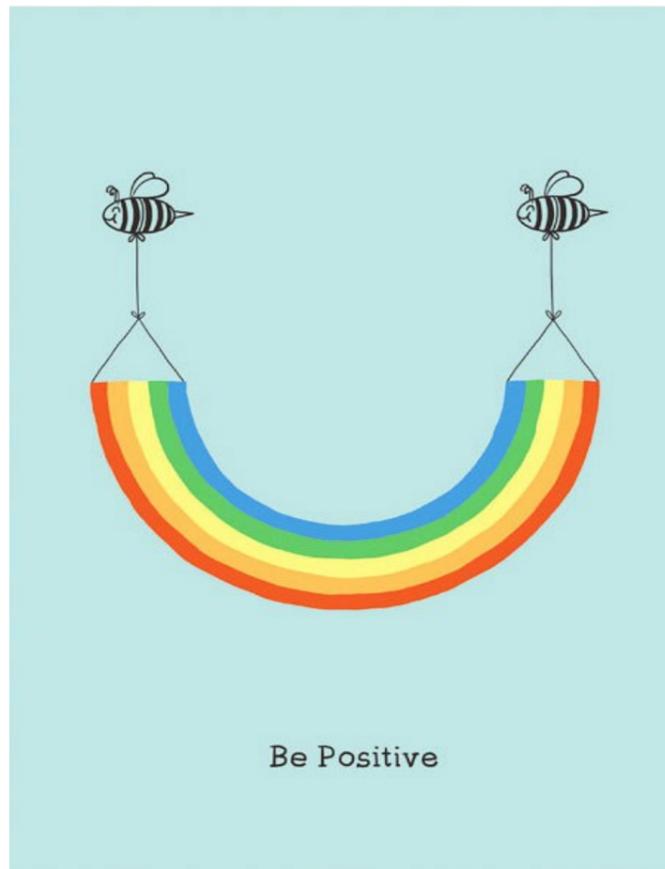


TERM DATES	
SCHOOL TERM	PUPIL HOLIDAY
<u>Half Term</u> Monday 17 th February 2021 – Friday 21 st February 2021	
<u>Spring Term 2</u> Monday 22 nd February 2021– Thursday 1 st April 2021	<u>Spring Break</u> Friday 2 nd April 2021 – Friday 17 th April 2021
Summer Term 1 Monday 19 April 2021— Friday 28 May 2021	May Day Monday 3 rd 2021 Half Term Monday 31 st May 2021 to Friday 4 th June 2021

Welcome to the 2021 edition of the Elmhurst Primary Newsletter! We hope you are all well and staying safe.

We have had a very interesting term, where our current learning environment has changed drastically.

Nevertheless, our staff, parents and children have been doing an outstanding job adapting to these changes! Take a look inside to see what we have been up to as a school during this half term.



Head teacher's update

As we near the end of the half term, I would like to thank you for your on-going support during this challenging period. Although it has been tricky for you as families to home school your children, we have been pleased with the improved attendance and engagement during the live lessons. We are hoping that the current schooling arrangement will finish by 8th March – there will be further details after half term. In order to prepare for full reopening we need to keep following safety procedures and taking up any offers to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. There is helpful information about the Covid-19 vaccine, including translations in community languages in this link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/our-work/covid-19-vaccine-communication-materials/>

Could you continue to support home learning by encouraging your children to read widely please – Epic is a free online library (<https://www.getepic.com>) and also Green Street library have the Ready reads service of pre-packed bags of items (usually around 6 items) which can be ordered from the library via telephone. We also encourage our families to do at least 30 minutes of exercise a day including walking in West Ham Park etc. Newham Council is providing holiday activities so do follow the link to find out more:

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/ActivitiesForYoungPeople>

Can I remind pupils/families of the following learning habits during live lessons:

- Rename yourself on screen if you are using your parent's device
- Always keep the camera on and face forward so that the teacher knows you are participating
- Write the date into a book and try to work at a table

Please collect books or stationary if you require this support for home learning. There will be a further survey to assess if families require any further support with accessing remote learning. We have been working hard to provide devices and data/internet access for those families who require additional help.

If you would like to discuss any concerns either regarding education or welfare support then please contact me at: info@elmhurst.newham.sch.uk since we understand the immense pressure of coping with home learning as well as dealing with the impact of the pandemic. I was really pleased that parents attended the Mental Health Listening meeting this week to meet our Mental Health Team including Ms Nash who is doing an MA in the subject as well as our Mental Health practitioner Elinor Loblely who will be supporting individual families.

We will get through this challenging period together and will be even stronger. I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and have a peaceful and healthy half term with your lovely children.

Thank you to our wonderful staff who have worked incredibly hard both on site and remotely to look after and educate our children.

- Ms S Samra

Debating Competition



Elmhurst's debating season got off to a winning start this week as both of our year six teams emerged victorious from their first competition.

Twelve students took part in the first round of the Debate Mate's Urban Debate League, discussing the motion 'This House believes that online education is better than in person education' - very apt at the moment! We had one team arguing for the motion and one team arguing against. Our pupils won both bouts.

The competition took place on Zoom and is part of a national league involving hundreds of squads. There will be three rounds before the eight top-scoring schools take part in a final day of competition to crown the national champion.

Elmhurst has been ranked among the best debating schools in the country in each of the last four years and this is a promising start that can continue the winning trend.

We have continued both our year five and year six debating clubs throughout the lockdown by moving them online. As a result, we have had so many children able and willing to represent the school that it was tough to choose just two teams, we could have fielded three or even four!

Why not discuss this motion with your friends/family members, it would be interesting to find out their opinion!

'This House believes that online education is better than in person education'

Mr Ahmed vs Mr Ben



Mr Ben and Mr Ahmed have been doing a great job staying active during the pandemic. During the first lockdown, they had competed against each other in a press up challenge where Mr Ben won by doing 78 press-ups in under 2 minutes, however Mr Ahmed was not far off as he had done 73.

However, the tables have now turned!!

This year, the two had come back for a rematch that took place live on zoom in front of a wide audience.

We now have a new Elmhurst Champion, Mr Ahmed, who thrashed Mr Ben in the rematch by completing 86 press ups in under three minutes and Mr Ben had done 62. That's 24 press ups more than Mr Ben!! WOW!

Mr Ahmed sure has been practising hard.



ELMHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

LIVE PRESS UP CHALLENGE

Mr Ahmed vs Mr Ben:
The Rematch

JOIN MR BEN'S PE SESSION ON MONDAY
1ST FEBRUARY 2021 TO WATCH THE
REMATCH LIVE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMPETE AGAINST OUR CURRENT CHAMPION??

We challenge everyone to participate in the "2 Minutes Press Up Challenge" during the half term!

Practise everyday, see how many Press-ups you can do within 2 minutes. Who knows you might be able to take on our current champion! The question remains, will Mr Ahmed be unbeaten??



Pupil's reflections...

Lately everybody has been going through hard times and we all need a break. But I have been on Google Meets doing online school, and so far my favourite thing has been being able to see my friends and classmates! I rarely go out due to lockdown so seeing my friends, teachers and classmates helps me. I love online lessons and so far my favourite online lesson has been literacy. This hasn't got anything to do with the teachers but my literacy teacher (Miss Ford) lets us express our feelings for what we believe in so there is a LOT of disagreeing and agreeing. A few weeks ago my base teacher (Miss Tidmarsh) assigned a debate about the Amazon Rainforest and we LOVED that! We worked in groups of 3 to 4, and it truly was a really fun lesson and hopefully the next generation of Year 6s will love that lesson like we did!

-Marwah Ahmed 6T

My favourite thing about online learning is that I still get to learn during this pandemic. When I see my teacher, I feel happy. My favourite online lesson is... all of the lessons!

-Yousaf Hossien 6CF

My favourite thing about online learning is that you can see your friends and have conversations about the work which is better than the catch-up video. I feel confident when seeing my teacher and classmates. To make sure I am learning, I always keep my camera on during the live lessons so my teacher knows I'm not getting distracted by something I should not be looking at. My favourite subject is maths because the word problems are tricky and so are the tasks which makes it fun.

- Dev Patel 6S

I find online school an amazing thing because we are not putting ourselves at risk at all, instead we are saving the lives of others which is a thing I really like! I feel absolutely happy when I see my teacher online because that is the closest I can get with this lockdown and coronavirus pandemic thing going on. My favourite online lesson is actually geography. Overall, out of 10 I would rate online classes a BIG 11/10... YES IT IS THAT GOOD!!

- Ghalib Amin 6V

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT ONLINE LEARNING!

BY: MUHSINA

Introduction:

My name is Muhsina Ahmed. And I will be telling you what I like about online learning. What I like about online learning is that our class is always positive and they always support each other. And when someone doesn't understand something, people always say in the Hangout chat, 'Come on you can do this!' or, 'Never give up. You'll do great.' It's a really nice thing. Like, the more supportive and positive we will be, the more happier we will be.

My favourite Lessons:

My favourite lessons are ALL the lessons. Everyone is very joyful and supportive. I wish this would go on and on and on. But unfortunately, it is my last year at Elmhurst Primary School. So for those who are in a lower year group than me, I just wanted to say before the end of the year, please just be supportive and positive.

The Teachers and the Children:

One more thing I would like to say is that the Teachers are very hard working and busy and they put so much effort in the lessons and the assignments we can do. Also, the kids are very enthusiastic in the lessons and they are always supportive and positive and kind. They are showing all of the Five Core Values. Which are...

CARE
CONFIDENCE
CREATIVITY
CHALLENGE
CHARACTER

I will miss Elmhurst very much. But this is very important because if you want to make friends or be kind, why not read this?

I would like to end it by saying well done to everyone including the teachers.

I will miss my class and the school very much.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! :D

MUHSINA!

By Lalya Sulman 5E
LO: What matters most to me?



What do I care about?

First and foremost, I truly care about life on land. If we don't focus on dry land first, then we will die before saving anything else, for example we need to live to save the ocean. We should help the earth before it is too late; we only have one planet to live on! We can also help by recycling plastic so we are not being wasteful. Moreover, we can chop down less trees so we can breathe cleaner air and plant more trees too. There are so many things you can do to save the planet. Please save earth before there is no life left!



Save the planet before it's too late!

Poetry

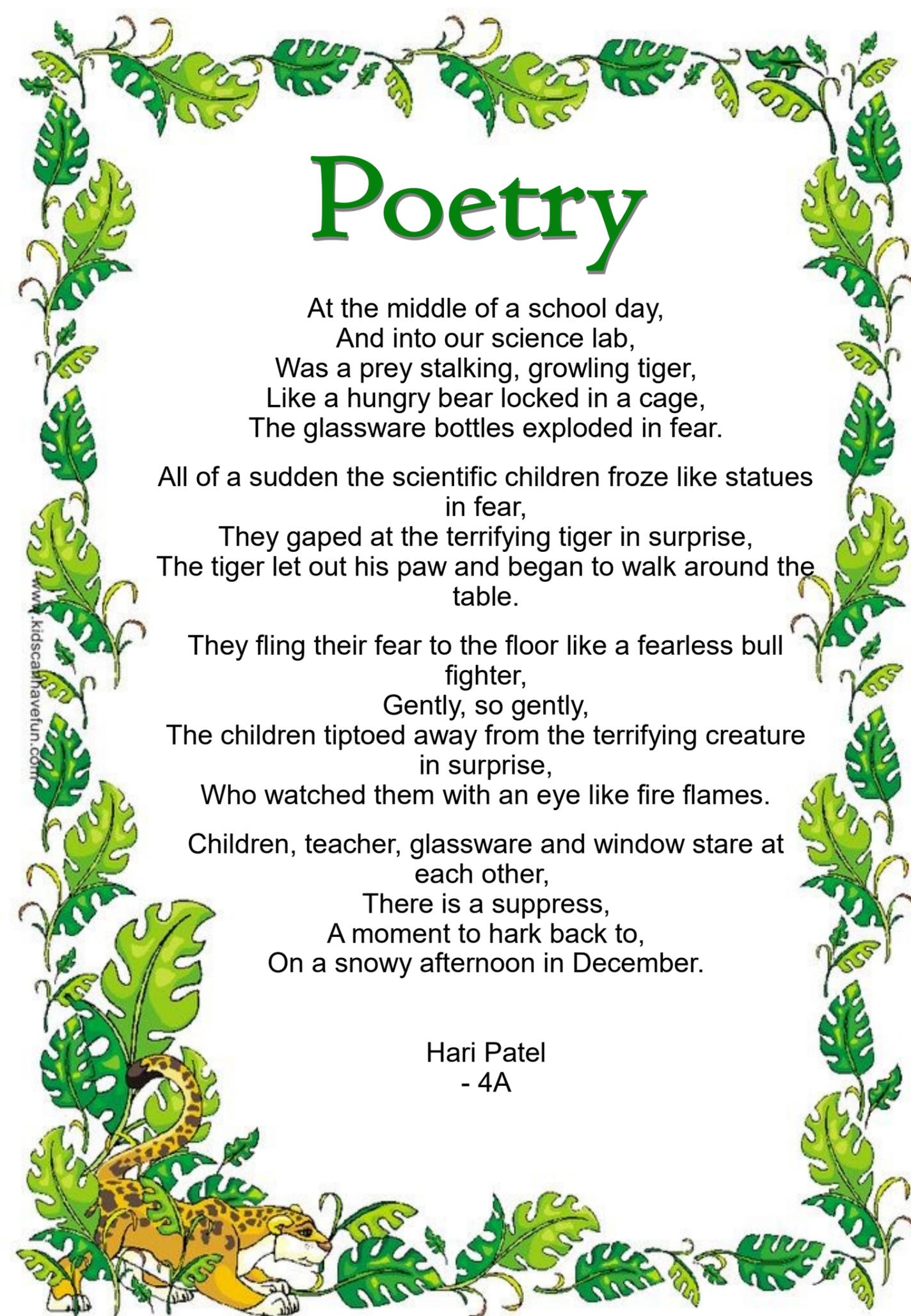
At the middle of a school day,
And into our science lab,
Was a prey stalking, growling tiger,
Like a hungry bear locked in a cage,
The glassware bottles exploded in fear.

All of a sudden the scientific children froze like statues
in fear,
They gaped at the terrifying tiger in surprise,
The tiger let out his paw and began to walk around the
table.

They fling their fear to the floor like a fearless bull
fighter,
Gently, so gently,
The children tiptoed away from the terrifying creature
in surprise,
Who watched them with an eye like fire flames.

Children, teacher, glassware and window stare at
each other,
There is a suppress,
A moment to hark back to,
On a snowy afternoon in December.

Hari Patel
- 4A



Hope for Humanity

Hope for Humanity is a local **food bank** committed to making a real difference to the lives of people both in the UK and internationally; regardless of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. Hope for Humanity aim to create a new reality for these people; a reality which gives them a greater sense of optimism and hope for the future. Their service provides a confidential, home delivery service to individuals and families that may be experiencing a financial crisis. The majority of our referrals for this service come from schools, police and social services.

If you would like to avail of this service you can fill out a Google doc form which will be sent out on Parent Mail closer to time to register your details. If you are unable to register you can send a text message or call on 07469717712, alternatively you can register upon arrival at the food bank. It is preferable to pre-register as pre-registered families will more likely get the comprehensive 'Daily Essentials Package'.

Details of the next foodbank:

Date: Saturday 20th February 2021

Time: 2pm (arrive 15 minutes early)

Address : 368 KATHERINE RD, E7 8NW

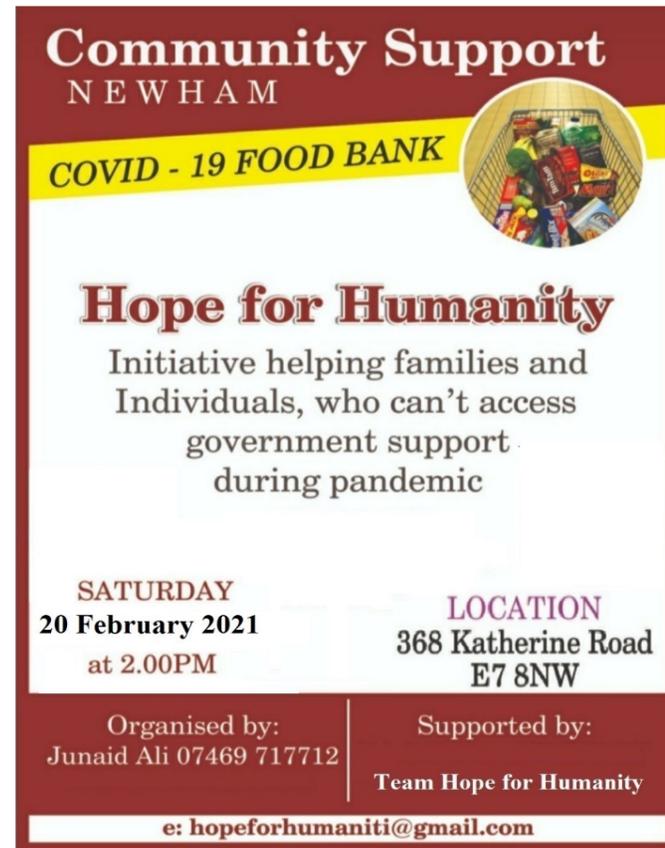
Note: Please follow the GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES on social distancing and ensure you wear a face mask.

If you are in need of any other support during these challenging times you can contact any of the following:

The school office: info@elmhurst.newham.sch.uk

Miss Shaw, Pupil and Parent Voice Coordinator: zoe.shaw@elmhurst.newham.sch.uk

Addeel Khan, PTA Chair: Addeelkhan@googlemail.com



Community Support
NEW HAM

COVID - 19 FOOD BANK

Hope for Humanity
Initiative helping families and Individuals, who can't access government support during pandemic

SATURDAY
20 February 2021
at 2.00PM

LOCATION
368 Katherine Road
E7 8NW

Organised by:
Junaid Ali 07469 717712

Supported by:
Team Hope for Humanity

e: hopeforhumaniti@gmail.com

Elmhurst Gets GOLD!

Just before Christmas, Elmhurst was assessed on their teaching and learning in the RE curriculum for the RE Quality Mark. Through judging the work in the books, projects, videos and discussions with the children, we demonstrated our excellent work in RE and achieved a Gold Quality Mark. I would like to give a big thank you to all the children that took part in the interview process with Miss Turner and myself. The assessor was so impressed with their knowledge and understanding of the RE topics. They were confident and gave lots of insight on their learning. I am so proud of them for reflecting well and showing the love and hard work that has gone into RE lessons and learning across the whole school.

I would also like to thank our RE Governor, Hamida Hussain, for her invaluable contribution.

Here is a video to celebrate our Place of Worship Competition entries from 2020.

<https://youtu.be/MWcYT0eX-ww>

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Charalambous
RE Coordinator



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN!!

- ◇ Aila Yasmin—6CF
- ◇ Mahi Patel—6CF
- ◇ Ahmad Vahora—5R
- ◇ Nidhi Patel—5R
- ◇ Isaac Alom—4JW
- ◇ Manha Hussain—3K
- ◇ Nabiha Kowsar—3K
- ◇ Kainaat Hussain—2A

Home Learning Tips



During this period of remote learning, the safety and well-being of our pupils has been our main priority. Given that our pupils are spending an increasing amount of time online accessing their work, we would like to suggest the following habits to be adopted at home to ensure that your child has a safe and positive online experience:

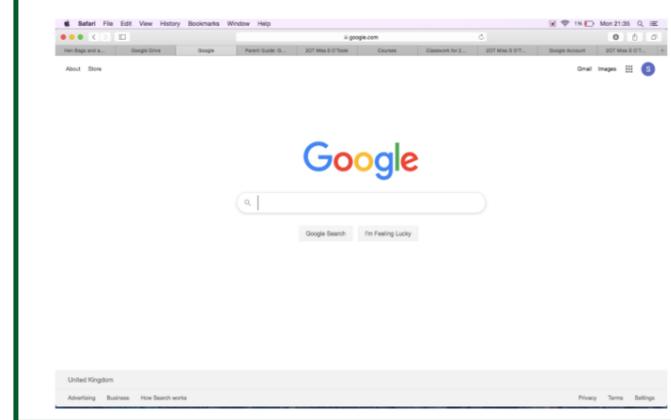
- ⇒ Make a timetable for the week ahead with your child that balances learning time with leisure time. Include regular break times when possible to give them time away from their screen.
 - ⇒ Create a learning space for your child where they have minimal distractions, this may even be something small such as providing headphones for you child to use whilst attending their live lesson.
 - ⇒ Where possible, set up a 'work' area in your home where an adult is present. **Please do not leave your child unattended for long periods of time whilst they are online. Check in with what they are doing often.**
 - ⇒ Ensure your child is logged in and ready to learn 5 minutes before the lesson start time with their pencil and maths/literacy homework books and any other equipment they may need for their lesson.
 - ⇒ Ask your child to show you their apps and games. You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not.
- Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children!

Visit <https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean> to find out more about gaming age certificates.

Accessing Google Classroom

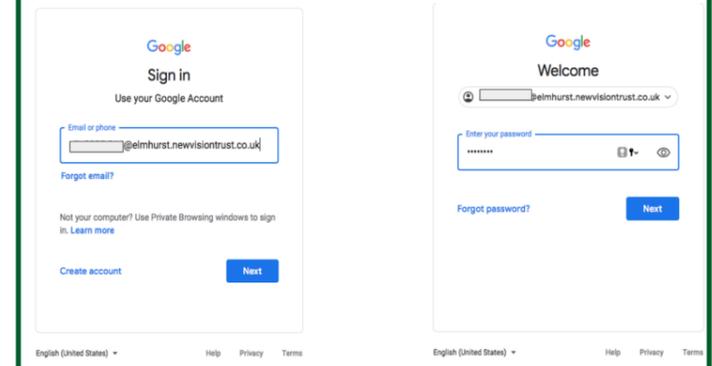
STEP 1

Load up Google Homepage



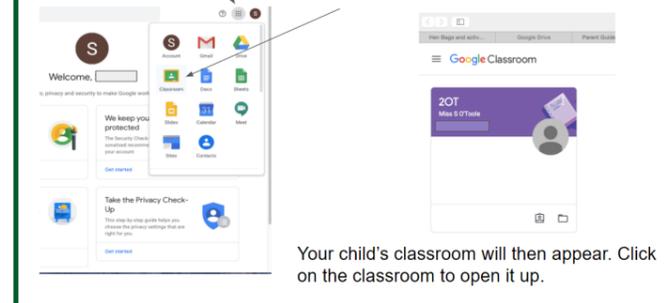
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Signing into Google



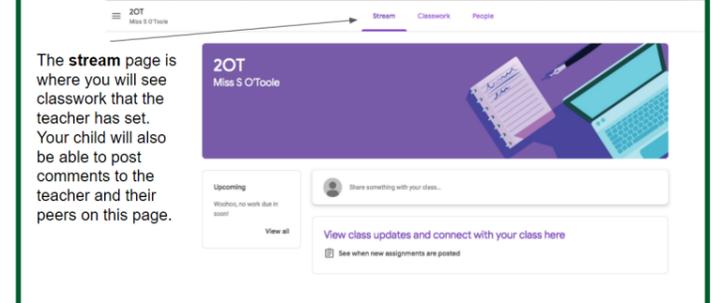
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Click on the 9 dots in the top right hand corner and then 'classroom'.



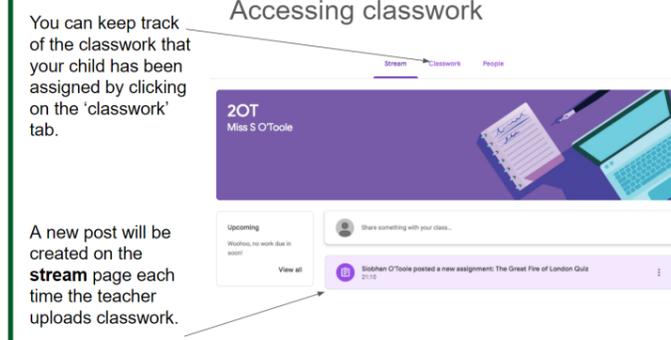
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Classroom homepage



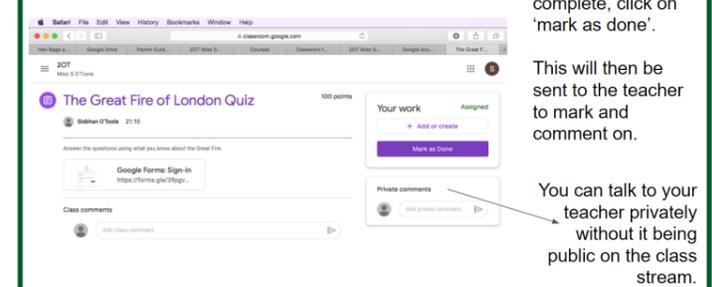
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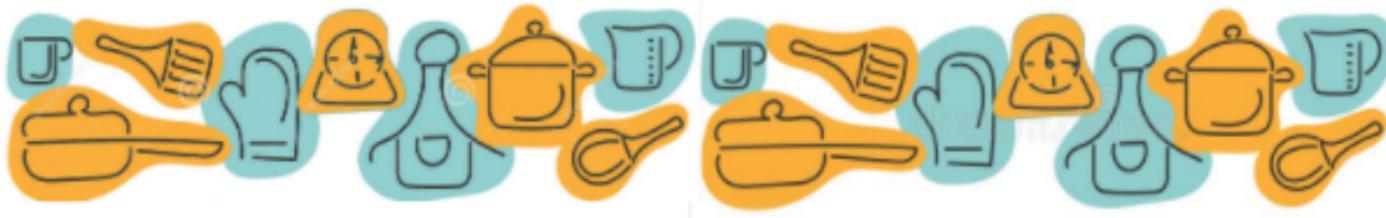
Accessing classwork



STEP 6

Submitting work





Follow the instructions below to make these delicious brownies....

1. First preheat the oven at 180c then line the baking tin with baking paper so the brownies won't stick to the tin and the brownies would be easier to take out. You would need 2 bowls for this.
2. Next, break 150g of chocolate into a pan then add ½ cup of butter and then place the pan on the stove on low heat and mix until it's melted. Turn the stove off and make sure you get an adult's help for this step.
3. Then, in a separate add 1 cup of white sugar and ½ cup of brown sugar and 4 eggs mix it with a hand machine until it's nice, light and creamy.
4. After, take the mixture of the stove and pour it in the creamy mixture bowl and with a hand machine and it's dark and creamy.
5. Later, sieve ¾ cup of self-raising flour and sieve ¼ cup of cocoa powder into the mixture and mix it well.
6. Lastly, transfer the mixture into the baking tin.
7. Finally, bake the brownies for 30 to 35 minutes until baked.

Serve and enjoy the brownies.

Optional: Serve the brownies with ice-cream or double cream.

I hope you like it!!

- Aisha A (5R)



My recipe oh how to make



brownies---- by Aisha.A

Do you like chewy sticky brownies? If so then this recipe is perfect for you.

Ingredients

-  *½ cup butter*
-  *150g chocolate*
-  *1 cup white sugar*
-  *½ cup brown sugar*
-  *4 eggs*
-  *¾ cup self raising flour*
-  *¼ cup cocoa powder*

Remember to wash your hands

Message from your teachers...

SNOW DAY 2021

YEAR 1

Dear Year 1s,

We are all so incredibly proud of the way you have embraced learning remotely at home. A massive thank you and well done for your hard work and enthusiasm to join the live sessions every day. We love seeing all the fantastic work you are handing in on Google Classroom too. This includes our pupils who are attending the keyworker group in school, we know you are also working very hard as well. Keep it up everyone! Finally, we would like to say a very special thank you to our parents, for all your support and patience with helping your child at home. Have a very well deserved, restful half term break with your families.

Kind regards,
- The Year 1 Team

YEAR 6

Year 6, we have been so proud of the effort you have put into your online learning this half term. From dabbling with decimals on Desmos to berating Brendan for his choices in 'Gone Away,' you have shown such enthusiasm in our live lessons. We know that the move to online learning has not been easy, and that it's difficult not being able to see your friends, but we are so glad that we can spend time together as a class on Google Meets. It's hard to pin-point a highlight of this term, as there have been so many memorable lessons, but one of our favourites was watching your deforestation speeches. Seeing you all work together in groups to write persuasive speeches, and then listening to you argue passionately for the protection of the Amazon Rainforest, gave us a glimpse of the secondary-school-level maturity you are developing.

Next half term we want to see you keep up the fantastic online attendance, hand in tasks on time and ensure that your work remains of a high quality. Well done on an excellent half term!

- The Year 6 teachers



Lunch Menu

Dear Parents,

We are changing our menu for our on site provision to adapt to the needs of our children, ensuring they are having a healthy and delicious meal for lunch. Your child will be able to select a meal option of their choice every morning according to the menu.

In order to keep track of what your child is eating on a daily basis we have inserted the new menu down below listing the various meals provided throughout the week. We will be sending a revised copy later on with the allergens listed on.

Elmhurst Primary <small>Little seeds, big dreams</small>		Menu Revision – February 2021				JUN PER
Starting 22 nd February 2021						
Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Main Choice	Burger in Bun with Salad & Jacket Wedges	Crunchy Tuna Taco on 23 rd February and then changing to Lamb biryani in the following cycle.	BBQ Chicken with Baked Potato	Chicken Tikka Naan with Raita	Fish Finger & Chips	
Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Salad & Jacket Wedges	Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Slice	Cheese & Onion Slice with Baked Potato	Veggie Keema Naan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips	
Side Dishes	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	
Daily Options	Dhal & Rice / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Muffins or Cake					

WEEK 1 MENU SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:

W.B 22/02/2021

W.B 15/03/2021

Elmhurst Primary <small>Little seeds, big dreams</small>		Menu Revision – February 2021				JUN PER
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Main Choice	Lamb Tikka with Naan Bread	Chicken Korma with Rice	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Fish in Batter with Chips	
Vegetarian Choice	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese	Veggie Quesadilla	Veggie Pizza with Jacket Wedges	Veggie Sausage with Chips	
Side Dishes	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	
Daily Options	Dhal & Rice / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Muffins or Cake					

WEEK 2 MENU SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:

W.B 01/03/2021

W.B 22/03/2021

Elmhurst Primary <small>Little seeds, big dreams</small>		Menu Revision – February 2021				JUN PER
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Main Choice	Mexican Chicken Fajitas	Lamb Keema with Rice	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Bake	Fish Finger with Jacket Wedges	
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable Biryani	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Chips	Jacket Potatoes with Veggie Fillings	Vegetable Samosa with Jacket Wedges	
Side Dishes	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	'Finger' Salad	
Daily Options	Dhal & Rice / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt / Muffins or Cake					

WEEK 3 MENU SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:

W.B 08/03/2021

W.B 29/03/2021