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Weekly Home School Newsletter — 22nd May 2020



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this Weekly Home School Newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

We closed the school on March 18th due to COVID-19 and that day seems like a lifetime ago. Over the past two months, we have worked very hard to provide a service for the whole of our Featherstone Community. Key worker families have been on-site with us and we have kept in contact with you all with welfare calls (thanks for always taking the time to talk to us during these calls). The school has been a very different place but that sense of community has never been stronger. We are very much looking forward to welcoming children back but only when it is safe to do so. As usual, I have some important updates for you and the usual brilliant variety of home school learning photos!

Potential School Re-opening

As you are certainly aware by now, schools have been told by the government to prepare for a wider re-opening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. You will get a letter today (this is a very important letter—please check your inbox) to inform you that Featherstone Primary School would re-open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday **8th June 2020**. Please read my letter in full for all of the details. It will be sent by 4.30pm latest.

May Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May so that the school site can be fully prepped for our re-opening. We will re-open for the children of critical workers from Monday 1st June and then for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday 8th June.

E-Safety

As it is half-term next week and school remains closed for many year groups for the foreseeable future, I ask this of parents. It is **vital** that you are keeping an eye on what your children are playing online, who they are speaking to and what messages they are sending. Make sure they are only playing age-appropriate games. If it says 18+, it is for a reason!

Eid

Our Muslim families have been fasting during the lockdown, which I know from personal experience has not been easy at all! It has been great to hear during the welfare calls all of the children that have been using their values and fasting for a little while also. However, this weekend welcomes the celebration of Eid and the end of the fasting period! I know it will be a very different Eid to what we are used to but I would like to wish all of our Muslim families **Eid Mubarak!** I'm sure we will all find ways to enjoy Eid in lockdown!

Syrian families

Featherstone Primary School welcomes children and families from all over the globe. Children here speak over fifty languages between them! Within our thriving school community, we have some Syrian families, who have re-located to Erdington from Syria for many reasons. Sadly, some Syrians come to England with very little. We are proud to have Syrian children who have started a new life in Erdington, and this week, these children had a lovely surprise in store when their teachers ordered them some fun and educational resources to help them out. We are grateful for the Syrian Refugee Funding Grant that made these purchases possible. Enjoy!

Best wishes & stay safe.

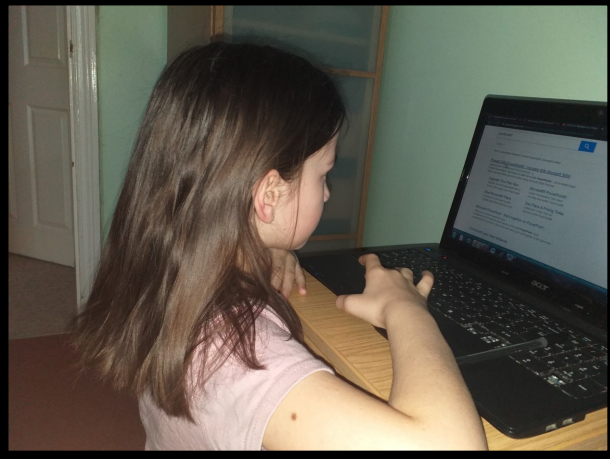
Mr. E. Gaibee,
Headteacher.

All this for me!

We enjoy working with our Syrian families. Here are some photographs of the children and families receiving their gifts, courtesy of the Syrian Refugee Funding Grant. Thank you teachers for selecting the toys and books. Eid Mubarak children!



Thank you so much for your home learning photos! There were just too many to fit on, again! Please email Mr. Douglas at: n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk if you would like your photo to appear in the next newsletter after the half term holiday!



Above: Emma working hard on her Computing learning. She is showing great e-safety there!



Above: Klarisa doing her Reading. She is learning to infer characters' feelings! Wow!
Below: Hanif is growing a pineapple plant! Can I have a slice please?



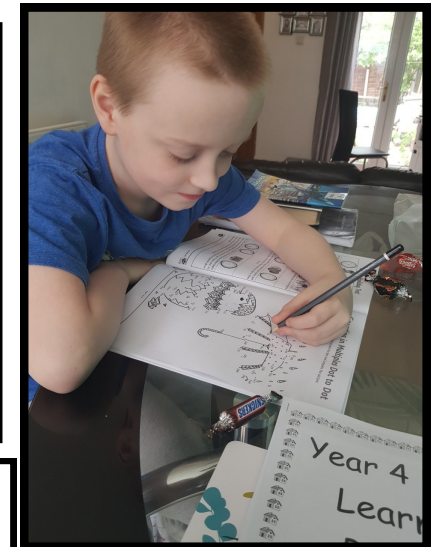
Above: Michael really enjoyed Featherstone's Daily Mile. Here he is doing his own Daily Mile on his scooter. Keep up the fitness, Michael!



Above: William has used craft materials to make his alien! They are so cool! Well done!



Right: Preston is working really hard on his home learning.



Left: Lola has enjoyed this week's home learning theme of space and aliens. Look at her model of the International Space Station! It's brilliant!



Left: Renee promises that she's not on holiday! She has been learning about a healthy lifestyle and made a tropical frozen orange and cranberry juice smoothie! Wow!!





Left: Finn enjoyed making his Eric Carle collage this week. It looks awesome!
 Right: Kasparas taking a well-earned rest from his busy home learning. He is getting some exercise and social distance sunshine!



Below: Guralp studying the solar system!

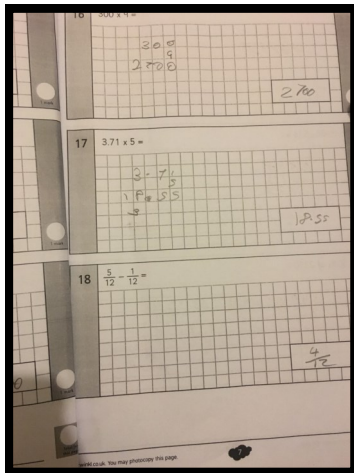


Above: Leonard's construction!

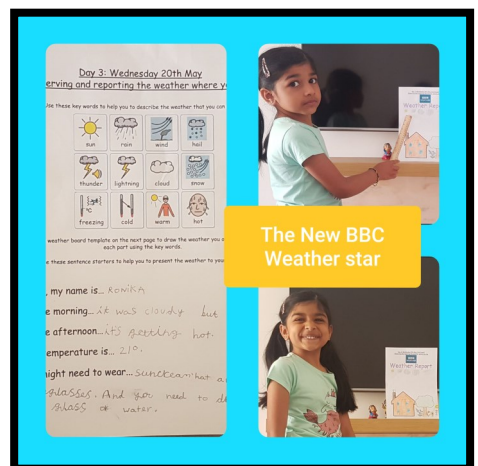


Above: Great art from Fabian.

Below: The Parmar siblings excellent home learning! Well done!



freya's painting of the earth



The New BBC Weather star

Right: Bilal's super maths!

Welfare Calls: Throughout the period that the school is closed, Mr. Gaibee, Mr. Douglas, Miss. Lacey, Mr. Gravell, Mrs. Harrington, Miss. Whitehouse and Miss. Modhvadia will telephone families to see how you all are! These will continue whilst the school is closed.



Not only do we have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch) but we also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see what the teachers are posting when the school is closed. Messages, learning ideas and challenges have been posted this

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