

Friday 22 May 2020

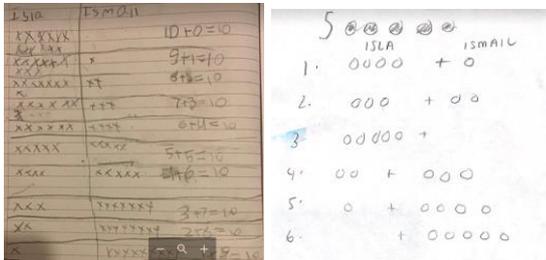
EYFS

Well done Nursery for sending in pictures to Google Classroom and sharing your lovely videos on Flipgrid. It is great to see your lovely faces again. Well done Eva for sharing the hand washing video and well done Eliona for your lovely homework picture. I hope to hear some of your beautiful voices singing nursery rhymes and sharing it with us on Flipgrid 😊.

Year 1 and 2

The Year 1 and 2 teachers have been very impressed with the way a lot of students have embraced Google Classroom by uploading pictures and videos of all the things they have cooked or created whilst at home. This week we have been reading poems and it is fantastic to see some students read their favourite poems and sharing them with their classes.

Well done to Anik, Louis and Snezhina who managed to upload a picture showing how they completed this week's maths challenge.



If you enjoy Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach then have a look inside Google Classroom - Whole School - Jackanory. You will be able to hear the story being read by Taika Waititi and some of his friends. You may recognise some of them.

Year 3 and 4

In Year 4, lots of the children have been redesigning the google logo using the scratch computer programme. We've really enjoyed seeing these and think they'd look great on the google homepage! We've also enjoyed reading on Google classroom all that you've been learning at home. Charlie, in 4 Maple, created a wonderful stop motion movie with a great message to "Be Safe" and Sreen, in 4 Holly, has been making some delicious fruit salads. Please keep sharing on Google Classroom all the great activities you've been doing at home.

School Opening to year 6 on Monday 15th June

We are putting many measures in place to minimise risk so we can open school to more children. Please read the additional half term letter for a range of updates.

Year 5 and 6

This week, the year 5 and 6 teachers have been busy completing the challenges set for us. The video will be uploaded to Google Classroom on Friday so make you have a look to see who completed your challenge.



This week is Mental Health Awareness week. Year 5 and 6 have been finding ways to help others and ourselves to spread a little kindness.

Some children have put posters around the local community to say thank you to key workers or to cheer people up and spread the kindness.

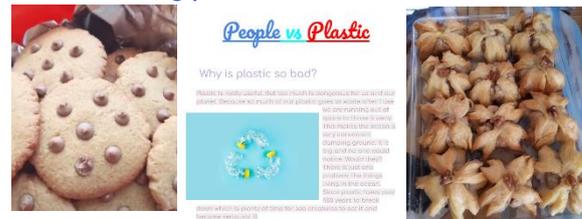


Others have been working on our Google Classroom Year 5 newspaper, 'Happy News', for their classmates. Thanks Milos!



Some great Year 6 work and baking on google classroom this week, look at some of

these amazing pieces!



Keep the photos coming, we love to see the amazing things you are creating at home.

The Year 5 and 6 team wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and look forward to hopefully seeing you all soon.

Reading Buddy

We are aware that some users are experiencing problems opening eBooks in the latest version of safari. Reading Buddy are working on a solution, and this should be fixed by Friday 29th May. In the meantime, please try Chrome, Firefox or Edge. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Congratulations to TURTLE for their excellent engagement this week. You have had the highest engagement on Reading Buddy!

You have been reading lots of books and completing many quizzes. Great work!

Well done to all the children in the other classes who are logging in weekly and making great progress on Reading Buddy.

If you cannot login in and need a new username and passport, please email parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk

KS1 Reading

Read write Inc

OxfordOWL Help your child learn

Read Write Inc. Phonics have lots of free *Read Write Inc. Phonics* resources to help your child continue learning, including eBooks and parent films. These activities will help you support your child during this period of school closures. They suggest you start by watching this film for parents: [What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?](#) Here's the link: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Free Books

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting your child's reading by taking these free books. Thank you also for any donations-these will be added to the table. This popular event will be held again on [Friday 22nd outside the main school gate](#) between 10 and 3.00. Parents are reminded to observe social distancing rules. Thank you.

Book Trust



If your child wants to expand their reading choices, the Book Trust has a selection of classic children's stories you and your family will love, including *Hairy Maclary* from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd to *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and *Patrick Benson*, along with newer favourites such as *Chris Haughton's*

Oh No, George! and *Everybunny Dance!* by Ellie Sandall. The storybooks and interactive games are free to use. Here is the website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games>

KS2 Reading



Win three brilliant books to help your children's emotional wellbeing. We've got three sets of these books to give away to mark [Mental Health Awareness Week](#).

Book Trust are giving away a lovely bundle to three lucky winners, so to be in with a chance of winning simply let us know which book always cheers you up and leave your details before the closing date of 11pm on Monday, 22 June. Good luck!

To enter and find out what books you can win, follow the link below:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/competitions/win-three-brilliant-books-to-help-your-childrens-emotional-wellbeing/>

The world of
David Walliams

Elevenses with David Walliams

Click the link below to listen to the audio instalment of David Walliams. Every day @ 11am.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Assembly



This week's assembly story is focused on the spread of fake news spreading quicker than normal in current times.

Question: Should we always believe what we hear from the news? Virtual Assembly is now live on the [Picture News Vimeo channel!](#) Link below: <https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>

This week's British Value:



Felix Food Project

We will continue to offer Felix Food Parcels from the school gates next week during half term, on Tuesday at 3.15pm. If you are unable to collect but require a food parcel, contact parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk



Some of our children designed posters to say 'Thank You' to The Felix Project drivers.

Eid al-Fitr

To all of our pupils, parents, staff, friends and their families celebrating Eid al-Fitr; it has been a long month of Ramadan, with lots of sacrifice, but today everyone at Derwentwater would like to wish all our Muslim families a very Happy Eid al-Fitr 2020. Parents and children will be celebrating with food, presents and parties at home with their families. Please, stay healthy and safe.

Inclusion

Exercise can benefit everyone's mental health.



Here are some ideas to get your children active and make them feel good!

Select PSYCHOLOGY

5 fun ways to increase your child's activity levels (without them even noticing)

- 1 Dance like no-one is watching**
Turn on the music and have a disco in the kitchen. A good dance can raise the heart rate in no time and before you know it you are all having fun.
- 2 Balloon fun**
Blow up some balloons and give a competition to see who can keep it off the floor the longest.
- 3 Hop-a-long**
Set up a stopwatch and see how long they can hop on one foot.
- 4 Water bomb race**
Set up an egg and spoon race but instead of an egg put a water bomb on the spoon. The winner gets to water bomb all the other participants!
- 5 Frog jump challenge**
Set up a daily challenge of who can do the most frog jumps. Gribbett!

Counselling support

If you feel that you or your child need any support during these difficult times and particularly now the school has had to shut, please do get in touch with me.



SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000



Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

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