



GHPS Update

Friday 3rd July

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are in July already, even in these unusual times the weeks are whizzing by! As the end of term approaches, many of you will be thinking ahead to September. Please be assured that during the summer break, work will be continuing across the Trust to ensure that we are always acting on the latest guidance from the government to ensure a safe return to school for our children. Our website will continue to be updated during the break and we will also send communications out to you all via email. **If you do not currently receive school emails, please contact the school office to update your email address so you do not miss out on very important information.**

One constant over all these weeks of school closure has been the consistently GREAT work shown by our children, whether it was done at home or in school, I've been very proud of the dedication to learning from children and parents! Please do keep sending in pictures of your amazing learning at home.

In particular this week I would like to mention:

Iqra (Y6) for her excellent vocabulary and creative ideas during writing sessions and **Erin** (Y6) for continuing to work hard on her home learning, also **Alessandro** (Y6) for his excellent attitude to learning this week. **Tillie** (Y4) has been expanding her skills during lockdown by learning the piano, what a GREAT idea! **Sebastian P** (Y3) for his excellent home learning this week in maths, reading and also landscape art! **Mehtaj** (Y3) for a stunning story about Harry Potter and **Kyle** (Y3) for his super work on Mathletics. **Ollie R** (Y3) for working really hard on his Mario writing this week and concentrating well on his handwriting as well as content! Fabulous job! **Chantel** (Y2) and **Sophie I** (Y2) for keeping up with their reading and enjoying Bug Club. **Flynn** (Y2) and **Emily** (Y2) for all their fantastic maths practice on Mathletics. **Alexia** (Y1) has been working very hard on learning her sounds. **Andriana** (Reception) has completed some beautiful writing this week and **Ami** (Reception) has been taking care of her plant very well, GREAT job everyone!

Mr Phillips would like a special mention for his whole pod this week. They have been helping to clear weeds and trim plants to improve the wildlife area so that it can once again be opened up and enjoyed as an outdoor classroom and quiet area. They have also been making bug houses using the branches that have fallen from the trees.

Some of the Year 5 children returned to school this week and they have all settled in very well to the new procedures and routines. They have also completed some incredible art work, well done Year 5s!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing the school office: GHPSOffice@maidenerlegitrust.org

Kind regards,

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

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Respect for our Neighbours

Unfortunately we have again received complaints from our neighbours regarding the inconsiderate conduct of a small group of parents at our school. People living in both Wordsworth and Cunworth Court have the right to be able to enjoy their homes and gardens and we have had reports of some of our parents smoking and gathering, not observing social distancing, and causing undue anxiety for those living in close proximity to the school. We would like to remind all our parents how important it is to continue to observe social distancing both in and around our school grounds.

Additionally, local residents should be able to park in their allocated spaces and garages without having to worry about being blocked in by inconsiderate parking. Please **use the large public car parks** and not the residential parking areas when dropping off or collecting your child. It has also been noted that some parents have been leaving their engines idling while waiting for drop off and collection, this is causing a nuisance to our neighbours, as well as the local environment. Please consider how your actions are impacting on others and park your cars appropriately using the public car parks.

Online Safety Information

During the past few weeks where children have been at home learning and have had limited access to outside areas, there will have inevitably been an increase in their online activity. Generally, during the summer break children access online gaming and activities more than usual and in order to keep them safe, it is essential that this time online is monitored carefully.

The [Online Safety](#) page in the Parents section of our website has advice and links to websites that will help empower parents and carers with the knowledge necessary to ensure their children's safety online.

The [Thinkuknow Parent's](#) website has a variety of resources and information including [short video guides](#) and 15-minute home activity packs that you can work through with your child. These activity packs are tailored for different age groups, including children aged [5-7 years](#) and [8-10 years](#) old. Additionally, there is a wealth of information about the more popular games that a lot of children are playing online. Roblox is still very popular and you may find the [Parent's Guide to Roblox](#) on the [parentinfo.org](#) website very informative, containing lots of information about the game, including setting parental controls. Of course there are many other games available with online content, such as Minecraft and Fortnite and the best way to ensure your child is safe online is to monitor gameplay and use parental controls and filters where available. The [askaboutgames.com](#) website also has information about a range of games, consoles and parental advice.

Please take a moment to look at our [E-Safety](#) page in the Pupils section of our site with your child and encourage them to talk to you about their online experiences. Communication is such a key element of ensuring children of all ages are kept safe while using online platforms.

Outstanding Payments

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, please check your [online accounts](#) for your children's lunches. If you have any outstanding monies to pay, we would be most grateful if you could pay these in full before the school term ends. Some of you may have already received communication from us regarding this, if you have any queries, please email Mrs Yeow at GHPSOffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Please note that from September there will be a maximum debt limit on our school meal ordering system. Any child whose outstanding amount is more than £11.50 will be unable to order a school lunch and parents will need to supply a packed lunch for them until the balance is cleared.

On the same note, could you also check your child's ParentPay account and ensure any outstanding balances for Morning Club or After School Club are paid before the end of term. If you have any questions about these balances, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org

Year 1 Pods enjoy a Keep-Fit Challenge!

Miss Hawkins and Mrs Fifield's Year 1 pods had an inter-pod keep-fit challenge this week. Four events of press-ups, squat-thrusts, star jumps and the plank. We practised on Monday and timed everyone on the Thursday afternoon. After a close fought competition, Miss Hawkins' pod won the plank and star jumps, while Mrs Fifield's came out on top for the press-ups and squat-thrusts. With the scores being drawn at 2-2, the competition will continue next week...

Virtual School Sports Challenge

The Virtual School Sports Challenge had a break this week and we have already heard that next week's challenge will be.... The INVICTUS CHALLENGE. Please keep an eye on your emails for more information early next week and don't forget to email your scores to Mr Roberts via the school office: ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

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