



Weekly Update

Monday 1st February

Remote Learning at GHPS

As you will no doubt be aware, it was announced last week that schools will not return until at least 8 March and I can understand the mixed feelings this would have brought to a lot of our families. We continue to focus on providing a structured and varied package of remote learning and we are always here for support should you need it. Our school community have been so resilient and supportive and we will get through this together!

What we are providing is a huge challenge for us as it is almost impossible to provide provision for pupils on site as well as remotely, however we seem to have achieved this and to a high standard too. My huge thanks must continue to go to my staff team here at GHPS for all they are doing. I know many are working incredibly long hours to ensure our pupils receive the very best.

I am very grateful to those parents who have taken the time to express their thanks and give us feedback, if you have not yet done so, could you please spare a couple of minutes and complete our short [Feedback Form](#). Your messages really do help boost morale in the school staff.

The best way to ensure your child does not fall behind is to engage in the remote learning being offered. If you need a device PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL.

Testing for school staff

Along with other schools, we have now begun regular testing for our staff in school, to enable us to detect any possible asymptomatic cases. We continue to maintain all our distancing and safety procedures as before and we welcome the reassurance this testing brings to us all.

As this period of lockdown continues, please keep yourselves and your families safe and remember that the latest guidance can always 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



Worried about a child?

It is everyone's responsibility to act if they feel a child is being put at risk or is not being cared for properly.

If you have concerns about a child, please get in touch with a member of our safeguarding team in school, any conversations will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Further details can be found on our [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#) page.

Alternatively, you can report concerns to Children's Social Care directly from the [Bracknell Forest Child Protection Page](#).

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:

Nitya and **Brian** (Reception) for joining their learning sessions every day and trying their very best in their reading, writing and maths; **Jasmine** (Y1) for her great work in maths; **James** (Y1) for his super new version of Mrs Armitage; **Zoe** (Y1) for her terrific science investigation of the properties of materials; **Harrison** (Y2) for some fantastic maths work; **Megan** (Y2) for her brilliant work investigating the absorbency of materials; **Year 2 children** for all the amazing Mrs Armitage stories that we have really been enjoying; **Sophie** (Y3) for a fabulous attitude to learning, being engaged in every lesson and showing resilience and growth mindset by asking questions and making good observations and connections in her learning; **Leighton** (Y3) for his enthusiasm for art and history, showing keenness and positivity towards challenges and sharing amazing facts he has learnt; **Cohen** (Y3) and **Nicholas** (Y3) for engaging well with the writing lessons and up levelling their sentences to create fantastic descriptions; **Riley** (Y4) for an excellent poster on Athens; **Harry** (Y4) for a GREAT poster on Stratford-upon-Avon, when comparing the two places; **Lily** (Y4) for showing great imagination in her writing; **George** (Y4) for showing resilience when practicing dividing by 1-digit; **Sophie** (Y5) for always trying her best with tasks and approaching everything with enthusiasm; **Amelia** (Y5) for persevering this week with long multiplication in maths and becoming really confident with the method, also for producing high quality work across all subjects; **Jake** (Y6) for responding well to feedback and producing a newspaper report using formal language; **Ben** (Y6) for excellent reflection and participation in maths.

We are delighted by all the learning that is continuing at home and in school, keep up the GREAT work!



Support for Google Classroom

We are so proud of all our children (and parents) for the way you have adapted so well to using Google Classroom and we are always trying to find ways to help and support you in using it. We have a dedicated [Google Classroom page](#) on our website, where we have guides to help with common tasks on classroom that you may be having difficulty with. We have also uploaded a [video guide](#), explaining how to hand in work using Google Classroom, as we are aware this has caused some confusion.

If you need help with Google Classroom, please get in touch and we will do our very best to support you.

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, please drop us an email to ghpsoffice@maidenereleghtrust.org

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme for this year is 'Express Yourself'. Expressing yourself can be done in many ways including art, dance, writing, drama or any other activity that makes you feel good. More information can be found on our website: [Latest News > Children's Mental Health Week](#)



PE News from Mr Roberts

Don't forget to send your scores in for our PE challenges. They can be found on website, in the PE Resources section or by clicking the links below, 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](#)

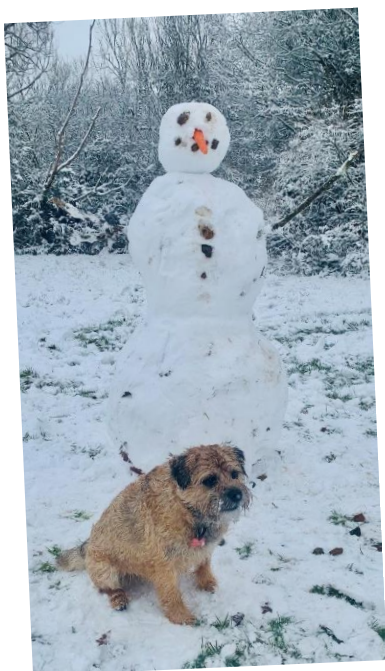
[KS2 Winter Olympics Challenge](#)

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: Catching and Reactions](#), [Indoor Athletics: Triple Jump](#) and [Fitness Friday: Agility](#).

We have added some more resources to our website this week, a series of posters containing different activities and challenges to help keep children (and grown-ups) active at home. We hope you enjoy them! They can be found on the PE Resources page or by clicking this link: [Active Challenge Posters](#)



Snowy Greetings from Dennis the Dog

It has been lovely seeing so many pictures of you all enjoying the snowy weather last week. Dennis the dog has even sent some of his photos in as he enjoyed some wintry fun.



**Thinking and Learning Together
Achieving Forever**