

# Batheaston Church School



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## Weekly Newsletter - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

*Well done for surviving and getting through another week. I can not state enough how impressed we are with all that you are doing at home. Juggling work and home schooling is not easy but try not to be too hard on yourself. Your best is more than good enough, and we will get through this together and your child will be ok. Back in September, we were making great strides forward when the children returned to school and we were seeing lots of positive signs of children making good progress and catching up in such a short space of time. Therefore, if they were able to do it once, they will be able to do it again. We believe in them and we believe in you.*

*I had such a lovely meeting with your Parent Voice Representatives this week and it was great to receive such positive feedback from you. Thank you so much. It means everything to us to know that our efforts are appreciated and that we are able to provide you with support and tools you need to support your child at home. We took on board your suggestions and will make sure assignments and resources are uploaded the night before if not earlier and we have now created a weekly timetable of live sessions that will stay the same each week. Remember live sessions are optional as we know the difficulties some of you have with accessing devices and internet connections.*

*The teachers are also going to provide drop-in surgeries next week where the teachers will arrange to be on a TEAMS meeting where you can drop in and ask the teacher any questions about the work set and then drop out again. You may need to say hello when you drop in as the teacher may have minimised their screen and be working on something else in the background and not realise you are there. These times will vary throughout the week, depending on when the teacher is available, but they will try and give you as much notice as possible.*

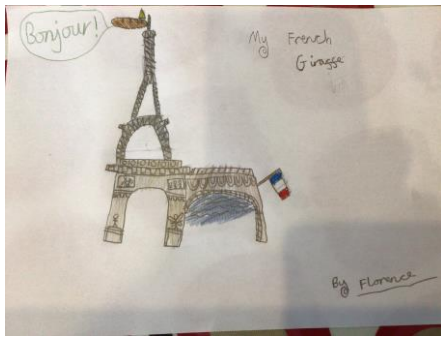
*Some of you may be aware that the Government has brought in home testing for all primary school staff and nursery staff which starts next week. We have already received our delivery of home testing kits and have attended training on how it will work. What is not very clear at this stage, is the immediate action schools take if a home testing kit comes back positive. Staff with a positive result are advised to get a PCR test to confirm the result but the confusion for many schools appears to be at what point do we close a bubble and seek advice from PHE. As children and staff safety remains our top priority, we have made the decision to close a bubble on receiving a positive result from a home testing kit and then await further instruction from PHE and the result of the PRC Test. This is a precautionary measure but one we feel is necessary to stop the spread. If the advice from PHE is to reopen the bubble or the PCR result comes back negative, then we will reopen and invite the children back into school. I hope you can understand why we have made this decision and understand the importance of keeping you all informed and safe.*

*Thank you as always for your support and the kind words we have received this week. It is always appreciated and in return we would like to thank you for all your efforts in standing in as substitute teachers when we can not be there in person. You are doing a great job (even if your children disagree :0) )*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

**Sally x**

## Learning at home.



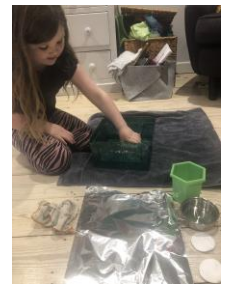
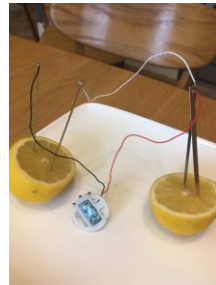
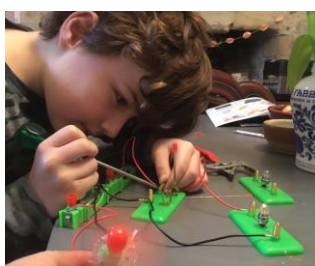
I can see creativity has been flowing this week with many children using their design and artistic skills to show off their creative side and produce some amazing illustrations. Inspired by the works of Andy Council, children have been using their geographical knowledge to produce



some amazing designs. Even Andy Council was impressed as he responded to their work on Twitter! Well done Hazel class.



It is great to see children becoming scientific with their learning and carrying out practical investigations at home. Willow class were looking at absorbancy and tried out different materials to see which ones were the most absorbant. I was particularly impressed with the equipment used to enable Hazel class to investigate circuits.



Elm class appear to be enjoying their new World Explorers topic and have produced some fantastic models, maps and research as they start to explore the World and beyond around them.



It is wonderful to see so many children enjoying their learning and using their practical skills to investigate, make and create. Well done for another super effort at home this week.



## Learning in school

Our Keyworker children this week have also continued their topic learning and enjoyed getting out the lego to create famous landmarks across the World. They used their collaborative and communication skills to build their models together.



I know that Cherry class have been busy learning a new story this week and have been using actions to help them remember the key events. I loved their rowing actions!

Apple class have been practising their observational drawing skills and were very excited to show me their amazing drawings of dinosaurs.



Our older children have been busy completing their learning online and have enjoyed joining the live sessions with their teachers. They have worked incredibly hard and have been really independent with their learning.



## Staying safe online

One of our top priorities is making sure our children and our staff are safe online. This is an area in which we need your support. On our webpage, under the remote learning section, we have put links to help you keep your children safe and to talk to your child about how they conduct themselves online. It is important that your child is not alone in their bedroom when they are on a live session and we ask that they are in a communal space, where you are able to keep an eye on them. If your child is old enough to work on the computer by themselves, that is fine as long as they are in a communal space and you are close by. Please click on the link below for more detail.

[Parent Pupil Guidance PDF.pdf \(batheastonprimary.co.uk\)](#)

## **Headteacher's Awards**

We think all our children have done a great job this week and have all been super stars. Well done! However with a keen focus on our 5Cs and our RECIPE values, teachers have selected the following children who they feel have really stood out this week and have shown these qualities within their learning and with their superb efforts either in school or at home.

### **Apple Class:**

**Bea Smith, Will Dando**

### **Cherry Class:**

**Bailey Chambers, Darcie Batchelor-Moore**

### **Willow Class:**

**Gabriel Hayes, Isobel Kember, Jack Kember**

### **Elm Class:**

**Zak Akehurst, Logan Service, Samuel Ward**

### **Hazel Class:**

**Dylan Desbois, Josh Hutchings, Florence Turton**

### **Maple Class:**

**Lillia Hudson Bates, Max Dickenson, Maxwell Luck**

### **Oak Class:**

**Ethan Tayler, Rylee Ball, Josh Akehurst**



# Congratulations

for achieving the Headteacher's award this  
week

WELL DONE!

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021    Signed: *Sally*



(Please feel free to print this out and award to your child)