



GHPS Update

Friday 5th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will begin to welcome back more children to school in a safe and steady way. If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you have indicated YES in our online survey then you will have already received your information letter outlining details for your child. Pupils in Nursery and Reception Years will start on Monday 8th June; pupils in Year 1 will start on Tuesday 9th June and pupils in Year 6 will start on Wednesday 10th June.

For pupils attending our Critical Key Worker Provision please note that this continues uninterrupted. However, there will be a change in location and new drop off /collection points. Again you will have received a letter outlining our expectations and procedures to follow.

If your child is eligible and you are requesting a new place in our Critical Key Worker provision, please contact the office GHPSoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org to arrange a place.

It is vital that as we begin to welcome children returning to school, everyone knows what to expect and is prepared. There is more information on our website outlining the relevant steps both the school and parents will take in order to keep everyone safe, it can be found [here](#). Everything we are doing is guided by the latest advice from the Government about keeping everyone - children and school staff - as safe as possible.

This is uncharted territory for us all and I recognise how frustrating it can be. I must state how grateful I am you all of our parent community – you have all been amazing through this time. I have heard of many schools being unhelpfully harassed by parents for things that are completely out of their control, this hasn't happened here and I would like to thank you for all you have done to support both your child and the school. Your support and kind words have really helped the team at school, who have remained working throughout this crisis to provide support and learning for our community.

If you have any further questions please contact the school via the school office email: GHPSoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Ferris".

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

IMPORTANT – GHPS Welcome Back to School Video

Over the past few weeks, staff have been working tirelessly to prepare the school environment to enable us to welcome back the children in the specified year groups.



In school this week, some of our pupils have been making a video to show you what the school is like and to help those children coming back into school to know what to expect.

The finished video can be found at <https://youtu.be/Wo3qkHKwYjU> and on our school website [here](#). We would recommend that you take a look with your children before they return to school. This will hopefully enable them to better understand and see the changes, which will help ease their transition back into this new school environment.

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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:

Oliwia (Y6) for showing outstanding courage, kindness and compassion in helping others; **Ayman** (Y6) for always attempting every learning task and working so hard. **Anshu, Kyle** and **Damien** (Y6) who have been working hard in school this week challenging themselves and working independently. **Crystal** (Y5) for her fantastic research on Hawaii; **Bryan** (Y5) for his hard work in school this week and **Darcie** (Y5) for being helpful with some DIY at home. **David** (Y4) and **Charlotte** (Y4) for their continued success and hard work on Mathematics. **Red** (Y3) has been very diligently completing his maths tasks every day and **George** (Y3) for improving his writing and using a higher level of vocabulary to describe characters and settings. **Diya** (Y2) has completed some super drawings and writing; **Leighton** (Y2) has been working very hard on his maths home learning, keep up the GREAT work! **Marnie Mae** (Y1) for all of the fabulous baking she has been doing during lockdown and **Alex W** (Y1) for being super helpful and looking after his mummy whilst she has been feeling a bit poorly. **Gabriel D** (Y1) for regularly reading books on Bug Club and completing his Mathematics! **Frankie** (Reception) has sent in some lovely photos of some of the exciting things he has been learning at home.

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.

Virtual School Sports Challenge

The scores for the sports challenges have been coming in and Mr Roberts would like to say a big well done to **Skyla-Rose** for getting the highest school score in the Handball Challenge in the week before half term – GREAT job Skyla-Rose!

This week's challenge has been Foot Golf and we've had some cracking scores so far. **Ynette** and **Enric** have also managed to get their dad to have a go! Brilliant job both of you, keep teaching dad so he gets better at it!



Skyla-Rose has done it again this week – getting the highest score for Foot Golf in Year 1 – fantastic!

Congratulations also go to **Jacques** for having the highest score in Year 6 for this week's challenge – outstanding work Jacques!

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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Digital Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by the Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

Each year the Challenge, delivered with the support of public libraries, motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

The 2020 Challenge will feature bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Ferguson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair).

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The Challenge will run from June to September, with the official launch day being Friday 5th June 2020.

The digital challenge will be free to access featuring games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in reading related activities at home. Although library buildings are closed, libraries will also continue to deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

With school life disrupted and many children missing the company of their friends, this year's fun-filled Summer Reading Challenge will be all the more vital as a way of helping parents and carers find fun, family-friendly activities, maintain literacy levels and create a safe space for children to connect with their peers.

The Challenge is free for children to take part in and is accessible for primary-aged children of all different reading levels.

For more information visit the website at www.silysquad.org.uk

The Digital Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon!



SILLY SQUAD



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