



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought it important to continue with our school newsletter for as long as we possibly can. This has been an extraordinary week for us all. For myself, the teachers and whole school staff it has probably been the most testing and stressful week of our careers. For you as parents this must have been an incredibly stressful and worrying time also.

I am incredibly proud of how the whole school community has pulled together over the last couple of weeks and I know that the strength and patience we have seen will continue as the weeks go on. None of us know how long this is likely to last but all we can do is adhere to the government guidelines and hope that this is over soon.

I would like to thank the staff who are on our rota for childcare down at Beech Hill and our minibus drivers for taking them down each day. I would also like to thank our teachers who are continuing to provide home learning activities daily via Seesaw and to the parents who are at home with the children, thank you for ensuring they keep up with their studies whilst at home - I know this in itself is not easy.

Best Wishes

Mrs F Pether



Pastor Doug

Hello everyone—Pastor Doug here! How's everyone doing? It's hard just now isn't it? I'm sure we are all missing the rhythms of normal life, going to school, going to work—having some quiet around the house! These really are strange days and they might be scary days as well. All of a sudden we are reminded how fragile life is, and maybe that scares us? But I believe there is a good reason to be hopeful.

If you have been out this week on your 'Boris Walk' you may have noticed some rainbows popping up in people's front windows. I think this is great. It is a sign of unity, it shows we are in this together, and that we care about each other. But more than that, the rainbow has a special meaning.

The rainbow has taken on a lot of different meanings in the past few years, but one of the first places we ever read about a rainbow is in the bible, at the end of the story about Noah and his really big boat (you can read about it in Genesis 7). There we see that the rainbow is God's sign to us. Just like we are putting rainbows in windows to show that we are together in this, God put his rainbow up in the sky to show that he is with us! I think this is really good news.

I believe God is taking care of us even now and that gives us a real reason to be hopeful.

Take care everyone, stay inside—and I'll see you soon!

Pastor Doug and all at Hope Church

Ideas for Home Learning



Science Fun at Home

Imagine what your life would be like without plastic?

Write a story or create a comic strip for 'a life without plastic'.

Are all plastics the same? Do they all float?



PLASTICS CHALLENGE

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year in the UK, we produce 5 MILLION TONNES of plastic and 75% of it ends up in landfill...

THAT'S A WASTE!

The Rainbow Challenge

If you've been wondering why there are rainbows popping up in windows around your local area, here's why.

With social distancing and lots of places including many schools closing because of coronavirus, children are connecting with each other by painting colourful rainbows and putting them in their windows for others to see.

It's thought the rainbow trend started in Italy, but has rapidly caught on in other countries including the US, Canada, Spain and now the UK.

In the UK lots of rainbows have been shared on social media, with one Facebook group called Chase the Rainbow suggesting:

"Create a rainbow picture to display in your window so that children can go rainbow spotting whilst out for walks."



SAFEGUARDING

Top tips of how you can support your child's mental health

Day to day

Our everyday habits are important to our mental health, just as they are to our physical health. Here are a few suggestions to help your child develop good habits.

Think about the five ways to wellbeing
Are there things you can encourage them to do, or do together, each day?

Talk openly about mental health

Just as you might encourage them to eat a balanced diet to keep their bodies healthy (model this behaviour), talk openly about being physically active to take care of our minds.

Model good habits

Children learn from copying what they see around them. If you are taking care of your own mental health, it's easier for them to see what good habits look like.

Think about phone usage- both theirs and yours

We don't fully understand the impact of social media on our mental health but using phones, iPad and laptops does impact on our sleep, which is important to our mental health.

We listen more carefully to one another if we're not distracted by technology.

Notice any changes to your child's behaviour.

Young people tell us how they're feeling in many ways, not always verbally.

Learning what is normal for your child makes

it easier to notice when things change, and if this might be a sign that they are struggling.

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.

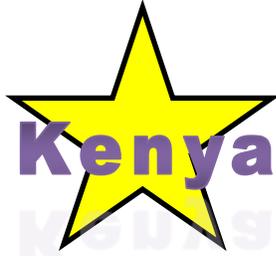


UNCRC Article:
18, 19, 20, 27, 34,
36

Accelerated Reader Results



The winners are.....



Group	% Score
Kenya	100%
China	100%
Brazil	92%
Ireland	91.7%
USA	90%
Poland	88.6%

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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This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Antarctica	22.3%
Mexico	36.7%
China	38%
Poland	46%
Kenya	35%
Brazil	54.2%
USA	41%
Ireland	32%

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

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.





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



GOLD BOOK

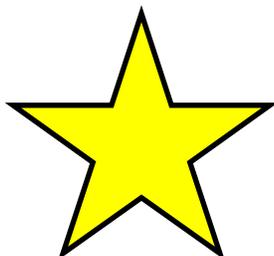


ANTARCTICA NURSERY	Millie-Lou	For consistently completing all the activities on Seesaw, everyday this week!
	Rosco	For impressing Mummy and Miss Fitzpatrick with his commitment on home learning.
MEXICO RECEPTION	Amelia	For finding new activities to do at home and sharing these.
	Darcie	For joining in with all of the activities set this week.
CHINA YEAR 1	Abi	For being enthusiastic in completing all Seesaw activities.
	Lexi	For doing lots of extra learning her mummy has set her too!
POLAND YEAR 2	Kaitlyn	For completing so many Accelerated Reader quizzes this week and achieving 80% or above in then all!
	Leo M	For completing lots and lots of Seesaw activities!
KENYA YEAR 3	Aston	For completing Seesaw activities, doing Joe Wicks' PE sessions and helping around the house!
	Mia	For writing some lovely expanded noun phrases.
BRAZIL YEAR 4	Evie	For sharing a fantastic scientific soap investigation.
	Maisie T	For completing her own activities AND helping her sister.
USA Y5	Lily Rose	For her resilience this week!
	Jacob	For his enthusiasm in completing Seesaw tasks.
IRELAND Y6	Melissa	For constantly accessing her home learning.
	Jonathan	For completing more than the challenges set, including learning to play the guitar!

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.



Elizabeth Pether
Poppy Sharp
Danny Rhodes
Tia Fudge
Harrison Goodison
Alfie Fudge
Florence Fitzpatrick

