



Weekly Update

Monday 8th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter our final week before the half term break, I would like to take a moment and reflect on the past few (extremely busy) weeks. I have continuously mentioned how amazing our school community has been in dealing with all the challenges that have arisen and you should all be immensely proud of the resilience you and your children have shown.

The staff have been phenomenal in their dedication to delivering continued provision both in school and at home. This makes me extremely confident that, whatever the coming weeks may hold, we will be able to work together to get through them. By working in such a strong partnership, we truly are doing as much as we can to minimise disruption to the children's education.

After such a busy and sometimes very stressful few weeks, it is vital for us all to take time over the half term break to relax and recharge our batteries. Although it is not possible to go on holidays and visit family yet, we will get through this.

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.

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:

Kaden (Reception) for doing an amazing job with Google Classroom, taking great care with his learning at home, sending lots of work every day and always being motivated and happy during the live sessions; **Frankie** (Reception) for always being the first to join the live sessions and for asking questions and participating very actively; **Callan** (Reception) for showing super behaviour for learning at school; **Olivia** (Y1) and **Natalia** (Y1) for their fantastic maths work; **Arthur** (Y1) for his wonderful riddles; **Bailey** (Y1) and **William** (Y1) for their brilliant hard work and their contributions during lesson times; **Alex** (Y2), **Megan** (Y2), **Joey** (Y2) and **Ellie** (Y2) for their super riddles; **Megan** (Y2) and **Skyla-Rose** (Y2) for their marvellous maths; **Chloe** (Y2), **Faith** (Y2) and **Joseph** (Y2) for being busy all week with reading comprehensions, well done! **Daniel** (Y3) for excellent maths work showing how he uses multiplication to work out division problems; **Liam** (Y3) for amazing maths work where he has shown that he can solve problems in different ways; **Ella-Grace** (Y3) for showing beautiful shading and highlighting skills when sketching an ammonite fossil; **Arlo** (Y3) for challenging himself in reading comprehension lessons to answer summarising questions; **Vicky** (Y3) for using conjunctions in her writing and having some fantastic ideas; **Mary** (Y4) and **Ynette** (Y4) for their imaginative and intriguing stories; **Finley** (Y4) for his creative simile work and **Tillie** (Y4) for her considerate and thoughtful ideas during discussions in RE; **Alexa** (Y5) for attending every registration session diligently and trying her best with all of her work tasks; **Austin** (Y5) for being proactive in asking for extra help if he is unsure about something; **Sam** (Y5) for his outstanding effort and perseverance with his schoolwork. Mrs Pesani has been so impressed! **Sarah-Louise** (Y6) for joining in with the Zooms and asking lots of questions to support her with her work, well done!

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

Support for Google Classroom

Remember that 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 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@maidenerlegghtrust.org

PE News from Mr Roberts

This is the final week you can send your scores in for this round of 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 and have fun!

[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 more videos will be added three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) to help support the children with their PE learning at home. Last week's videos were [Ball Skills: Catching and Coordination](#), [Indoor Athletics: Speed Bounce & Vertical Jump](#) and [Fitness Friday: Superhero HIIT](#).



We are really excited to announce a FANTASTIC opportunity to all **BERKSHIRE** schools

In a nod to her former World Record Marathon time of 2 hours 15, Paula challenges children and their families to complete a minimum of 2 hours 15 minutes of exercise **TOGETHER** across the week of half term.

ONE participating school will win the opportunity to receive a virtual visit from Paula!



We will be sending out more information about this challenge from Paula Radcliffe later this week via email.

Paula has released a video to get help get everyone involved too: [Paula's Two 15 Challenge – Get Berkshire Active](#)

News from the Library Service

Our Digital library is always open

You can enjoy hundreds of e-audio books, e-books, e-comic books, e-newspapers and e-magazines anytime and from anywhere using the [BorrowBox](#), [RBdigital](#) and [PressReader](#) apps or why not try our free music streaming and downloading service [FreegalMusic](#)?

Please see the [library website](#) for more details and instructions.

Please see details below for a couple of virtual author events that have been organised by the library service as part of the Reading Friends scheme by the Reading Agency. There are more virtual events on their calendar, these can all be found and booked via their website at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/virtual-library-events>

Virtual Author Event

Clare Bevan

Saturday 13th Feb

at 10.30am

Book via Eventbrite via link below

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Virtual Author Event

Anne Parsons

Saturday 27th Feb

at 10.30am

Book via Eventbrite via link below

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