

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday, 8th March 2021

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ALL PUPILS

Wednesday, 31st March 2021

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Monday, 19th April 2021

STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday, 20th April 2021

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday, 3rd May 2021

BANK HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

31st May - 4th June 2021

SUMMER HALF TERM - No School

Wednesday, 21st July 2021

END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE FOR PUPILS

Thursday, 22nd July 2021

STAFF INSET DAY



A Message from Sandy

Further to my message in the last newsletter and following the guidance by HM Government, I am pleased to advise that The Link Schools will be welcoming all pupils back on Monday 8th March.

To quote our Prime Minister 'the road to recovery has begun' and how nice it will be to get back to some kind of normality for our school community.

C-19 risk assessments and health and safety measures are still in place and will be adhered to.

I'm pleased to advise that most of the staff have now had their first vaccination which we see as a positive move to reduce absence caused by coronavirus. Regular lateral flow testing is also still being carried out on a weekly/twice weekly basis.

Secondary school pupils will be asked and encouraged to take lateral flow tests too, in accordance with Government/DfE guidance.

Full details explaining The Link's road to return will be issued to parents next week via parentmail.

Do keep an eye out, to make sure you don't miss any information.

Have a lovely weekend, the weather forecast is good, so let's all try and get out for some fresh air.

Sandy

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Creativity seems to be the order of the day at the primary school this week, with the most wonderful design and technology activities taking place; both on site and remotely.

Oak Class have been learning about homes and buildings and this week focused on where farm animals live. They made a wonderful farm, including a pig sty, chicken coop and a huge farmhouse.



Meanwhile in Hazel Class, they have been learning about China. They learnt about the types of food that are popular in that country and how many Chinese people eat using chopsticks. They even used chopsticks themselves, when tasting some Chinese food.

They donned hard hats and built their own version of The Great Wall of China. Although it didn't take as long as it did to build the real wall, the precision and labour involved was to be commended.

We'll also let you into a little secret, Hazel's Great Wall of China was made from sugar cubes (not earth, stone, brick, lime and wood like the original).





Balloons and bubbles are always useful resources to have in school - be it for attention activities or as a speech & language therapy aid, helping to master breathing control muscle definition. So you can imagine how delighted we were this week, when Toby managed to blow a balloon up on his own! A wonderful achievement from one of our younger pupils and a very good workout for his lungs!

At the secondary school, Alex from Fuller Class has been working so hard with his maths work. Not only has he been completing the work that Emily sets for him to do at home, but he has been working with his Mum to do additional work too! He epitomizes the school value of 'Success'.

Praise goes to the whole of Tomlin Class and Rafferty from Fuller Class, who have all been great at adapting to a different teaching style and a brand new topic.

Showing real 'Resilience', another of the school's values.

Charlie would like to say well done to eagle-eyed students who found extra spots the differences in her 'muddy spot the difference' starter this week. She missed so many herself!

Her well done includes all the students in Weir, Fuller and Wood, but especially Charlotte, Freddie, Owen and Aiden.

Charlie also said she is really sorry that she's never able to join the Friday Socials. She hopes it is a good one this week.

AND FINALLY



We are all thinking about Scarlett, who has been a very brave girl during her time in hospital. Mum sent in a picture of her with her very special bear called Pumba, given to her by the Doctors. He has the same feeding tube as Scarlett and she is taking care of him, just like her Mum is of her.