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Dear Parents

As half term approaches, I know that you will have concerns about the government's plans to reopen schools from June 1st and what this might mean for our children, staff and school.

We are in the process of working out how we might begin to open safely for other year groups as set out by the government. This is important and complicated work and will take time. We do not want to delay a return to school for longer than is absolutely necessary however only once we know how this can be achieved, will we be in a position to consider when this will occur. We want to make sure we have safe plans in place before asking you about returning your children to school, should you wish to do so.

Further government guidance was released last night and we are expecting more in the coming days. We are working together with the Local Authority to formulate a plan to get pupils and staff back safely. We will communicate this with you as soon as we are able to. For now, we remain closed other than to those who are accessing key worker provision.

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding at this time.

Mrs Lamb

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far in our Local Heroes project.

We have had some really great responses from young people accessing our Pop and Rock resources from home, and thank you to everyone else who has been in contact with us.

Please do feel free to share all resources as far and wide as you would like; all resources for each week will remain live on our website for at least the duration of school closure.

For the next week, our musical focus is **Classical Music**.

To access our resources, please go to the Local Heroes Classical Music Week section on the MPN Newcastle website:

https://www.musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/website/local_heroes_classical_music_week/481704

There are lots of resources to choose from, including play-along activities for *Ode to Joy*, resources and activities centred around the different musical periods, a Carnival of the Animals listening activity, links to the BBC Ten Pieces resources, downloadable worksheets and much more.

Please also see our **Local Heroes Activity Menu** (attached and also on website) for some ideas for each key stage to encourage our young people to get creative.

All are welcome to contribute and share responses with us, so please do get in touch either via email through

to SISMUSICHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk or on social media:

Twitter: @MPNEHu <https://twitter.com/MPNEHub>

Facebook: Music Partnership North <https://www.facebook.com/MPNEHub/>

Instagram: mpn_newcastle https://www.instagram.com/mpn_newcastle/

TikTok: @mpnnewcastle <https://vm.tiktok.com/7UDUwP/>

Please subscribe to

our **YouTube** channel <https://tinyurl.com/yacen3x2>

Please see the attached flyer

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 you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit (income below £16,190), Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit or fall under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you may be entitled to qualify for free school meals.

Just call 0845 6006400 to apply immediately over the phone. Alternatively you can log on to

www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/help-school-and-learning-costs/apply-free-school-meals

We would encourage anyone who is unsure whether they qualify to apply anyway.

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

Key Worker Provision

Please leave a message on the absence line or email admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk before Friday each week to let us know about attendance for key worker places for the following week

Oxford Reading Buddy

Great to see so many of you accessing Oxford Reading Buddy - please be advised that they are aware that some users are experiencing problems opening eBooks in the latest version of Safari. They are working on a solution, and this should be fixed by Friday 29 May. In the meantime, please try Chrome, Firefox or Edge



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/>



Hi everyone

As you know, this Sunday around 10,000 of us should have been coming together for the Children's Cancer Run, celebrating our 38th year of this much loved family event. The run is currently re-scheduled for 20th September, however we felt that we couldn't let Children's Cancer Run day go by without coming together in some way! We are therefore hosting a Facebook Live Family Fitness session for anyone who would like to take part.

LIVE Family Friendly Fitness Session with David Fairlamb & Children's Cancer Run
10.30am, Sunday 17th May

Facebook Live - visit the [NECCR Facebook page](#) at 10.30am on Sunday to join in

We are inviting you to join David Fairlamb, award winning fitness trainer, for a special LIVE 26 minute workout on what would have been Children's Cancer Run day.

David will be hosting this free Facebook Live workout for NECCR at 10.30am this Sunday; a fun workout for all the family!

Do you have an old NECCR or Children's Cancer Run t-shirt? Why not pop it on and share with us any photos or videos of you working out! Tag your photos with [NECCR](#) or [TwoPointSixChallenge](#) so we'll see them.

The session will be free to take part, however donations to support our research into childhood cancer are always welcome and needed more than ever at the moment. If you love taking part and would like to donate, you can either use the Facebook Donate button or donate via text and your donation will simply be added to your next phone bill.

Text NECCR to 70085 to donate £3.

Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message. If you would like to donate a different amount simply add the amount after NECCR in the text message. For example, to donate £5 text NECCR 5 to 70085.

I look forward to many of you joining in virtually on Sunday morning!

Thank you,
Miss Walsh

STARS OF THE WEEK

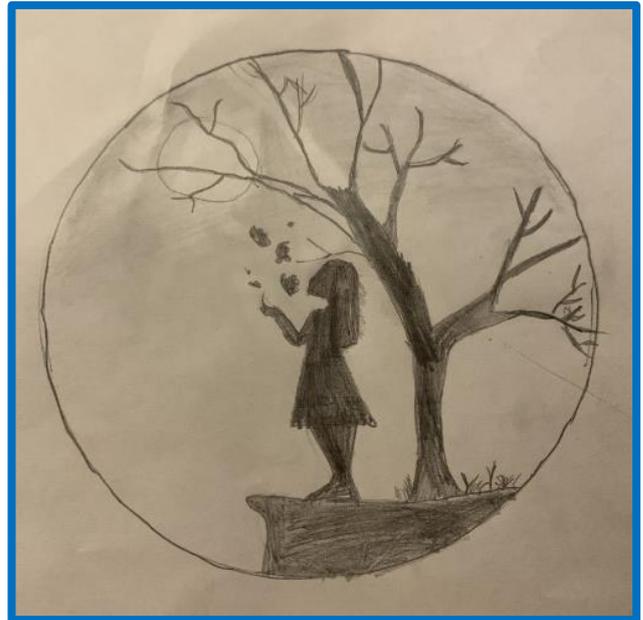


Thomas has been making the most of the sunny weather by helping his family to build a brand new greenhouse in their garden. It's great to see you getting your hands dirty, Thomas! We hope that you manage to grow lots of healthy treats. I'm sure we could use your green fingers in the nature garden when we return.



Eliza has written an incredible non-chronological report all about sea turtles which also includes a beautiful illustration and a glossary of scientific vocabulary. She is also the first member of Blue Class to gain her pen licence through a home learning project. Congratulations Eliza!

STARS OF THE WEEK



We have always known Rosie is a brilliant artist but she has really impressed us recently with her use of detail and shading. Keep them coming Rosie - We love your creativity!

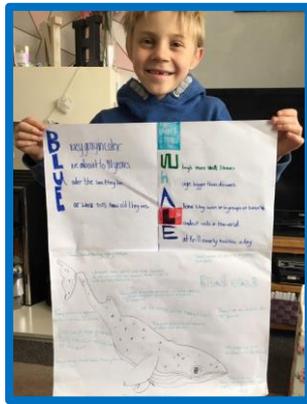


If you haven't done so already, please follow our twitter account @GosforthPark1st.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Thank you for all the emails sharing your home learning projects in Years 1 & 2. You have been so busy with so many interesting projects and we've loved seeing them. We've just got room to share a few.

Archie has been watching his tadpoles grow and learning about mini beasts in their natural habitat.



Leo discovered some amazing information about blue whales and made a fabulous poster – it's nearly as tall as you Leo!

Anna had a go at making a mini book – fantastic illustrations!



We'd love to celebrate your @home experiences on the school website in the class pages section. Please send photos to Miss Coughlan for EYFS, Mrs Lambert for KS1 and Mr Hindess for KS2

Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hania Pervez and Lucy Watkins. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**. Well done!



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



Blake Fahy and Leo Tomlinson still have the fastest studio speed, but Claire McClintock and Havish Kamtam are catching up, and have made brilliant progress!



Yellow - class of the week with Reception Miss Coughlan in 2nd place. Reading buddies of the week both in yellow class - Hadi with Nathan a close second. Well done!



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 bird feeders, cakes, decorating tea light holders and creating some Van Gogh style paintings! 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.

