

St John's Upper Holloway Newsletter—March 2020

Jesus said 'Love each other as I have loved you' John 15:12

Hello everyone and welcome to a 'bumper edition' of the March newsletter!

Whether your children were learning from home last week or coming in to school, it was a strange week but still one that had so many highlights that showed what we can do when we all support each other. We certainly missed seeing all those children who had to remain at home and also missed our staff who have to self isolate or work from home. Even though we may not all be in the school building, we are here to take your phone calls and emails as normal so please do contact us if you have any questions or problems.

A few reminders if you are working online at home

1. If possible, keep laptops and computers in family rooms rather than bedrooms and ensure you monitor children's communications carefully. These NSPCC sites are really informative



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>

2. Teachers are doing an amazing job of posting work, marking online, setting up blogs and responding to questions. We are noticing that some children are working at 10-11pm. Please try and keep a regular routine for your child. I have also asked staff only to respond during school hours 8.55am-3.30pm.

3. Please be aware of scam emails. If you do get any asking for information in order that you can claim free school meals or for anything else, please call with us to double check that they have come from us.

Birthday news!

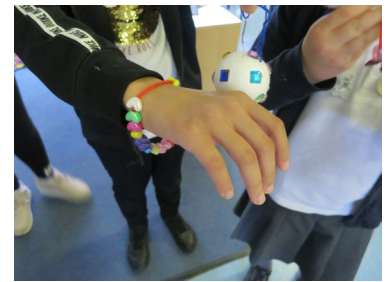
Celebrating your birthday in school with your friends can be great fun so we were sad that some of you were not able to be in school on your special day.

We will be sending out birthday cards in the coming weeks to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY from us all and in the meantime want to give a shout out to the following children who either had or will shortly have a birthday: Ezel, Finley TS, Oscar, Aizah, Naimiah, Eddie, Jahniah, Amber, Aron, Tonnar, Conry, Ayden, Amina, Kodi, Bailey, Naila, and Meliva



Highlights from school

Like all of you at home, the children in school have been working hard on their home learning packs and trying to keep their bodies fit with Joe Wicks or GoNoodle each morning. For those parents who don't know about GoNoodle, it's great fun and works out your child's body and mind all at the same time—why not log on and have fun GoNoodling together!

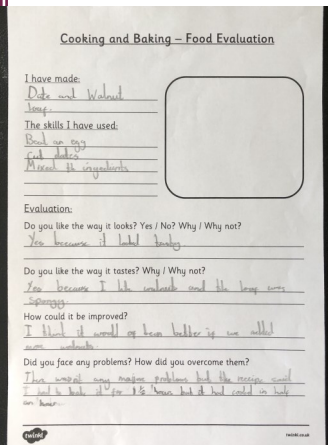
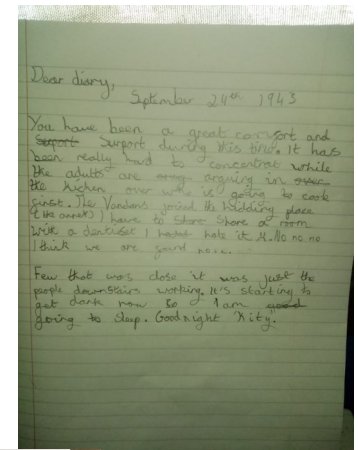
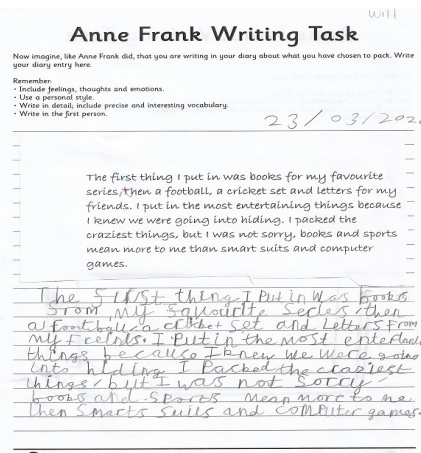


.... And highlights from home!

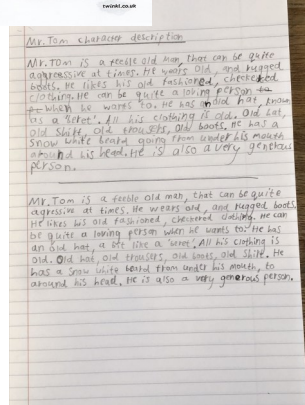
Year 6 'Although it's a tricky time, Year 6 have been working hard at home and producing some fabulous work. I'm very proud of everything they've achieved this week'. Miss Leeb



Eva's wartime cookery



Will's Anne Frank writing



Grace's Anne Frank diary

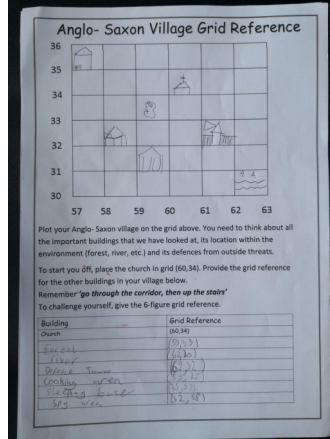
Neo's Mr Tom description

Year 5

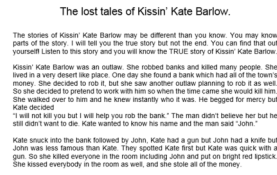
'I hope you are all keeping safe. Keep up the great work. It was nice to keep in contact through our blog and email. Keep sending in pictures. Be good' **Mr Evans**



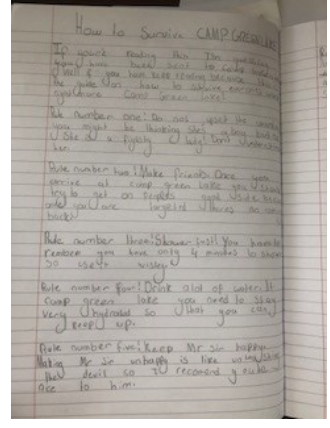
Tristan's diary



Jaeden's map work



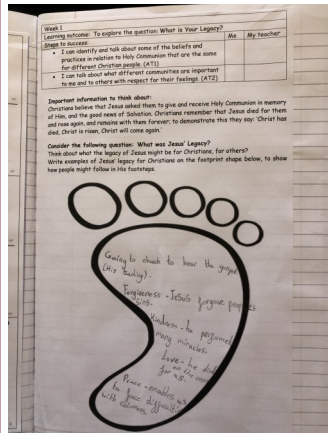
Hannah's terrible tale!



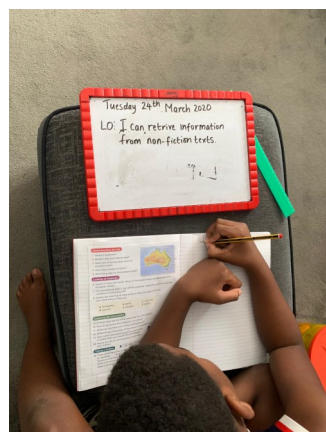
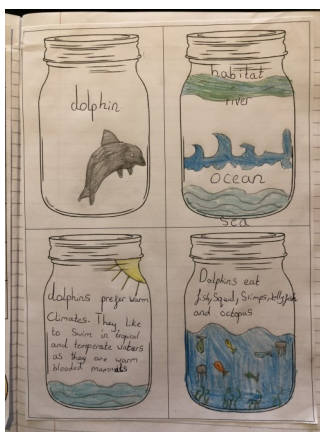
Eliza's writing

Year 4

'I have been really impressed with work that has been photographed and sent in. Make sure you keep up with your TTR and DoodleMaths!' **Mr Ventham**



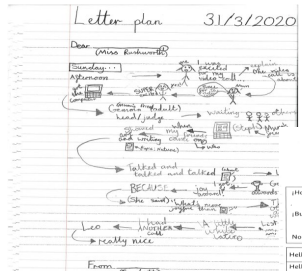
Some super home-learning from Lia!



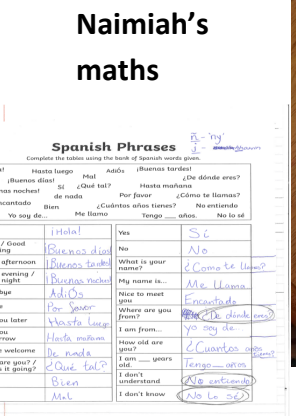
Kiyan's comprehension and pizza making!



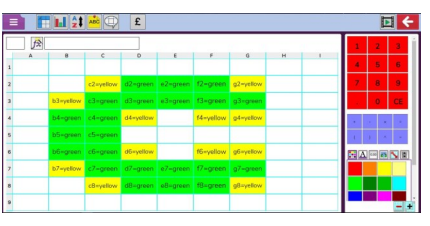
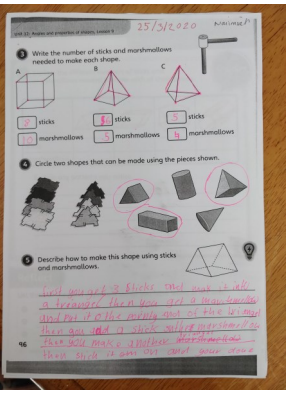
Year 3 I'm really enjoying meeting with you all every day on the Purple Mash blog! It's also so lovely to see how many of you are working on TTR and Doodle Maths, keep it up! I'm excited to see and hear about all of the things you have been getting up to during this home learning time! **Miss Rushworth**



Some Spanish and letter planning from Scarlett



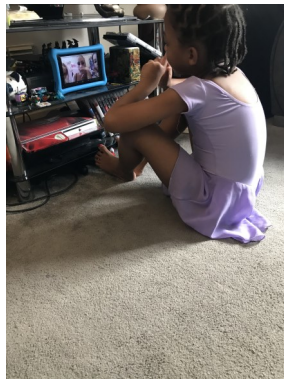
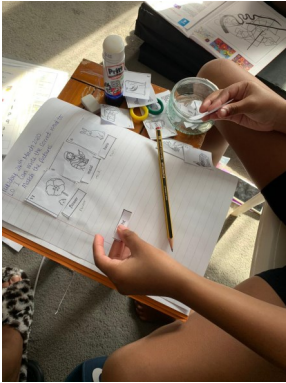
Naimiah's maths



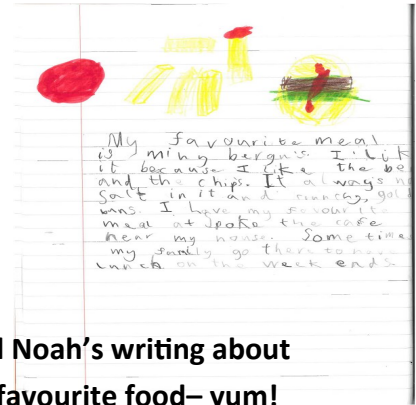
Coco's computing

Year 2

'I'm missing you all and will be posting photos of our hatching butterflies on the website this week.' **Miss Eden**



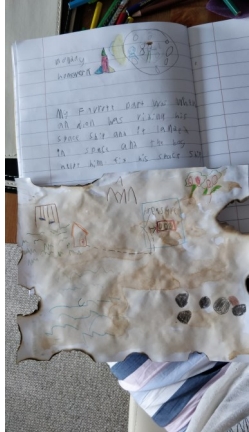
Athena is staying busy with homophones and ballet!



And Noah's writing about his favourite food- yum!

Year 1

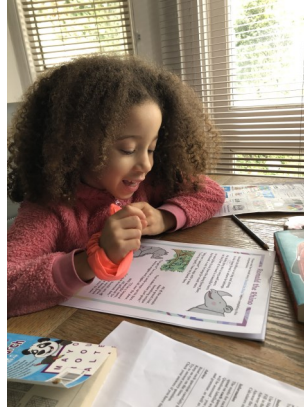
'It has been so lovely talking and hearing from you over the last week. You have been working so hard and doing your best. Well done to Year 1 for being the top class in Doodle Maths and a big well done to Anaya, Athena, Alex, Daisy, Destiny, Finley, Ibraheem, Jenna, Nooran, Nova, Tahlia and William for working in the green zone on Doodle Maths. Keep doodling to be the top star collector for Year 1! We have been watching 'Way Back Home' and I can't wait to read all of your stories at the end of the week'. **Miss Ross Goobey**



Alex's map



Alfie's word board



Anaya reading



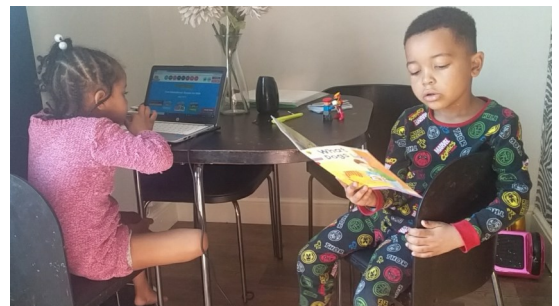
Jenna's RE writing

Early Years

'I've been really impressed with the photos that have been sent in of everyone working so hard at home. Betty Rose even sent in a video of her counting in 2s! I'm looking forward to the 'virtual get together' on Thursday'. **Miss Barbara**



David C's toilet roll art!



Kavell reading



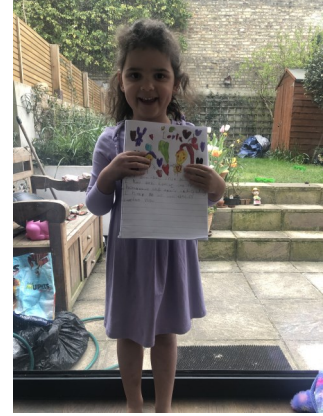
David preparing for the lego challenge



Kavell's frog



Violet's spelling and writing



A message from Revd Comfort

What can you do when there's nothing to do?

Many years ago when I was still a professional footballer, I suffered a bad knee injury, like REALLY bad! so bad I couldn't even hobble or take a shower.....pheeeew! I was so bored, of course I was never grumpy(hemhem!).....but really fed up!! Yes I watched TV..... but i couldn't even walk my dog. I was living hundreds of miles away from my family so, I was bored, frustrated, worried, seriously annoyed.....maybe I might have been a bit of a pain.....(never!) Well, right now you're off school but you can't go out and play, go to the park, or see your friends. What can you do? Can you change the way you see things? The Bible tells us to 'rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you.' When things are different and difficult for us, we need to change the way we see things. Can we look for new things to be thankful for?

So heres an idea, get a Jenga game out, if you've got one, or get some lego pieces....draw or write (careful felt tips don't get on your clothes!) on some of the pieces, something you could say sorry for, something you can say thank you for, and 3 little kindness acts you could do....one thing on each block. Then play the game with someone where they do it too, and see what each other has written or drawn on the blocks as you build them up or pull them out together. Enjoy and remember, Easter tells you how much God loves you, enough to give His Son Jesus to die for you, that's how much God loves you!

www.explore.org—more awe and wonder opportunities!

Miss Susan recommended this site to me as a way of escaping the four walls of home. The live webcams from around the world enable you to look at all sorts of wonderful wildlife from elephants at the Tembe Elephant Park to underwater manatees at Homosassa Springs. A treat for once you have finished all the home learning tasks for the day!

The leaderboards for Doodlemaths and TT Rockstars

Just because most of the children are learning at home, there is no reason not to celebrate those who are doing the best at our online maths games. Why not see if you can get on the leaderboard for next week!

Doodlemaths

The class with the greatest number of children on target is..... *Year 1.*

The top 10 doodlers are:

Name	Class	Points
Athena	Y1	1466
Leo	Y3	919
Jojo	Y5	667
Deniz	Y4	660
Anaya	Y1	643
Caleb	Y5	629
Charlie	Y3	575
Emerson	Y5	519
Alex	Y1	379
Aarna	Y4	368

A big well done to all those children who have achieved their goal and are in the 'green zone'!

See if you can get on to the leaderboard next week. Note, if you are struggling to get on and are using internet explorer, try using Google Chrome instead.

The top 10 TT Rockstars are:

	Name	Year-group	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Rock Status
1	Latelabwe Beni Paphie	Year 4	5.26	0.92	Rock Hero
2	England Leila	Year 6	2.36	0.95	Rock Hero
3	Keduse Adoniya	Year 4	2.43	1.02	Rock Legend
4	Will Powney	Year 6	3.77	1.09	Rock Legend
5	Mr H. Ventham		1.31	1.14	Rock Legend
6	Modha Aarna	Year 4	1.99	1.15	Rock Legend
7	Amin Sarah	Year 5	1.36	1.33	Rock Legend
8	Mekonen Nahum	Year 4	3.30	1.34	Rock Legend
9	Povilaitis Deniz	Year 4	1.88	1.44	Rock Legend
10	Dip Jo Jo	Year 5	2.03	1.52	Rock Legend

A huge well done to Beni, Leila, Ade and Will who all beat Mr Ventham!

Let's see if anyone else can become a Rock hero next week!