

GHPS Update

Friday 22nd May

Hi everyone,

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to again thank each of you for the efforts you have made in supporting your children's home learning. Each of us have had to adapt to these unusual circumstances and we can only do our best!



Yesterday, you will have received a letter from Mary Davies, outlining the Trust's plans for after the half term break and the potential reopening to specific year groups, **no earlier than Monday 8th June**. The guidance from government will be monitored closely and any updates we have will be emailed out to you as we receive them. Please do keep an eye on your emails over the half term break.

You will also have noted that there is no in-school provision at any Trust school over this half-term break. Our provision for critical worker children will begin again on 1st June. If you believe your child qualifies for a place in our critical worker provision, please contact the school office.

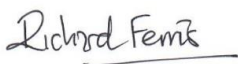
If you have been asked to complete one of our surveys, could you please make sure you do so at your earliest convenience. This enables us to plan effectively for the gradual reopening of our school, when it is safe for us to do so.



This week our classes have had the opportunity to join a Zoom catch-up with their teachers and classmates. We hope that this has helped lift their spirits during this lockdown period and we will continue with telephone calls, emails and catch-ups after the half term break.

During this break, we hope that you and your families have some time to relax and enjoy the good weather (whilst maintaining social distancing) and hope you all keep safe and well.

Thank you again for all you are doing and for your continuing support in these unsettled times.
Best wishes



Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Virtual School Games

Last week's Virtual School Competition organised by the LEA for Bracknell Schools was the tennis challenge.

Well done to **Ynette** in Year 3, for achieving the highest scores in the whole school!

Well done to everyone who took part, we'll update you with this week's handball scores as soon as we have them!

Don't forget to pop along to our website and check out all the fun activities in our [PE Resources](#) section. We'd love to hear about how well you get on trying them out. Any emails can be sent to Mr Roberts via the school office: GHPSOffice@maidenerleghtrust.org



Keep up the GREAT effort, stay safe, active and healthy.

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Special Mentions

This week we are delighted to share with you all some terrific achievements we have been hearing about. Special recognition goes to:

Bayley (Y6) for completing all the learning activities that have been set; **Iqra** (Y6) for taking the time to respond to feedback and writing a great WWII themed story. Well done also to **Oliwia** (Y6) for having a go at all the tasks set on Google Classroom and always trying her best! **Fraizer** (Y5) for his amazing research into WWII and **Sarah-Louise** (Y5) for her impressive gardening skills. **Alexa** (Y4) for her delicious chocolate soufflé recipe and also **Tillie** (Y4) for creating a lovely Geography display about animals of the world. **Ynette** (Y3) has composed a song on the piano, building on class music lessons, showing great musicality! **Margarida** (Y3) has also been very creative, completing virtual dance lessons and choreographing her own dances at home. **Ezmay** (Y2) has been working hard across all subjects in her home learning, what a GREAT effort! **Rory** (Y2) has shared some amazing photographs this week of the life cycle of butterflies. **Alex** (Y1) has been working very hard on his handwriting and spellings and **Sophie** (Y1) has been using Mathletics regularly to build up her maths skills, amazing effort! In Reception classes, **Poppy** shared some lovely rhyming words for her home learning and wrote some beautiful notes for the teachers, **Arthur** has been looking out for minibeasts while going out for walks with his dog, ants are very tricky to catch though!

There is so much wonderful learning going on at home and your teachers love hearing about everything you have been doing. They enjoy receiving all your emails sharing learning, news or even just saying hello! Your teachers can be contacted via the year group emails below:

Reception	GHPSEYFS2@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 1	GHPSYear1@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 2	GHPSYear2@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 3	GHPSYear3@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 4	GHPSYear4@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 5	GHPSYear5@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Year 6	GHPSYear6@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk
Nursery	GHPSEYFS1@ghps.bracknell-forest.sch.uk

To all of our children, keep going you are GREAT – please keep doing your best - just like you do at school.

Family Learning

If we had been in school, we would have been running a selection of different Family Learning sessions, where parents and carers can come and share some learning strategies and activities with their children. These are organised and provided by the Bracknell Forest Family Learning Team and have always proved to be very popular with parents and children alike.

We have received notification this week that the Family Learning Team have been working very hard to adapt their services and they now have a new online resource available for parents and children to enjoy. These sessions are available via the new Family Learning Facebook page found at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/220117245927472/learning_content/ Why not take a look?

Thank a Teacher Day



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your kind words sent in for Thank a Teacher day this week. Every member of staff at GHPS is dedicated to giving your children the best possible education and support, especially during these unsettled times, and your messages really do lift the spirits. We would all like to wish you a safe and relaxing half term.

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