

HCJS

AT HOME

07 MAY 2020



On Wednesday, you will have received a request for your feedback on our first two weeks of online provision. I do hope you and your children will fill in this survey together if you have not already. I am keen to hear from you all regarding how we are doing against our aims as laid out in our HCJS Learning At Home document (also listed here to the right).

Parents and children may be interested to know that Phoebe Blackburn has been in touch. She is having a few days away from school (and Hereford), as you will understand, but she wanted me to let you all know that she is organising a lemonade sale this weekend, "lemon-aid", in aid of the NHS. She and a friend have secured donations of fruit from Sainsbury's and are busy squeezing lemons and limes as I write. She has promised to let us know how she gets on!



As I mentioned last week, I am keen that the staff and children take the opportunity to have three days away from tasks, Firefly and Zoom this weekend, if not away from screens altogether. To this end, I have asked the staff not to feel under pressure to be marking and providing feedback over the weekend, so please do not expect immediate responses to any work your children have submitted today.

I do hope you all enjoy a restful VE-Day weekend.

Chris Wright

A REMINDER OF OUR LEARNING AT HOME AIMS...

- To provide structure, routine and engagement for your children
- To provide flexibility so that families are able to work within their different constraints
- To be realistic in our expectations of parents, children and staff – both to support our communities wellbeing and to ensure that our programme is sustainable
- To provide enjoyable, stimulating and meaningful lessons, tasks and activities
- To remain personal – offering personalised feedback and support to the pupils and regular face-to-face contact
- To provide support for your children during this extraordinary time

NEWS! THIS WEEK MARKS 30 YEARS SINCE GIRLS JOINED HCJS

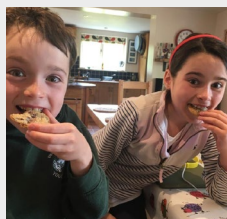


IN OUR LESSONS THIS WEEK...

Y3 MATHS: WE HAVE BEEN MAKING SQUARE-BASED PYRAMIDS



EXTRA-CURRICULAR: WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING COOKERY



Y2 HUMANITIES: WE HAVE BEEN DRAWING MAPS OF OUR JOURNEY TO SCHOOL



PRE-PREP MUSIC: WE HAVE BEEN DRESSING UP FOR THE PIRATE SONG AND DANCE!



Y5 ENGLISH: WE HAVE BEEN WRITING SPY JOB APPLICATIONS

Extracts from letters by Teddy M-J and Humphrey L

“Dear Miss Moneypenny,

Further to the advert in SpyWeekly, I would like to apply for the position of spy as I consider myself as an excellent candidate for the role of Chief Spy Intendent.

Firstly, I know the Morse code, pig sty code and NATO phonic code off by heart, which will become essential for cracking codes and writing important letters. I know a little French and also, I am good with accents. I used to have speech and drama lessons so I think it’s a thumbs up for being under cover. I can also ride horses, use a shot gun and an air rifle, I drive a motor cycle and I am a good climber.

Another reason you should choose me is because I run long distance for GB in the Olympics, I play rugby for Lions and England. I used to do scuba diving, but stopped doing it because I was attacked by sharks (and a few other reasons). I can drive speed boats, I can sail yachts, mountain board and snow board. I also used to do exploring in the Amazon rain forest for fun. Don't you need someone like this?”

“Dear Miss Moneypenny,

I am applying for the job which was advertised in the newspaper. I believe that I would be a good addition to your team and would improve it.

Firstly, I can hold my breath for a long time underwater. I was recently on holiday in Japan in a shark cage, under water, looking at sharks. I saw an upside-down boat with desperate people banging as loud as they could on the walls and windows of the boat. I had to do something to help. I broke out of the shark cage with my two metal teeth just as my air supply ran out. I helped rescue the people out of the boat despite the ghastly challenge of getting past all the terrifying sharks. Another reason that I feel that I would be of benefit to you is that I am a skilled driver. My best skills are on a motorbike...”

MERIT CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:

Aidan J, Aiden O, Amelie M (2), Barney S, Beatrice K, Beatrix M-J, Ben P, Callum O, Devon C, Eirian T, Eli A, Eloise W, Emmie M, Finley H, Florence B, Florence M, Freddie P, Freddie T, Freya W, George M (4), Gracie B, Harry B, Henry Cap (2), Henry Cobb, Huw P, Iona A, Isabel D, Jamie P, Jessica W (3), Kai E, Luca L, Lucille L, Max B, Monty B-G, Naiya G, Neirin O, Oliver H (2), Oliver L-P, Perdita J, Richie W, Rupert P, Theo G and William W.

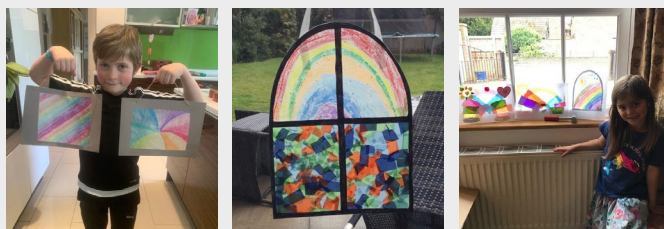
LINKS TO THIS WEEK'S VIDEOS...

- ▶ The week started with [Mr Wright's and Mr Brown's remote assembly](#) all about VE Day and today we enjoyed our [whole school assembly](#).
- ▶ You can find Miss Toolan's new 'song for the week' on Firefly [here](#) and Mrs Gummerson's new cookery club demo for making your own pizza is [here](#).

NURSERY: WE HAVE BEEN PAINTING FLOWERS, LEARNING ABOUT PLANTS AND EXPLORING ICE



Y1 ART: WE HAVE BEEN MAKING STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Well done to Sophie L-P who was featured in this week's Science & Nature Magazine from The Week Junior.



LEARNING AT HOME UPDATES

REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY: Please remember to complete the remote learning survey [here](#).

VE DAY EVENTS: You may like to take part in the VE Day events below with your children.

- 11am on Friday 8 May there will be a 2-minute silence
- At 2.45pm BBC 1 you can watch Winston Churchill's stirring victory speech
- At 9pm (perhaps a little late for the children) HM the Queen will be addressing the nation, followed by a nationwide singalong of Dame Vera Lynn's wartime anthem 'We'll Meet Again'.

THE WEEK JUNIOR: The Week Magazine are offering free access to their online magazine for children [here](#).

