



Westlands Primary School Newsletter



Week 14 – 26/06/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

We now have 12 pods in school that are full. These are for EYFS, year 1, year 6 and key workers.

We are exploring the idea of opening some pods for year 5 children but this will be in a very different way from the current pods and will be for 2 hours a day and for people who do not have access to Google Classroom at home. These children will just access Google Classroom in school and engage in the same home learning activities as those at home. Once we have more information we will share it directly with year 5.

Stay Safe
Westlands Primary School

There has been lots of information being shared in the news about changes to government guidelines but schools are still waiting for written guidance. We will communicate any changes with you as soon as we can.

Balancing screen time

internet
matters.org

5 top tips to support children and young people

1

Lead by example

Just like anything, children copy their parents' actions and behaviour. If you set boundaries for your own screen, it will be easier for your kids to do the same.

2

Set boundaries WITH your kids

Get them involved in the process of setting age appropriate limits on how long they can spend online, at what times and on which platforms. Set up screen-free times or rooms where screens are out of sight and therefore more likely to be out of mind. Review these as they get older and give them the space to take greater responsibility for their screen use.



3

Ensure a healthy mix of screen activity

Make sure they have a good balance of screen activities that encourage creativity, learning & education, connecting with family & friends, as well as using devices for passively engaging with content.



4

Avoid using screen time as a reward

This will elevate the status of screen time above other activities and like using food as a reward may encourage children to simply want more.



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Physical activity & sleep are really important

Make sure screens are not displacing these things by keeping screens out of bedrooms at bed time and that you are creating opportunities for your children to be active each day.

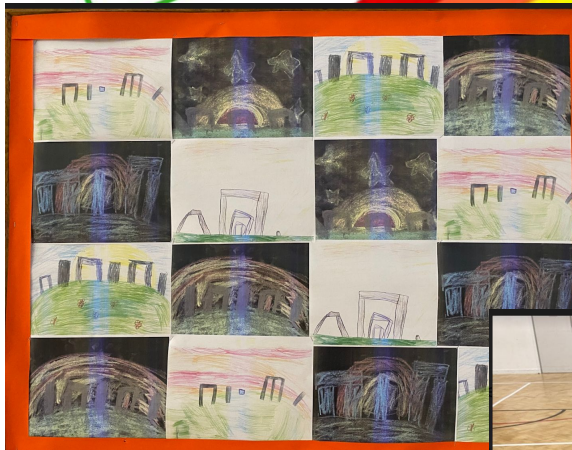


Creating a balanced digital diet

Like a healthy meal, a healthy digital diet can help children to develop good online habits. Use our digital diet tips to help children prioritise screen time activities in a balanced way.



UPDATE



**Key worker pod with Miss Keirans
and Mrs monk**

This week we have been learning about Stonehenge and Summer Solstice. We have made our own mini Stonehenge using clay and used chalk and pencils to show the Summer Solstice

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**Key worker pod with
Mr Kitney and Mrs Vaughan**

This week we have been learning all about the Summer Solstice and Stonehenge. We looked at pictures of Stonehenge and used them to create our own Stonehenges out of clay and painted them, even including our very own red 'Hell Stone'.

UPDATE



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TBAT retell a story.

one day I went for a walk
and I saw a big shadow and
it was a big ~~long~~ down long
and I went a little bit longer
and I saw a never shadow
and who stood it big and
a little bit of it and I saw
never shadow and who was
it be and it was a elf sitting
in a mushroom and I had
to go to home and the next
day the ~~elf~~ to my house
elf came
and we made friends and
played to gether.



Year 1 Pods

Year 1 have been very busy this week! We have seen some lovely writing, lots of outside learning and they have been very creative with art and design! Baylee has been working really hard making numbers using tens and ones



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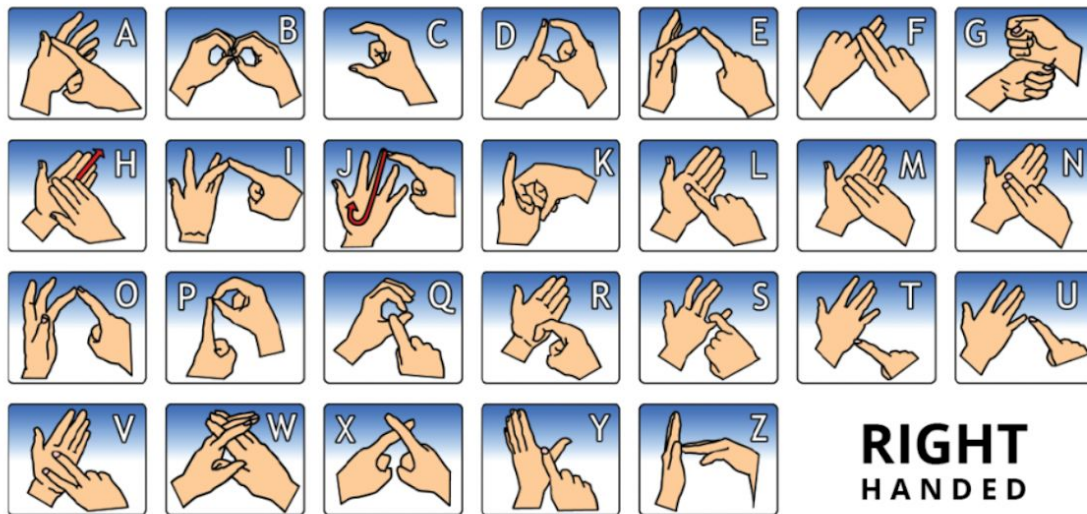


EYFS Pods

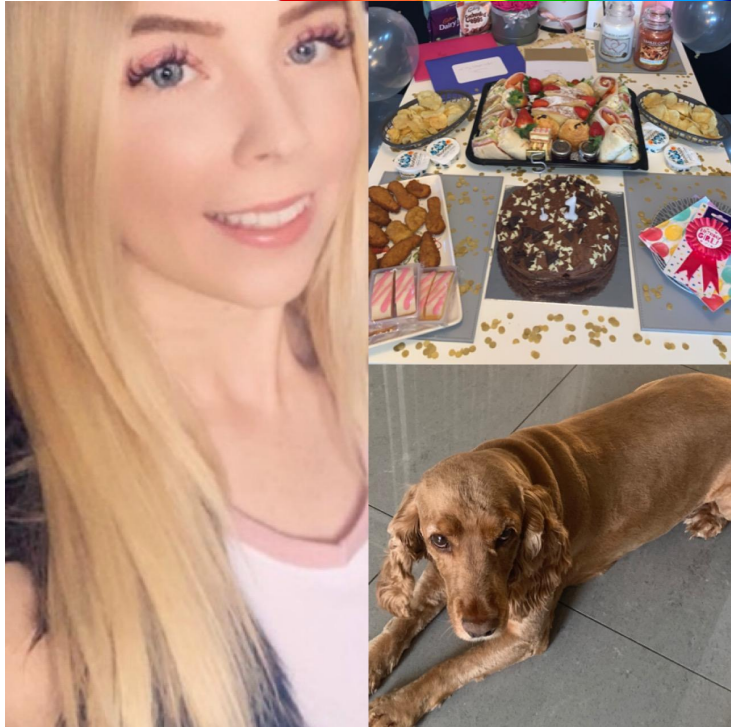
We have been describing the troll from our book this week, 'The Troll' by Julia Donaldson.

The children enjoyed finding natural materials to create their faces.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING



Can you use British Sign Language to spell your name? Record yourself and upload it to Google Classroom!



Hello Everyone!

I hope you are all having fun, keeping well
and staying safe.

We celebrated my mum's birthday and had tea and
cakes in the garden. It is also nearly my birthday so
I'm looking forward to having more birthday cake in
the sunshine!

We have also been on many walks with our dog
Millie which she is very happy about!

I have loved seeing all your amazing work on
Google Classroom and hearing about it to and I
have enjoyed reading stories to you all.

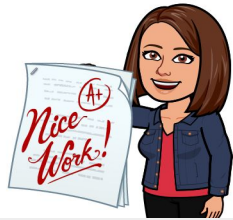
Keep up the amazing work that you are doing!

Miss you all

From

Miss Branagan

WE MISS YOU



Hi everyone,
Hope you are all well and safe.
I've been keeping busy being creative
doing painting by numbers.

I've also been baking bread and all my family have
celebrated their birthdays. I made them each a cake -
I did help them eat them too.

Whilst in lockdown, I also had my 1st takeaway since lent,
it was **delicious** but I'm sad to say I'm now out of the Coral
class competition.

This week I had a go at being a hairdresser, and my son James, and
my husband were brave enough to let me cut their hair, it wasn't
that bad but Amy won't let me cut hers!

I've also been trying to help James and Amy do their school work
but it's a lot harder than year 2 work. I think I need your
Help.! When we finish we play Beat Saber on the VR
headset, which is fun.

I love seeing all your work, it makes me smile
but reminds me how much I miss you all.

Keep up the good work. I can't wait to see you all
return to school. Have fun and stay safe.
Keep smiling, from **Mrs Mendham**

WE MISS YOU



Hello everyone.

I hope you're all enjoying the lovely sunshine and keeping well.

I've been doing lots of gardening and cooking lately. Obviously, I've been washing my hands ever such a lot.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Please stay safe and wash your hands!

Miss Hornett

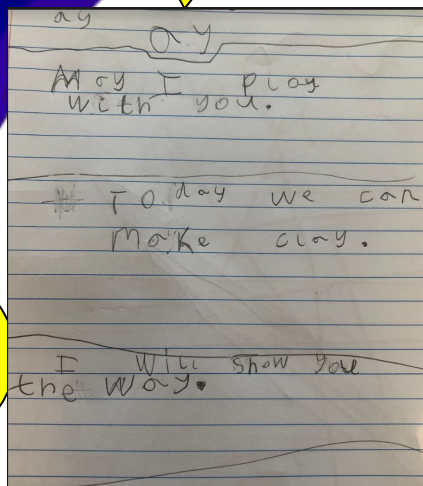


LET'S
CELEBRATE

Home Learning.

Look at some of the amazing work that people have shared with us on Google Classroom – why don't you try some of these activities?

Isabella in EYFS has been writing sentences using the 'ay' sound.



Piper completed 10 weeks worth of PE with Joe Wicks!



Holly and Lucy have received their first Blue Peter badge. They both wrote a lovely poem and sent them off at the beginning of lockdown. Well done Girls!



Henry has been practising writing his letters and numbers on his garden fence! What a great idea now the weather is hotter!





REMEMBER

Book your space!

If you need a space at school for your son/daughter because you are a key worker or children can now attend in R, 1 and 6, please contact the school office. Children will NOT be able to just turn up.



Contact us

Please remember that although the school is closed to the majority of pupils, there is always someone at school if you need any help or to speak to us!

Please do not hesitate to contact us

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Share your work with us!

EYFS – Please upload any photographs to your EexAt accounts

Years 1 – 6 – Upload any work to Google Classroom – If you need your Log in send a message via WEDUC.



Make sure you share any work you have been doing at home and see if you can spot it in next week's newsletter!

We are closed on Wednesdays

**Staff
development
day on 3rd July
= CANCELLED**