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We hope you all enjoyed watching the video of our amazing GPFS staff. We are all missing you very much and can't wait until we are all back together again!

We received a lovely letter today from Mark Patton (Assistant Direct: Education and Skills), who wanted to pass on his congratulations and thanks to our children, staff and governors on our recent Ofsted inspection (which now feels like a very long time ago!).

Please leave a message on the absence line or email admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk before Thursday next week (due to the bank holiday Friday) to let us know about attendance for key worker places for the following week



Next weekend's bank holiday Friday was set to mark the VE Day 75 community celebrations. Although events have been cancelled in order to keep people safe and healthy, you can still have your own celebrations at home. Check out the Home Learning page of the website which has its own VE Day section for a weekly topic plan, ideas and resources.

Staff are continuing to add new resources to the home learning and class pages sections of the website.

Please see the school website and the links on Twitter for updates.

Remember, there is no expectation for children to use these resources. Please feel free to use these resources as little or as often as you require.

The well-being of our whole GPFS family is the most important thing at this time.



Oxford Reading Buddy

Thank you to all the parents who have contacted us for support with their child's reading during this time. As a school we are signed up to Oxford Reading Buddy. It is a fantastic reading resource with 1000s of books online for children to read and then answer quizzes. Children are assigned a level and move up automatically as they complete the quizzes. They also have an interactive "buddy" who can help them.

There is a PowerPoint which gives step by step instructions and all the information you need to get started. This can be found in the home learning section under reading.

It's especially useful now when teachers are not able to update your child's reading books weekly. Teachers are able to log in and see how your child is progressing in reading and comprehension which is very useful for us.

ORB admit to some teething troubles with the website. One of the issues is that I can't now access all the school log ins for us to re-send them to you (they only kept them for 30 days but they've changed that for next year!) But I am happy to create new log in details and passwords for anyone who needs them.

(email me at
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Happy reading! Mrs Lambert



We know that coronavirus has put extra pressure on families, so Action for Children are offering online parenting support. From where to go for help to how to keep your children entertained at home - explore our advice and find useful resources

here: <https://www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/covid-19-advice-support>

Have a question about parenting? Our online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat. We're here to listen and support you. Visit <https://talk.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Family Support

We have a number of books in school to support families who have suffered a loss and are also awaiting a delivery of books to support children with worries and anxiety. If you'd like to borrow one of these, please get in touch.

Free school meal vouchers have been set up to be delivered to eligible families each week (£15 per child per week). If you believe you should be receiving these but haven't, or are having any problems with them, please contact the admin email address.

If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible, you can apply on line at www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

New FSM applications are being processed very quickly and vouchers have already been sent to families who have applied this week.

MPN Newcastle is proud to launch our "Local Heroes" Project, designed to support schools and young people with their online musical learning over the coming weeks.

Each week, MPN Newcastle will set our young people, our very own local heroes, the challenge of responding to a different musical style in any way they wish. Whether students are learning from home or at school right now, we would love for them and their families to get involved. Our tutors will also be producing their own responses to share with you, so look out for some familiar faces.

Our first musical style is folk music. To access our resources, please go to the Local Heroes section on our website:

https://www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/website/local_heroes_1/476050

We will suggest a piece for young people to focus on for each style, but that doesn't mean anyone wanting to get involved can't play or sing another piece, or research into other pieces or composers relating to each week's musical genre. We will be uploading lots of different resources to help everyone get inspired, and over the next few weeks we will be exploring folk music, rock and pop, classical music, musical theatre, music from around the world, and much, much more.

Basically we want everyone to get creative! Responses could be compositions, performances, songs or dances. Equally, they could be a piece of art, some creative writing or a research piece.

(see the attached flyer for more information)

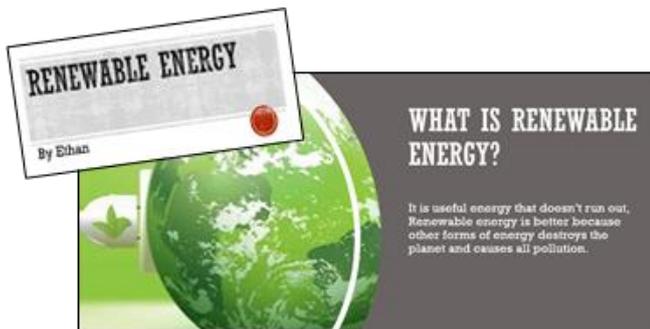
STARS OF THE WEEK

Thank you for sharing your home learning with us via Tapestry, Twitter and email.

For her 'Go Green' project Sophia Cutmore has built a fully-functioning model wind turbine! She sent a video of her creation to Mr Hindess who was very impressed to see the blades turning when Sophia tested it with her sister's hairdryer. Well done Sophia!



Ethan Fullen produced a very professional PowerPoint presentation about renewable energy for his 'Go Green' project. We love that children at GPFS are so passionate about our environment. Well done Ethan! &community



If you haven't done so already, please follow our twitter account @GosforthPark1st.

Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hania Pervez and Zoe Tinnion. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class**. Well done!



Jazleen Alam and Thomas Alley have been our top scorers on Numbots this week. Well done!



Blake Fahy has now become a Rock Legend! Leo Tomlinson and Eleanor Wilcox still have the highest lifetime earnings, but really good to see some New Artists making it into the Top Ten this week!



Top class this week is Yellow class - well done everyone and Hadi is the reader of the week! 2nd place to Reception Mrs Coughlan - well done everyone and Zoe is the reader of the week!



A huge well done to the Rainbow Class key worker children who have been in school this week. They have had a very busy week making banners, baking pizza and shortbread and soaking Miss Coughlan and Mrs Dunn with water! You are all stars!

Huge thanks to the staff on site this week and to all of the staff working from home to ensure that when we do reopen we have the resources and plans in place to support children back into school.

