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# NEWSLETTER

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## Swim Stars!

On Wednesday 11th March, Year 3/4 swimmers competed in the Islington Schools Swimming Gala. STJHV qualified in three heats and were invited back to the finals which were due to take place on the 20th March. However, due to the pandemic, the finals were cancelled and the results for the finals were decided based on the preliminary rounds.

We are pleased to announce that Taylan in Year 4 has won a gold medal for a very impressive 19.51 second freestyle heat. Alex, Jacob, Adam and Taylan also received a bronze medal in the Year 4 boys Medley Relay. Jacob narrowly missed out on a medal finishing 4th in the Year 4 boys breaststroke.

We are very proud of Kriya, Abby, Sofia, Dylan, Taylan, Guy, Jacob, Alex and Adam who all competed on the day and supported each other between races.

Well done to all the swimmers. Sarah

## A Thought and Prayer

Andy Chrich, Vicar of Christ Church, Highbury

'Comfort, comfort my people', says your God. *Isaiah 40.1*

When I am feeling low, or weary, or fed up, one of the places that I sometimes go for inspiration is poetry. When I *really* need some words of hope, chapter 40 to chapter 55 of the book of Isaiah is a good place to start. Here is a message to people who have been in exile for a long time. They are not allowed to go back to their own city. Families have long been separated and loved ones have sadly been lost, but Chapter 40 of Isaiah is like a rainbow in poetic form. It is a promise that however hard times have been, God has not forgotten his people. They will be comforted and find renewed hope and strength. Yes, it has been hard, but yes, there is new hope. As we take the first careful steps out of lockdown, in our school community and across the UK, may we also find renewed hope, and courage and strength

Loving God,

Give us new hope and courage,  
and strengthen our families, our communities and our school.

When we feel low,  
may we know again you love surrounding us  
and lifting us up,  
in Jesus' name.

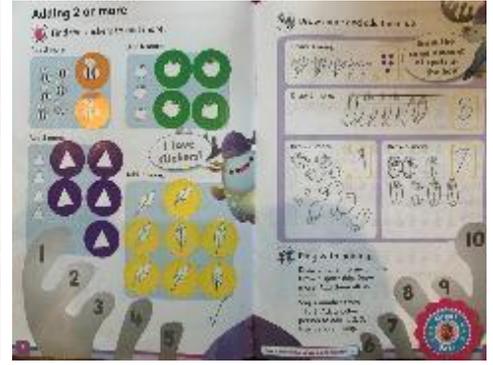
Amen.

## Recent Events

Enjoy looking through the wonderful learning taking place in all year groups both at home and at school.

### Reception Class

I have loved looking at all the learning that Reception class have been doing whilst they have been at home. I have also enjoyed working with the Reception children who are in school. I am looking forward to catching up with you all on Friday during our virtual class meeting and to seeing some of you at a face to face session at school before the summer holidays. Miss Jones



### Bubble Group 'Safari'

This week the children enjoyed an outdoor, socially distanced PE session with Sarah. The key stage 1 and Reception playground has been split into two which means that we are able to safely keep the bubble groups apart during outdoor learning sessions. Miss Jones, Sasha, Sadiyah



## Bubble Group 'Bubble Flash'

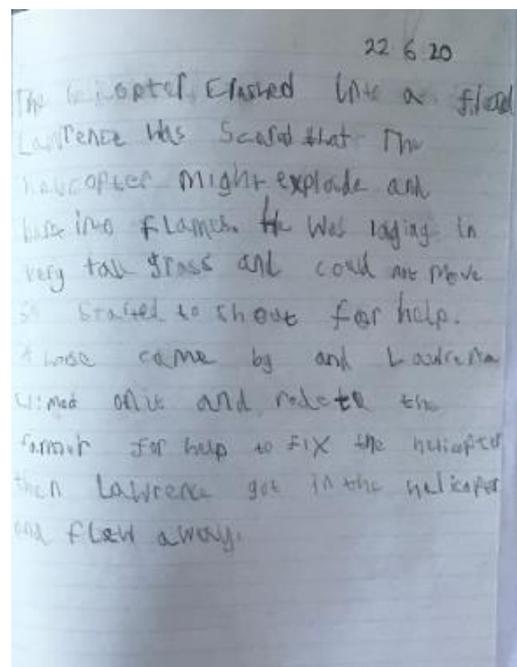
There was only one sensible thing to do on a roasting hot Friday afternoon- a giant, socially distanced water fight! Even the teachers got involved. Everyone appreciated cooling off after what had been an extremely hot week! Mr C, Sarah, Molly.



## Year 1

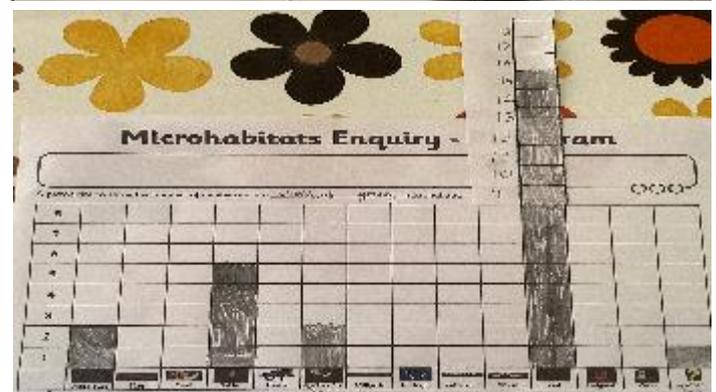
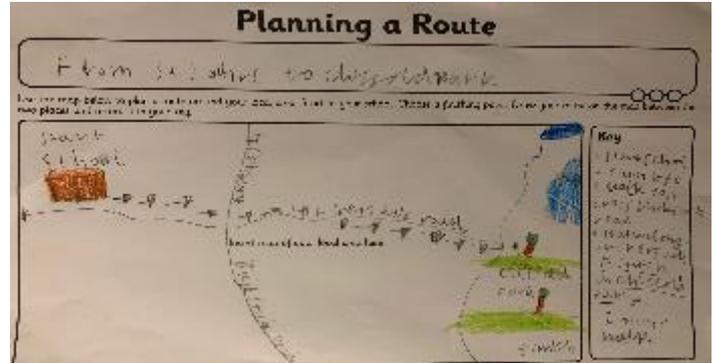
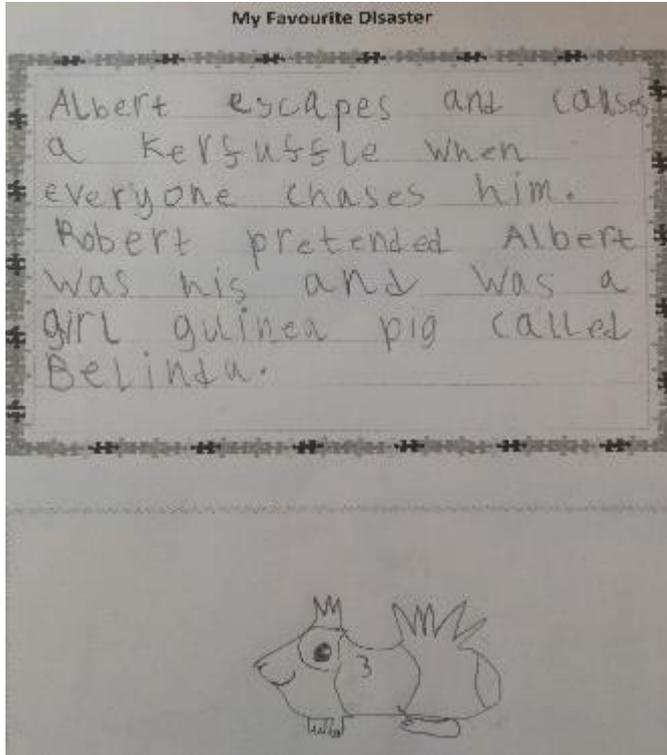
Well done to everyone in Year 1 for keeping up with their learning on Google Classroom. Year 1 have been creating their own short stories, using a visual prompt, each week since the beginning of home learning. They have made incredible progress in their story writing skills and are continuously impressing me with their work. This week I am sharing Sam and Joseph's work.

I am looking forward to our class meeting on Friday and to seeing some of you for a face to face session at school before the summer holidays. Have a super weekend! Mr C



## Year 2

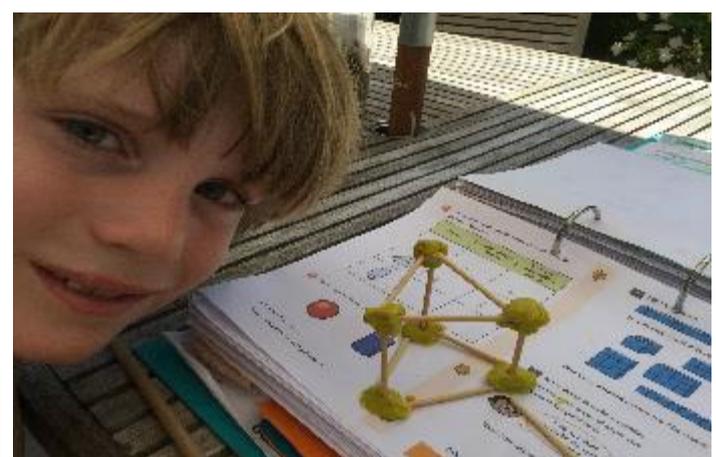
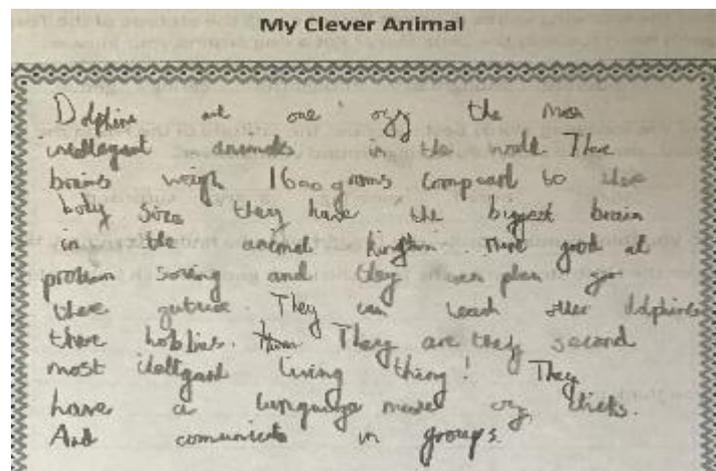
Well done to Year 2 for another excellent week of home and school learning. I have chosen to share Martha's recount of fictional events from 'My Uncle is a Hunkle' by Lauren Child, Rosa's pictogram from counting how many mini beasts are in her garden and Farrah's map for the route between St John's and Clissold Park. Thank you for uploading all your work Year 2, I am looking forward to seeing you all at the class meeting. Miss Bullen



## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have worked hard across the curriculum. Take a look at Oscar's non-fiction writing on dolphins and Tom's work on 3D shapes.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that you are able to enjoy the sunshine. Keep up the hard work, Year 2! Miss Bullen



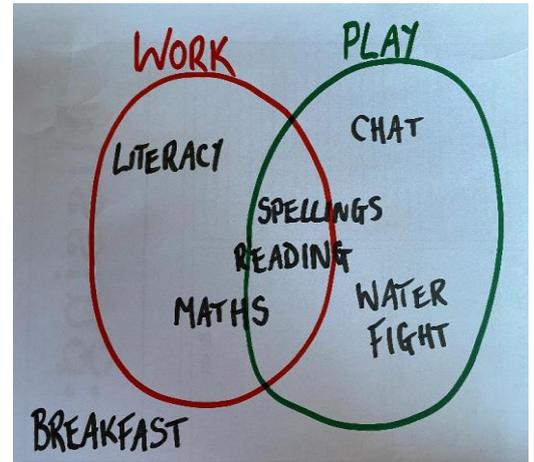
## Team 'Go!' Bubble Group

On Wednesday the temperature soared and with virtually no breeze in 31 degrees, it was a challenge to keep cool. Team Go thought of a creative way to cool down by incorporating a bucket of water and a sponge into our break time!

This week we have exploring the theme of 'resilience' during our afternoon activities and in our circle time sessions. We have spent time reflecting on the past four weeks and the importance of looking after ourselves during difficult times. We decided that the best way to do this was by balancing both work and play. To demonstrate this we completed a Venn diagram, the children all agreed that learning spellings can be both work and play!

The Year 3 children enjoyed writing their mice stories using commas to separate items in a list. This led to us all practising our proof reading skills.

Our food planets have led to some impressive nonsense poems. Well done Team Go! Heddy and Judy



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

I am a blue alien,  
I live on planet Mumps.  
The grass is brown, the sea is orange,  
It's covered in humps.

The sea has purple waves,  
And the sky is full of stars  
(the stars you know are big and fat)  
And all of them have cars.

The olive trees are green and bendy,  
Their leaves are red and pink,  
And scrumptious grapes grow everywhere,  
They're colorful and good to chew.

The crops we grow are hinson beets,  
The seeds all bouncy and round,  
The stems are tall and thin,  
And barely touch the ground.

The highest mountains touch the seas,  
And all the lakes are yellow,  
The Dinobots live in rainbows,  
Which are all upside down.

Sploit the dingbob

I am a fears alien,  
I live on Planet Crank,  
The grass is blue, the sea is ~~purple~~ brown,  
It's covered in blinks and twinkles.

The sea has pink waves,  
And the sky is full of quips,  
(The quips you know are huge  
and plain) )  
And all of them have slimps.

The sugco trees are squashy and  
pink,  
Their leaves are orange and red.  
And quinkles grow in grooves,  
They hold and good to chew.

The crops we grow are stinky beets  
The seeds all fluffy and sweet,  
The stems are big and look like heads,  
And barely touch the ground.

The highest mountains are tall and straight,  
And the lakes are all pink,  
The dingbobs live in quinkles,  
Which are all built the right way round.

## Year 4

Thank you for all of your hard work this week, Year 4. I have enjoyed reading through your uploaded work and looking at the photographs that you have sent through too.

I particularly liked this gorgeous summer poem from Max Andreas, an excellent use of language. The picture of Max S is of him cooking noodles in the kitchen, they look delicious!

Dylan's RE work on how to build a relationship with god was very thoughtful. Well done to everyone. Miss Davis

Summer is a time of fun,  
Lots of laughter in the sun.  
Time for splashing in the pool,  
Six weeks holidays away from school.  
Licking melting ice lollies,  
Makes us so very jolly.  
Yummy picnics in the park,  
Last until the days get dark.  
How I love the smell of summer,  
BBQ's roasting on a fire.  
Barbequed burgers in a bun,  
Enough to share with everyone.  
Delicious food and long summer nights  
Time to head out and fly our kites.  
Heading to a tropical paradise,  
A couple of weeks will not suffice!  
Suntan lotion that's the rule,  
Hats and glasses that look super cool.  
Every flavour of ice cream,  
Summer is the stuff of dreams!

### How to build a relation to god

The goal of many Christians is to become closer to God. There are lots of ways to go about this, from praying to and praising God formally or informally, to reading the Bible. If you like being more social, you can speak with your pastor or become an active participant in your Church. These are the main ways Christians build a relationship with god

- Pray to god
- Clear your mind
- Speak to who you trust
- Ask about Christianity
- Confess your sins to god

By Dylan Marshal



### School Mania Bubble Group

This bubble group have worked well this week completing their online learning on Google Classroom. During their break times, our bubble group decided to keep cool and to sit in the shade and practise their origami skills! Fred took great care when producing his art work in class too. We have written our own bubble group prayer which we say together and on a Thursday afternoon we hold our own special celebration assembly to recognise and celebrate our hard work throughout the week. Mr Rudd, Saffron.



## Year 5

Another excellent week for Year 5 and their home learning. This week we have been trying to have as much as fun as possible! We've been playing 'Xbox' tennis in our gardens and in the playground, making amazing abstract art work and completing spelling games to revise the words that we have been learning this year. We also completed a practice English paper on Friday last week, which saw some thought-provoking writing submitted. Today I am sharing, Kirean's English essay. Hanifa's Spellings. Maya's and Finley's abstract art. You will also see photos of Eliza's, Jackson's, Kahliya's and Maya's Xbox tennis.

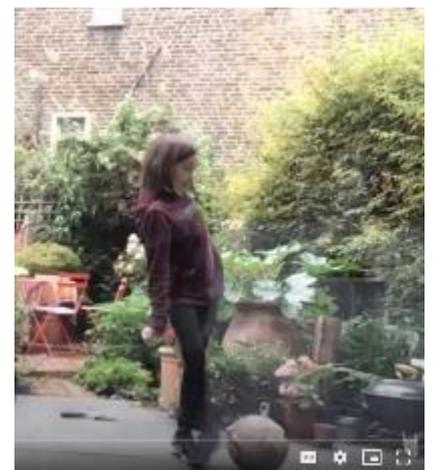
Have a lovely weekend Year 5. Mr Rudd

The world would be a better place if everyone showed some kindness in their daily lives. Small acts of kindness can go a long way in making the world a better place. I mean can you even imagine the world without kindness? It would be a mean and selfish place. We need to make a change and that change is kindness.

Kindness is a powerful action- it can change the way you greet someone in the morning or how you go to sleep at night. Kindness is the key to changing our world. It won't disappear, it can't evaporate nor float into thin air, it will always be there so it's time we start using it.

You might not realise it but we do small acts of kindness every day from washing the dishes to making your bed, there all acts of kindness. Have you ever witnessed when you go and get some ice cream and the person serving you the ice cream just gives you a little nod or wishes you a good day? These people don't know you, they only do it to be kind.

Just have a think. Is there one more act of kindness you can use in your daily lives?



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 took on a very important project. They were tasked with writing, filming and editing a video to share with each year group in preparation for their face to face sessions at school. The class have nearly finished editing the films that were created using Imovie. As soon as they are finished, we will be sharing the films with our school community!

Year 6 continue to impress me with their sensible and mature approach to learning. The class have an excellent sense of fun and we are looking forward to some exciting activities at school next week.

Miss Delal

