



EAST BOLDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

‘Be the best that we can be’

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Self-isolation

I want to take a moment and reflect on where we are amidst this global pandemic. This term, we went two months without a positive test from any of our pupils. We heard of other schools dealing with very challenging situations, closing year groups or outbreaks that have closed some schools entirely for a period of time. The work that we are doing in school and the things that you are doing at home are proving that we can do this together. Children and adults contracting COVID 19 is probably in most cases inevitable. The one thing that we can try and do though is reduce the fallout when this occurs. Public Health England describe this as ‘close contact’ and I have reminded staff and pupils to reduce this. The reason that I am writing this is to remind everyone of the importance of personal hygiene and social distancing.



Last week we hosted: 20 Zoom lessons; 10 Zoom catch-up intervention lessons; 12 one-to-one zoom calls and numerous phone calls to support families from the two classes that were self-isolating. We are committed to supporting families and we will attempt to do everything we can. In previous weeks, we have been able to link pupils at home self-isolating with their classes but it has been tricky to do that with multiple classes using our Zoom Pro account.

Victoria Tunnel Workshop



The Victoria Tunnel is temporarily closed but Y6 found a way to do the next best thing. They took part in a virtual tour of the tunnel which was converted into an air-raid shelter to protect thousands of citizens during World War 2.

Norah’s North Pole

Thank you so much for your support of Norah’s North Pole this year. We were unable to have a toy sale in school but requested any donations of selection boxes and, as always, you responded enormously. Thank you! Lots of children will benefit from your generosity.



Another new addition

We are delighted to let you all know that Mrs Hunt has a lovely, new addition to her family. Roman was born on Saturday 30th November. Congratulations to Jess and Liam.



Bikeability Level 1

The pupils in Y4 completed their Bikeability last week. A huge thank you to the parents in 4MT, who had their day changed to allow 4LE to complete their training on the day following their self-isolation. The pupils learned about safety, road awareness, manoeuvrability and signalling.

Pupil voice:

I really enjoyed the obstacle course! Harriet

I learned that if I put my arm out straight, cars will know which way I am going to turn. Jude

I helped the coaches to make the track more challenging on our playground. Georgie



Winter Warmers

6LB learned how to safely make a fire using our fire pit in our science garden. They learned about the three scientific elements that a fire needs and of course they enjoyed toasting S'mores. A big thank you to Mrs Godfrey for her time and resources.

Pupil voice:

I learned how to make a fire safely. Freya

I loved eating the toasted marshmallows. Callum



Mr Shenton's One Million Metres Challenge

Like for many of you, sport has been cancelled for Mr Shenton for most of the year. He has dabbled with running in the past and completed the GNR a few times, but he decided to do a bit more to keep fit. Long story short, he completed the Great North Run Solo (40 runs in 78 days and 400km), ran 200km in October and he will complete his fifth and final half marathon of the year on December 23rd. This will take his total to 1000km (one million metres) since April. At the time this newsletter goes out, he still has 55km to go! No sweat! 😊 It is great to set yourself goals in life!

All of this is in aid of The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, a wonderful charity that is finding more effective ways to detect and treat cancer. If anyone wishes to sponsor Mr Shenton visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tim-shenton1





Let's Celebrate!

Writers of the week

Year 3 – Max, Amara, Shay, Edie, Patrick & Joel

Year 4 – Louis, Gabe, Lauren & Louisa

Year 5 – Sienna, Matthew, Darcy, Grace, Jake & Grace

Year 6 – Callum, Daisy, Rosa, Florrie, Scarlett & Sophie

Stars of the week

Year 3 – Lucia, Maddox, Charlie, Olivia, Lola & Sophia

Year 4 – Quinn, Emily, Noah & Ralph

Year 5 – Evie, Alex, Aimee, Zac, Adam & Ariella

Year 6 – Oliver, Elissa, Lily, Hannah & Freya

Sporting Superstars

Miss Preece and the staff have noted the following pupils have shown **amazing sportsmanship and participation**:

Sophia, Reuben & Isaac (Y3)

Louis & Lauren (Y4)

Harry, Josh, Jake, Nadia, Eryn & Travis (Y5)

Head Teacher Award

Emily (Y3), Cole & Callum (Y4), Marni (Y5), Imogen & Sam (Y6) all impressed Mr Shenton recently with their **resilience, manners** and **dedication** to their work.

Term dates for your diary (New items in bold)

You probably won't be surprised to see that this section is significantly shorter than our normal list of events. However, that does not mean that we are not enriching the children's learning.

Please keep an eye on this section, as we regularly add events to the calendar.

Autumn term:

8th September – 23rd October

3rd November – 17th December

Teacher training INSET day: 18th December

Spring term:

4th January – 12th February

22nd February – 2nd April

1 Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

8 Feb: Climate Change Week of Action

8 Feb: 5SC Bikeability week

22 Feb: 5JM Bikeability week

Child Safety Reminders:

Parking

Please take care when parking cars to pick up or drop children off at school. Children's safety is paramount. The Police visit all schools regularly to check that children are safe when arriving at, or leaving, school.



Dogs

Unfortunately, as much as we love our four-legged friends, we do not allow dogs on site (apart from guide dogs).

