



Weekly Update

Monday 25th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we find ourselves at a very wintry start of week four of online learning and I continue to be amazed by our fantastic community. Children are working well and adapting to the changes and parents and carers are being so supportive and showing great resilience.

You are all doing such a brilliant job in difficult times. I have been receiving such positive feedback about our remote learning offer, I am very grateful to those parents who have taken the time to express their thanks – the teachers are working doubly hard at the moment and the positive feedback keeps them going!

If you are having any technical issues accessing the learning or need further support, please remember that we are here to offer assistance but can only do so if you let us know you need help! Our school office team are available every day either by phone or via email to ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

We are very keen to collect your views and gain feedback on our remote learning provision as this will help us assess and improve further, our quick questionnaire is on the following link: [Feedback Form](#).

I hope you all managed to enjoy the snowy weather at the weekend to some extent, while still abiding by the current restrictions. The latest guidance can be found on the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Take care and stay safe

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Inset Day Reminder

This Wednesday (27th) is an Inset Day and the **school will be closed to all children**. There will also be no online learning tasks set on that day. This date has been set across all schools in Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Learning for Children in School

If your child is part of our Emergency Provision and is coming into school, they will need their Google Classroom login information (username & password). This can be written in their diary and will enable us to log them in where necessary to complete the set tasks at school as they would at home. This is essential for them to be able to access their learning consistently.

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Special Mentions for GREAT Learning

We continue to be so impressed with the amazing learning that is happening at home and how hard the children are working to keep up with their learning. In particular this week, we would like to say well done to:

Finnley (Reception) for great engagement in remote learning and always being ready to learn with a big smile; **Jacob** (Reception) for showing good behaviour for learning and being a star in PE with Mr Robinson; **Arthur** (Y1), **Leilani** (Y1), **Olivia** (Y1), **William** (Y2) and **Codey** (Y2) have all been contributing well to lessons and coming up with some brilliant answers; **All children in Badgers, Foxes and Hedgehogs** have been showing excellent behaviour for learning and now understand when to mute and unmute during online lessons (and to all the parents for helping the children to participate so brilliantly); **Lewis** (Y2) for always being ready to help his friends if they are stuck with the learning or when using Zoom; **Sophie** (Y3) for engaging positively in every virtual lesson and being proactive in her learning by asking and answering questions; **Emily** (Y3) for working hard every lesson, answering in full sentences and showing a growth mindset by always trying her best; **Shelbie** (Y3) and **Igor** (Y3) for continuing with their Athletics work; **Iman** (Y3) and **Chantel** (Y3) for bravely saying the 8 times-table to everyone on their virtual lesson; **Jimmie** (Y4) and **Sanath** (Y4) for all their fantastic remote learning and for creating amazing fact files about Greece; **Taylor S** (Y4) for creating brilliant sentences using apostrophes for possession; **Amelia** (Y5) for completing all of her learning to a high standard; **Sam** (Y5) for fantastic effort and determination with his maths learning at home; **Tillie** (Y5) for completing all learning tasks with such enthusiasm and for always responding positively to feedback; **Skye** (Y6) for remaining positive and striving to make her work the best it can be; **Olly** (Y6) for persevering with all learning tasks even though he is not always able to join the live lessons.

We are so proud of all the learning that is continuing at home and in school, keep up the GREAT work!



PE News from Mr Roberts

Thank you to everyone who sent in their scores for the Inter-Class PE Fitness Frenzy Challenges. The competition was won by Badgers class, with Skyla-Rose recording the highest score, well done!

The next challenges are on our website, in the PE Resources section, for the children to try. Please remember to send your scores into the office by 12 February. Who will win the next challenge?

[KS1 Dynamic Dinosaur Challenge](#)

[KS2 Winter Olympics Challenge](#)

PlaySport's YouTube channel can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfuUfMVE5kWoZb47WCSmpig>

The children may recognise Dan and Rob from their PE sessions in school and they will be adding videos three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) to help support the children with their PE learning at home. Last week they covered [Ball Skills: Aiming and Throwing](#), [Indoor Athletics: Long Jump](#) and [Fitness Friday: Balance](#).

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Virtual Library Events

Bracknell Library Service continues to schedule a number of online children's events during this lockdown period. These include author visits, bounce and rhyme time (for babies and toddlers) and virtual story times. Full details of these events can be found on their webpage at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/virtual-library-events>

Family Learning Fortnight

The Bracknell Forest Family Learning Team have put together a collection of fun and easy home learning projects that are FREE for everyone to use. Starting on Sunday 24th January, there will be a new activity suggestion posted each evening – the ideas are play-based but with educational benefits and designed to be low maintenance. 'Family Learning Fortnight' is being hosted on the Open Learning Centre Facebook page, all you need to do is go to: <https://www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning> and like or follow. The first post launched at 7.00pm yesterday and there will be more activities posted daily for two weeks.

Home Schooling in the Home Counties

We would like to share with you details of a new initiative from Prospect Estate Agency.

Home Schooling in the Home Counties has been set up to provide parental support to those who are home schooling, by offering free IT support and printing services to make sure that every child has the right resources to learn. They have also enlisted the help of two University students, who will be providing advice and support for the trickier homeworking questions!

All these services and more can be found on their Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/homeschoolingparentsupport> and they will also be posting fun resources and inspiration every day of the school week.



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