



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well another week over! I am sure like myself you are beginning to adjust to this new way of life but to say it is easy, is probably an understatement. As a school we have been asked to prepare for a rise in cases and a drop in staffing over the coming weeks as the situation is predicted to worsen. I urge all parents to follow the government guidance and stay at home where possible.

Easter holiday Learning Provision

We have so many children who are engaging daily or several times a week on Seesaw and we want to keep up this momentum so our teachers and support staff will continue to post learning online for pupils to complete. Please be aware, however, that the next two weeks should have been their Easter break and so we are encouraging teachers to take a break. This means they may not respond to pupils work or questions as quickly as they have been doing and we ask for your patience with this.

Childcare Provision for Key Workers

As you know all schools are required to stay open to provide childcare provision for 'key workers'. We have been doing this, in conjunction with our partner school Beech Hill, for the past two weeks and we will continue to do this over what would have been the Easter holidays so our 'key worker' parents can continue to do their front line jobs. I would like to thank the staff who have worked so far providing this provision and to those who have volunteered to work over the Easter break.

FSM vouchers

As you know we have been providing vouchers from Morrisons for our families who are eligible for FSMs. Vouchers will resume after the holidays: week commencing the 20th April. These vouchers will be sent to you electronically and the office have been working on sending test emails so we know you will receive your vouchers. If you feel that you may be eligible for FSMs and haven't yet applied then please click [here](#) to apply through the council. If you feel you are going to struggle over the two week Easter holidays then please get in touch with the Kevin Pearce Children's Centre on 01422 252209 or seek support from a local [foodbank](#). Mrs Stansfield is currently working on gathering further information from the NH food hub, we will share this with you as soon as we know.

Thank you to the parents and children who have sent their best wishes and kind messages to staff working in school providing childcare and to the teachers at home continuing to provide home learning. These messages keep us going and make it all worthwhile.

Take care, stay safe.

Mrs Pether

Pastor Doug

Another week down! Anyone else getting cabin fever? I don't think I've ever been so thankful to have the internet! Nothing can replace real contact with other people, but being able to communicate and video chat online is a real help at times like this. If you are struggling and you want someone to talk to you can always get a hold of me by emailing me at doug@planthalifax.org.

I don't know how many of you went out on the doorstep last Thursday evening? But I was blown away by the response. If you missed it, people across the country came to their front doors at 8pm to clap. It was a small way of showing our appreciation for all that key workers - especially the NHS - are doing to keep us healthy, and to keep the nation up and running. It wasn't just a few people - it sounded as though most people wanted to show their gratitude.

And that's right isn't it? While we do our bit to stay home - people are risking their lives to serve us. While we are tucked up in bed asleep - there are medical staff busy tending to patients, and drivers delivering food and resources across the country. It is right that we show our thanks for those who care for us while we sleep. It made me think about Psalm 121 in the bible. The writer says 'My help comes from the LORD - he never sleeps'. At Hope Church we believe that God is looking after us, that in Him, all life and Help is found, and we're told that he never takes a break! He's never off the job! He never clocks out, he never gives up! 24/7 God is watching over us.

I think this is really good news. Whatever is going on in the world, we can have hope because God is still with us - even when it might feel that he isn't. He's watching over us, he hasn't given up on the world. Next time you give thanks for all the people working round the clock - maybe stop and give thanks to God, and ask him for his help. You just might be surprised by Him...

Take care everyone - be good to each other - and reach out to me if you need help.

Pastor Doug

School at Home

Seesaw at home

Children learning alone

Houses full of tasks and tests

Our families helping us to do our best

Over and beyond the role of Mum and Dad

Learning to teach, you ain't half bad.

As our confinement continues

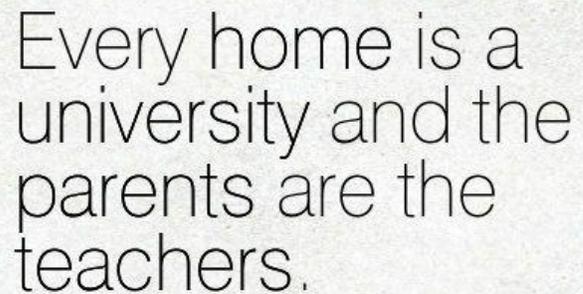
Thanks to you, our learning continues

Home learning has become the norm

Out of tragedy, a new skill is born

Families are supporting and caring

Everyone is improving and learning!



Every home is a
university and the
parents are the
teachers.

Mahatma Gandhi

By Mrs Burke

Ideas for Home Learning



All the staff at Dean Field have been overwhelmed with all of the fantastic learning that has been going on. Lots of families have adapted Seesaw activities and also created lots of other fun learning opportunities, thank you for sharing! Here are some of them below, please feel free to steal those ideas and keep sharing them to support other families with their home learning. We also came across [this site](#) this week to support parent and families with reading, please take a look.

Creating a healthy meal.
Supports PSED, Science and Physical Development.



Baking together.
Supports Science, Maths, PSED.



Practical Maths.
Supports Maths, Handwriting.

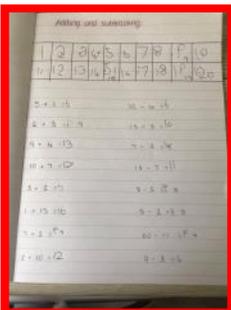


Collaging.
Supports Art, D&T, Imagination, Science.

Practical Science Investigation.
Supports Science, Curiosity of the World.



Written Number Sentences.
Supports Maths, Handwriting.



Outdoors.
Supports Science, Geography, PSED, Physical Development.



SAFEGUARDING

During this time children may be using social networks to reach out to others and with that there will be an increased risk to fake news and online harms including grooming, radicalisation, exploitation, and bullying. All these issues could impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

The UK Safer internet Centre has identified the following online risk categories:

- Behaviour: sharing too much information
- Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content or fake news
- Contact: strangers, bullies, groomers or radicalisers can contact children
- Commercialism and financial exploitation: hidden costs of advertising in apps, games and websites
- Extremism and radicalisation

We appreciate you continuing to safeguard your child whilst they access different medias at home. Here are some great resources to support you in doing this:

1. [NSPCC NetAware](#) provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guides.
2. [National Online Safety](#) have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers.
3. [Thinkuknow](#) is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents.
4. [Childnet](#) has produced a Parent and Carer Toolkit which is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life, manage boundaries around family internet use and point you in the direction of where to get further help and support.



UNCRC Article:
18, 19, 20, 27, 34,
36

Whilst you are learning at home, remember we as a school are only a phone call away from any safeguarding concerns you may have. You can message any of our safeguarding team on Seesaw or contact Miss Stansfield directly on 07875175528.

Accelerated Reader Results



The winner is.....

China

Group	% Score
China	96.7%
Brazil	93.3%
Ireland	90.5%
Poland	87.7%
Kenya	82.5%
USA	63.6%

Well done to everyone who took part! We can't wait to see who wins next week.

Time Table Rock Stars!

The class winners this week are...

Group	TTRS Winner
Poland	Freddy
Kenya	Jessica
Brazil	Jessica
USA	Amanda
Ireland	Chanelle

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Dean Field's Talent Show



Well done to everyone who took part and uploaded a talent this week. All the children, families and staff have had so much fun watching them all, you are so talented! Miss Clay our Art Co-ordinator had a tough decision but she has chosen a winner from each class and the results are in...

Antarctica	Mexico	China	Poland	Kenya	Brazil	USA	Ireland
Robyn	Amelia	Alfie	Lily B	Molly	Evie	Jacob	Brooke
Singing	Singing	Jokes	Poetry	Baking	Guitar	Rugby	Drawings

Anybody that took part...you will receive a special (and funny) video message from Mrs Stansfield!

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Poland class who had the highest attendance on Seesaw this week. Also well done to Ireland class who came second!



Group	% Attendance
Antarctica	38.3%
Mexico	46.7%
China	46%
Poland	61%
Kenya	38%
Brazil	50%
USA	50%
Ireland	56%

If you have taken part in 'non Seesaw learning' this has also been counted as engagement.

Please ensure you are taking part in learning each day but remember learning can be done through play, conversations, outside in a safe space and in the kitchen making something too. Please share these ideas onto Seesaw so we can see you're engaging and we can share ideas with one another.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's engagement please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher for support.

Every day you accessed Seesaw you were entered into a class prize draw to win an Easter egg! Tune in later today for 2 winners per class to be revealed!





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



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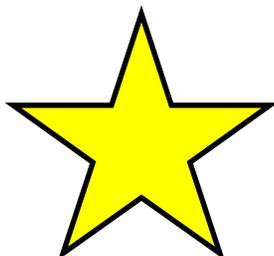


ANTARCTICA NURSERY	Phoebe	For completing the most activities on Seesaw this week as well as completing 'non-Seesaw' learning too!
	Harry	For engaging everyday with activities and enjoying lots of 'non-Seesaw' learning too!
MEXICO RECEPTION	John-Paul	For thinking of new and creative 'non Seesaw' home learning and sharing this with the class!
	Rory	For being so engaged with his family whilst taking part in lots of different types of learning.
CHINA YEAR 1	Darcie	For engaging everyday on Seesaw and producing some fantastic writing!
	Sydney	For completing lots of quizzes on Accelerated Reader and scoring 100%.
POLAND YEAR 2	Noah M	For uploading some fantastic writing pieces onto Seesaw for Miss Clay to see.
	Elliot C	For practising really hard on his spellings and handwriting and taking part in the talent show!
KENYA YEAR 3	Katie-May	For engaging on Seesaw every single day, even when poorly, and producing some great work.
	Jessica	For engaging on Seesaw every day and for continuing to test on Accelerated Reader.
BRAZIL YEAR 4	Bethany	For being creative and using the 'Must Knows' to create posters about previous topics.
	Vinni	For doing a fantastic job on practising his samba drumming at home.
USA Y5	Elise	For your great efforts this week on Seesaw.
	Ebony C	For her hard work on Seesaw over the last two weeks.
IRELAND Y6	Bailey	For taking 8 Accelerated Reader quizzes in one day and achieving 100% on 7 of them!
	Alexie	For confidently sharing your talent of rapping on Seesaw!

New Additions

You may have noticed some new pupils in your classes on Seesaw.

A special mention to these children too as they join in with our learning at this time.



Lola Pether
Ella Burke

