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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school with both home learners and children learning here in school. Teaching staff are very much enjoying delivering live lessons and children in school are enjoying the opportunity to connect with their peers over Google Meet lessons each day.

We are seeing such an enormous commitment from our families with children learning at home - I must thank you all for your amazing support and positivity. Year group Google Classrooms are looking good and your child's engagement in their learning and during live lessons is greatly appreciated - we will not let this pandemic stop us!

We hope the minor changes we have made to our home learning provision and the uploading of work to Google Classroom the night before has helped families with learning at home.

Thank you to parents / carers who have completed our short Home Learning Survey - your feedback will help us to further develop the provision. We want to try to make it as accessible and as helpful as it can possibly be whilst also delivering a high standard of education to children at home (whom we miss terribly btw!)

Our key worker provision in school is running very well and children are happy and engaging well in all lessons. For children in school and learning at home, we are seeing some brilliant work - well done everyone!

If there is anything that we can do to help or if you are worried or concerned about anything - please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Mrs Freeman
Acting Head Teacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Home Learners

Jill Barklem: **Georgia Y**
 Beatrix Potter: **Alice B**
 Emily Gravett: **James S**
 Eric Carle: **Elsie K**
 Abi Longstaff: **Regan M**
 Michael Rosen: **Daisy S**
 Helen Cooper: **Sammy S**
 Jeremy Strong: **Archie W**
 Berlie Doherty: **Mia P**
 Adam Frost: **Samuel S**
 Michael Bond: **Lewis C-B**
 Katharine Woodfine: **Sam Y**
 Abi Elphinstone: **Emilia B**
 Andrew Donkin: **Olivia D**
 Sinead O'Hart: **Harry K**



You are our
'Stars of the Week'



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In school Learners

Nursery: **Jessica-Rose P**
 Reception: **Emilie H and Esme S**
 Year 1: **Mia M and Keeley G**
 Year 2: **Nicky W**
 Year 3: **Grace G**
 Year 4: **Riley T**
 Year 5: **Cleo C**
 Year 6: **Henry S and Johnny G**



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NURSERY

The Gingerbread Man



This week, we have been thinking about our favourite stories in line with this term's topic. After listening to *The Gingerbread Man* we thought we would make some gingerbread people of our own. After lots of hard work and designing our own gingerbread people we needed to see if they passed the taste test! Our home learning winner of the gingerbread person design was Georgia. See her winning design below.



Miss Belaon

POLITE REMINDER

PARKING

Please can we just remind parents/carers that parking on the zig-zag lines directly in front of the school is illegal and extremely dangerous. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. I must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure everyone is as safe as possible. **Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence**

Do you need any support?

Please remember that we are aware of how difficult the current situation is. I would urge any families that feel they need any support to reach out to Mrs Sargeant, our Family Support Worker and Inclusion Assistant. Please email her directly at: k.sargeant@bigginhillps.com or contact the office to request a phone call.

Look out For

Home Learning Provision

- All work will be uploaded to the Google Classroom the night before. Work will be organised by day and labeled by subject, topic and date.
- A daily "Good Morning" message will be placed on the Google Stream.
- Two live lessons a day - one English and one Maths.
- A weekly video that sets out a learning challenge related to another subject from the curriculum.
- A daily physical/PE challenge.
- Stories uploaded to our YouTube channel.
- A weekly pre-recorded assembly.
- Curriculum Maps - have been uploaded to Google Classrooms.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

Hi everyone,

Bromley School Nursing team have made some changes to the way that services are being delivered during the pandemic. Please find some information below:

Bromley 0-19 website - Online chat available - children, young people and their families can contact a school nurse via our online chat.

Bromley 0 to 19 Public Health Service - For information, advice and links to useful apps and websites visit bromley0to19.co.uk



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YEAR 6 EXAMPLES OF AMAZING LEARNING BOTH IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME

We have been incredibly impressed with the wonderful attitude Year 6 have shown despite this unexpected start to the Spring term!

Dear Diary,
25th December

Today something amazing appeared in my life; I have been accepted by the Town Centre king but first before I tell you of how much of a relief it is to me, let me tell you how my whole day started.

I was woken up this wonderful, snowy morning on Christmas day by the sound of knocking at my front door. As I got to my front door, I opened it and peeked around the side to see Ava (My best friend) standing there with a smile of curiosity on her face as if to say "Why do you look so sad?" holding a present in her hands wrapped in ruby ribbon. I opened the door fully and she placed the gift in my hand. This made me so happy it was a big shock to me that I was actually being gifted a present after all of the mayhem that I have caused in the Town Centre.

Later that day, me and Ava walked into the banqueting hall. There were so many people in there and lots of tasty-looking food. The smell was fantastic! After that, it was really when disaster struck upon everyone sitting down at the table. Everyone went scrambling under the table in fear as they saw me holding the Christmas pudding in my hands! This made me feel very nervous because the king could have gotten rid of me from this town forever. The slaves went through me! However, little did they know that a miracle was about to come true in the Town Centre involving me.

Then the Miracle happened! At the end of the main meal, it was time for dessert. A Christmas pudding that would be lit. I entered the hall and everyone seemed terrified of me like I was going to make another mistake. However, I held the Christmas pudding out and used my fire to light it. The hall erupted into applause. I could finally be happy and get along with the town.

It has really been a very eventful day but hope you enjoyed reading about it, Edgar

Amy H - Literacy storyboard

about how Edgar was feeling at different points throughout the advert. Year 6 came up with some excellent ideas in school and during our live lessons and produced some excellent written work as a result!

Fin G - Diary entry

Harley T - Diary entry

Daniel F - Diary entry

Ruby L - Storyboard of events in the advert

In geography, we have been learning about rivers. Year 6 started the week by completing a research task to find out about different rivers around the world - did you know the longest river in the world is the Nile? We learned about the different features that make up a river and even ended the week by making a model of a river in a plastic bottle!

River	Source (Country/State/Area)	Mouth	Countries on its course	Length (km)
Amazon	Columbia and Peru	Atlantic Ocean	Brazil, Columbia and Peru	6,437km
Congo	Africa, Boyoma Falls	Atlantic Ocean	Cameroun, Rwanda, Congo, Tanzania, Angola & Zambia.	2715miles
Ganges	India, Uttarakhanda, Kama, Nanda Devi, Nanda Kot.	Bay of Bengal	India Bangladesh	1680miles
Indus	Pakistan, India, China	Rann of Kutch, Pakistan, Indus River, Gobi, Rott Creek & Arabian sea.	Pakistan India and China	1976miles
Loire	Sainte-Etienne, Ardèche, Massif Central	Loire-Atlantique, Saint Nazaire, Atlantic Ocean.	France	625.10miles
Mississippi	Minnesota, Clearwater Country, Lake Itasca & Itasca State Park.	Louisiana, Gulf of Mexico, Proquimines parish & Rottstrom.	America	2320miles
Murray	Australian Alps, New south wales.	South Austral, Goolwa, Murray mouth, Southern Ocean	Australia	1558 miles
Nile	Blue Nile and White Nile	Egypt, Nile Delta, Mediterranean sea.	Egypt, Sudan, Rwanda, Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia,	4132 miles

Ben F - Rivers of the world research



Lollie S - Model of a river



Ella L - Model of a river

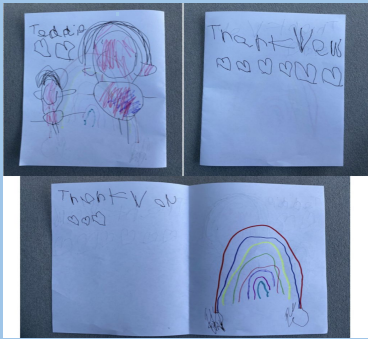
In maths, we have been working on fractions. In our maths groups, we have been learning about equivalent fractions of shapes, converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and adding and subtracting fractions.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support with home learning and thank you to the wonderful Year 6 for your hardwork and dedication to your learning!

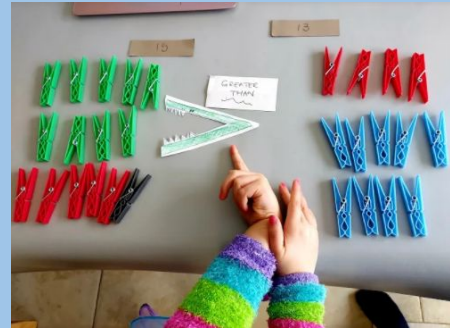
Stay safe everyone!

Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin

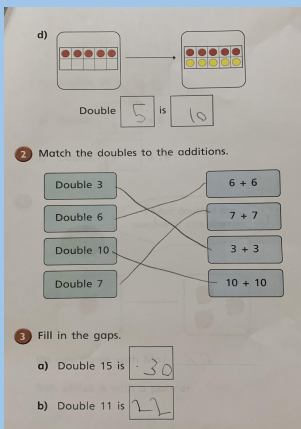
EXAMPLES OF SOME AMAZING HOME LEARNING



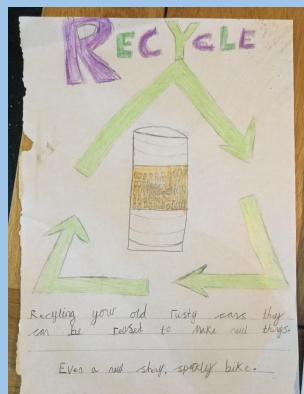
Teddie C, Reception, has made these lovely 'thank you' cards for our amazing doctors and nurses. Children in Reception have been finding out all about 'People Who Help Us' in this terms topic. This week, we also extended a very warm welcome to Oscar R in Beatrix Potter Class.



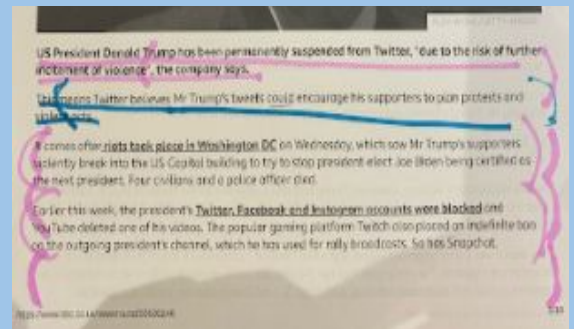
Ella S, Year 1, has been busy with maths and using the 'greater than less than' crocodiles!



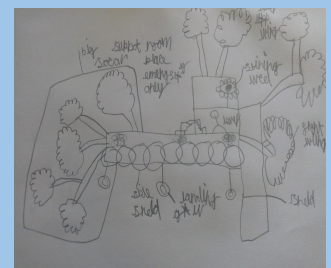
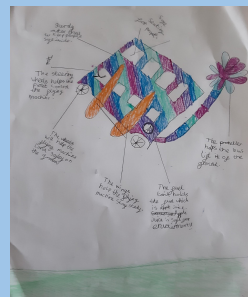
Liam N, Year 2, has been working hard on doubling.



Ellee A, Year 3, has made a poster about recycling related to our new book 'The Tin Forest'.



George H, Year 5, has completed this lovely piece of work on fact and opinion.



In Year 4, Eva L has written a lovely postcard for a literacy task based on the book 'FARThER'. Samuel S has created a factor bug, showing the different factor pairs for the number 12! Children have also been designing their own flying machines inspired by their literacy work. Hannah O and Tommy R have both completed these amazing designs.

We are seeing some amazing work on Google Classrooms from all our home learners - you are all amazing!