

Northgate Primary School Newsletter

8th May 2020

Headteacher's News

Huge congratulations to Mrs Gitto who had a baby boy - Lorenzo Matteo - earlier this week. Fabulous news!

Tomorrow is a **Bank Holiday** for **VE day**. The staff, who have been working full days completing home learning and undertaking other key work, will not be working. Please do not message staff, allowing them to enjoy the celebrations with their families.

We are disappointed that we can't all celebrate VE day this year as a school community but I hope you manage to celebrate together as a family.



I have been sent a picture of our school celebrating VE day 25 years ago, for the 50th anniversary. Some of you will remember Mrs Glasgow, one of our previous head teachers,

who is seen here directing the children as they celebrate on the playground. Do you know anyone who may have been there?

Thanks for all your feedback from home learning. It is great to hear that the teachers' hard work is being appreciated, particularly the audios for the PowerPoints. We have fed back to staff where we have felt we could improve. Our home learning plans that we provide aim to support you. Please remember that there is no pressure to complete all of the tasks set. It is important to maintain balance to ensure the wellbeing of the whole family. We appreciate the current challenges. Have a good weekend.

Celebrating Victory in Europe Day - 8th May 2020

VE Day - 75 Year Anniversary

VE Day or 'Victory in Europe Day' marks the day towards the end of World War Two (WW2) when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end.



On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.

Lots of fun activities can be found on the next page to enjoy!

Celebration of Achievements

This week the teachers have been asked to choose their **'Home Learners of the Week'**. Congratulations to:

Nursery	AM: Henry	R1: Eliza S
	PM: Harley	R2: Ladi

Class 1: Isla M	Class 7: Bella
Class 2: Elijah	Class 8: Jasmine
Class 3: Brandon	Class 9: Amber
Class 4: William	Class 10: James M
Class 5: Daniel and Hannah	Class 11: Charlie
Class 6: Aaron and Quincy	Class 12: Andrei

This week's home learners of the week were praised for making a whole film on Goldilocks, great topic work - working independently to create a pulley and huge improvements in writing and spelling. Well done everyone!

Safeguarding

Explaining Coronavirus to Young Children

During these difficult times, your children may be asking lots of questions and understandably it can be difficult to know how to answer. Linden Early Years have produced two leaflets, 'Explaining Coronavirus to young children' and 'How to support young children on the subject of bereavement' which are clear and concise and contain lots of useful information for the times your child has questions on these difficult subjects. You can find copies of this information attached to this email.

School Nurse Team

The School Nursing team have adapted how they are supporting young people. They will continue to work on a one to one basis to support emotional health & wellbeing via video calls. Referrals can be made by parents and professionals by contacting them here:

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>

The duty School Nurse line is also available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm on 0300 123 7572.

They have an Instagram account for parents and families **@hct_schoolnursing** which provides up-to-date health information, along with a Twitter account **@HCT_SchoolNurse**.

Children and parents can also access up-to-date information on www.healthforkids.co.uk. This website has a section for children and parents to provide some useful information about talking to children about Coronavirus and how best to support them.

Wellbeing - Pastoral Lead

How are you? I mean it, really, how are you? This is still a strange situation isn't it?

It's not something any of us were prepared for, something which is quite literally unprecedented, so just take a breath and give yourselves a minute to process everything you and your family are going through.

I know that you are all being sent work and timetables from school and I know that in this time of change and it can all seem incredibly overwhelming. Many groups and organisations are offering up free online videos, downloads and group chats to keep your big and little ones entertained, engaged and educated (which just goes to show what an amazing community we all live in)...but it doesn't mean you have to do them all!

We are all figuring this out as we go, day by day. Some days will be easier than others but please remember you are not alone.

Home School Activities - VE Day

Adventures in History: VE Day Parties in the Street

Visit the IWM website to join their expert Vikki, as she shares real life stories of celebrations and revelry in the wake of the VE Day announcement of 1945. Stories will be shared of the celebrations which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. [VE Day Parties in the Street.](#)

Hatfield Forest - WWII

Local woodland, Hatfield Forest, saw active service during World War II, with accounts that soldiers camped there in 1940. War time remains can be seen in several areas, including Elgin's, Gravel Pit and Street Coppices. Visit [Hatfield Forest](#) for more information.

Fire Brigade in WWII

7-11 year olds may be interested to learn more about the work of the fire brigade during WWII. Follow the link to watch the video. [Fire Brigade in WWII](#)

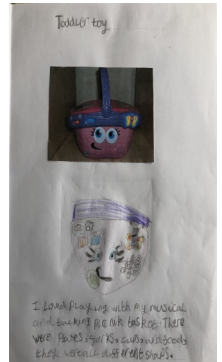
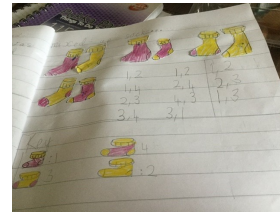
Colouring-in Fun, Decorations and More..

We have lots more attached to this email for you and your children to enjoy, including colouring sheets, make-your-own bunting, design a medal and a paper 'spitfire' plane!

Home-School Gallery

Class 1

Mrs Shepherd has been delighted with the work she has been sent. Some of their fabulous work included a flower painting by Sidney for his Enchanted Forest work, maths work using socks by Aditi and history topic work from Isla M looking at toys she has played with in the past. Well done - amazing efforts.



Class 7

Miss Stott's class have been creating really wonderful Viking longboats which must have taken a great deal of time and concentration.



Jack and Lewis have worked incredibly hard on their longboat. Well done to you both.

Grace has made her longboat lovely and colourful with lots of detail.



Martha is proudly displaying her painted longboat.

Well done everyone. It's fantastic to see such wonderful work being created at home.

Class 10

Here are three pictures of the creative activities that Class 10 have been working on in relation to their Egyptian topic.

Lars has produced this fantastic pyramid model.

Lucy has made this lovely version of Tutankamun's ring.



Zoe has made a superb model of Tutankamun's bed. Great work!

Home School - PE Activities

Birchwood Sports Partnership have created this poster detailing the online resources available on the Herts Sports Partnership website.

Hertfordshire residents can visit [Coach Ai](#), a free virtual companion that interacts with individuals via smart phones to help make exercise a regular part of the weekly routine. The programme uses proven behavioural science to accompany you throughout your journey and offers much needed support to become and stay active within the confines of your own home.

