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Dear Parents/Guardians,

10th July 2020

Welcome to our penultimate (and sixteenth!) newsletter. It is unbelievable to think that we are entering our final week of the academic year, and for our Year 6 pupils, the final week of their primary education. I say this every week, however, our pupils really are working extremely hard, showing motivation and resilience throughout this challenging time. Keep it up during the final week!

As detailed in a letter sent this week, next week, there is an opportunity for your child to come into school and meet with their existing class teacher again before the end of this academic year. This is an informal invitation to meet with their peers as it has been a long time since we have been together as a school family. We hope that this will be a good opportunity for those children who haven't been in school to say hello to their friends and as well as say goodbye to their current teacher. Please see the letter on the 'Latest News' and 'Parent Information' section of our school website for further information on this.

School reports will also be sent out next week. If your child is visiting school next week, reports will go home with them. Otherwise, they will be posted or emailed. Please inform the office how you would like to receive it. A letter will go out by Wednesday 15th July to outline September reopening for all pupils.

With best wishes,
Mrs M D Brown
Headteacher

Year 6

It is hard to believe we only have one more week together as a family in Year 6 – we are so proud of the mature young people that you have grown into this academic year. Please continue to keep in touch through Google Classroom as we enter our final week as we love to hear from each and every one of you.

Once again, it has been a really busy week of learning in Year 6: reading our class novel Viking Boy and considering how the main character, Gunnar, has developed throughout the story and solving 'Arithmagons' and other complex problems linked to many aspects of our maths curriculum this year. In RE, we have considered how we can live justly, referring to Gospel stories and the work of CAFOD and science has involved identifying different types of microorganisms. It is wonderful to see so many of you engaging in the Google Classroom learning alongside the children who are working so hard within the classroom. Here, we have also had some competitive and exciting Kahoot quizzes and seen some fantastic drawing and dances! You are all so talented.

As we enter our final week, we are looking forward to saying a final goodbye to you all, as we meet for one hour on Wednesday afternoon. Please see the letter on the school website for further details.



"God promises to bring something good out of the storms that bring devastation to your life." Romans 8:28



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Year 5

Another excellent week in Year 5! We are now in our 16th week since school closure! We have continued reading our book 'The Secret Lake,' analysing the characters involved in the story. In maths, we have been revising our knowledge of place value with decimals. It is clear to see we have some budding mathematicians! Amongst all of this hard work, we have created our very own "shadufs" (a way in which the ancient Egyptians transported large amounts of water). We are really looking forward to seeing some familiar faces back in school on Wednesday morning!

Fantastic effort Year 5!



Year 3/4

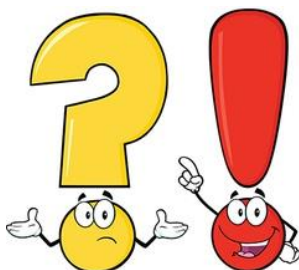
During this penultimate week of our summer term, Year 3/4 children have continued to work very hard! In English this week, the children have been researching and writing a biography about a person of interest to them. In maths, they have looked at identifying, adding and subtracting fractions. In science, the children looked at how the muscles in our bodies work and help us to move. In geography, the children enjoyed identifying different mountain ranges of the world and finding their location on a map. In RE, the children began their final topic of 'God's people'. We are super proud of the Year 3/4 children and all of their wonderful work! Well done 😊

Year 2

It is hard to believe that we have nearly come to the end of the academic year. Children in Year 2 have continued to work to the same high standard this week. In English the children have been working on dictionary skills and in Maths the children have been revising all the units we have covered over the year. In Science the children had the opportunity to identify different plants we eat and designed their own farms full of plants. It was lovely to see the children create their own moving pictures in DT which included a slider mechanism. Well done Year 2, you never fail to amaze us with your continuous hard work and enthusiasm.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have enjoyed learning about using exclamation and question marks. They have been working hard with their phonics and have practiced reading words with alternative pronunciations.



In maths, the children have enjoyed solving word problems through Middlesbrough Football Club's Numeracy Squad! In history, the children have continued to learn about Grace Darling by finding out facts about lighthouses. Well done to everybody, whether you are working from home or in school, we are so proud of you all. One week left, let's keep up the great work!

Reception

This week, Reception have been participating in The Rainbow Games. This has been a week of sporting activities based around the core values of 'determination, honesty and accountability' all of which underpin the importance of how we approach each challenge in these games and in everyday life. The children have completed challenges during week leading up to a virtual 'sports day' on Friday. The challenges linked to each colour of the rainbow and have tested the children's sporting skills, memory skills, jumping, throwing, catching and lots more! We are so proud of the children for completing these challenges and for facing all the challenges of distance learning for all these weeks.

1 week to go!



Nursery

Nursery planted runner-bean seeds way back in April and enjoyed watching them germinate. First the roots came and then the shoots. Since lockdown, the tiny beanstalks were first resident inside Mrs Bell's house, growing leaves and getting taller each day. They were soon big enough to plant outside in the soil. Jumping forward to July, the tallest beanstalk is now more than 2.5 metres tall with two 12cm runner-bean pods as well as lots more tiny pods sprouting each day! They do love a good drink! Mrs Bell is on daily snail watch - which as you can see by some of the photos isn't going very well!

