCC  
National Police Chiefs' Council




## Nasal Flu Givers Needed

Children and Family Health Surrey are looking for Nasal Flu Givers to give the Nasal Flu Immunisation to children aged between 4 and 10 years over a 9 week period (Sep-Dec) throughout schools in Elmbridge.

To apply please visit the NHS Jobs website.  
Job Reference: 074-B5708-9

Closing date: Monday 29th June

For information please contact  
miranda.noakes@nhs.net




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We have :

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- Supplied PPE for staff and customers
- Taken social distancing measures

We ask you to :

- Attend 1 Parent with 1 child only
- Pay by Credit/Debit Card
- Book Early as appointment slots are limited
- Wear a face covering if possible

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Everything you could need all in one place

**We strongly recommend ordering online this year**

- 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

**BOOK EARLY, BUY EARLY – AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

As you can imagine phone lines are going to be tremendously busy so if you need to contact us we recommend by email. Each store details are on our website or alternatively email [customerservice@pmg-schoolwear.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@pmg-schoolwear.co.uk) and they will pass your query on to the relevant store.