



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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As we head towards the end of this week, we wanted to say what a fantastic job you, as parents, are doing at setting up your own learning timetables and doing as much as you can do. We know it is hard and we know that you are not teachers but you are trying your best to help your young people and that is the only thing that is important. We are hoping that Boris will make some decisions soon about what reopening to all children will look like.

SEND children – We know that this isn't an easy time for parents whose child may have a special educational need. Miss Wilkins is on hand to offer advice and we are here to listen and see if we can solve some of the issues you may be experiencing. The difficulty is that we can't teach the children at this time.

INSET DAY – Just a reminder that **Friday 12th January is an INSET day and we will be closed to all pupils including key workers and vulnerable children**. Teachers will not be setting learning at all and we would encourage the children to go and do something completely different away from Google classroom and screens, such as a walk, art and craft, activities outdoors (Lots of examples on my previous newsletters, baking or something that they are interested in). We will be posting learning in Google Classroom from Monday 22nd February.

Jokes –

Q - What is rhubarb?

A - Celery with high blood pressure!

Thank you to **Angel** for this one!



Charity work - Noah E (SL) will be completing a 30k accumulated run in February to raise money for Chestnut Tree House. This is a great achievement and is about giving something back to others. If you feel you can sponsor him then please **click the link [Justgiving page](#)** . Well done Noah, we look forward to hearing about the end result.

Mental Health and Wellbeing week – Please do have a look at our newsletter about Mental Health and Wellbeing. It has been great to hear about some of the daily check ins and things you have been talking about. Please send us photographs or a description as something that you do might help someone else.

Twitter – Great to see that Andrew Griffiths MP liked one of our twitter posts this week. If you haven't signed up to our Twitter then please do on: @Pulb_school

Reopening of school – Boris Johnson has announced that we should look at beginning to reopen the school on the 8th March. We will send out more details closer to the time when it looks like he is adhering to this and we have more guidance. We did really well getting everyone back at the end of the last lockdown and we will aspire to do the same. We miss the children greatly and want to be open to all children safely.

Personal Achievements –

- **Chene DP (Jap)** for her RE work and it was really impressive!
- **Abi T (Jap)** amazing horse antics going on this outdoor challenge and we like that you linked the two things together.
- **Maddie R (SA)** has sent in photographs of cake making this week with a Harry Potter theme – I hope the cakes were as tasty as they look.
- **Elani (NZ)** has managed to draw a unicorn on her outdoor challenge. What a great drawing and you got your exercise in as well.



If anyone else is proud of a new skill or hobby then please let me know.

Learning Achievement – Each week we will be sending home a certificate and a gold sticker for one child in each class who has gone above and beyond in their learning. We are keen to keep the motivation and engagement up over the next few weeks.

Well done to these children!

Let's see who will earn one next week... watch out for this on our newsletter.

UK –	Freddie B
Austria –	Flora B
Thailand –	Max H
France –	Sienna E
India –	Rex E
Ireland –	Skye T
NZ:	Dexter R
USA –	Tyler C
Sierra Leone –	Martha L
Mexico –	Charlie K
China –	Noah G
South Africa –	Mae E
Japan –	Sam A



PE Challenges – This week's PE challenge was the clap and catch challenge, with children being asked to throw a ball in the air and clap as many times as possible before catching it. Well done to the 75 entries this week; it was a very tight contest between the colour teams. Congratulations goes to **RED TEAM** who are this week's winners!



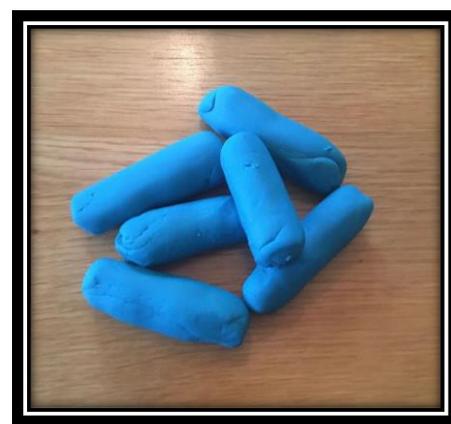
100 Recommended Reads by Year group – Click [HERE](#) to find 100 recommended reads for your child's year group. It may be that you already have some on your bookcase at home, or you can access them FREE through MyOn by simply logging on and choosing the book.

Singing with Mrs Copus – On my Health and Wellbeing newsletter this week, we put links to Songs of Worship and we had no take up for Early Years and Key Stage One. I will have another go next Wednesday. Key Stage 2 is on Friday 5th February at 9.15am if you would like to join. Please contact the office if you would like a log in to these sessions.

Year 6 End of year Hoodies – An email has gone out about this to Y6 parents, please make sure you read and respond. We would hate anyone to miss out.



Year 6 Learning – Year 6 have been learning about the characteristics of different types of microorganisms in Science this week. They have compared the structure of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells and found out how to distinguish between them. We were very impressed with the practical work that the children produced in designing their own microorganisms. Here are some examples of the microorganisms created by the children in school and those learning at home.



Food technology – Cook with Mrs Copus!

A healthy option this week to try and beat the 'winter blues'! This week we are making 'smoothies'. If anyone wants to send me photos from this week then we will share it on our newsletter.

Equipment:

- Blender
- Chopping board
- Knife (please ask an adult to supervise you)

Ingredients:

- 90g strawberries
- 1 banana
- 60g raspberries
- 450ml Milk
- 1 scoop ice cream

Method:

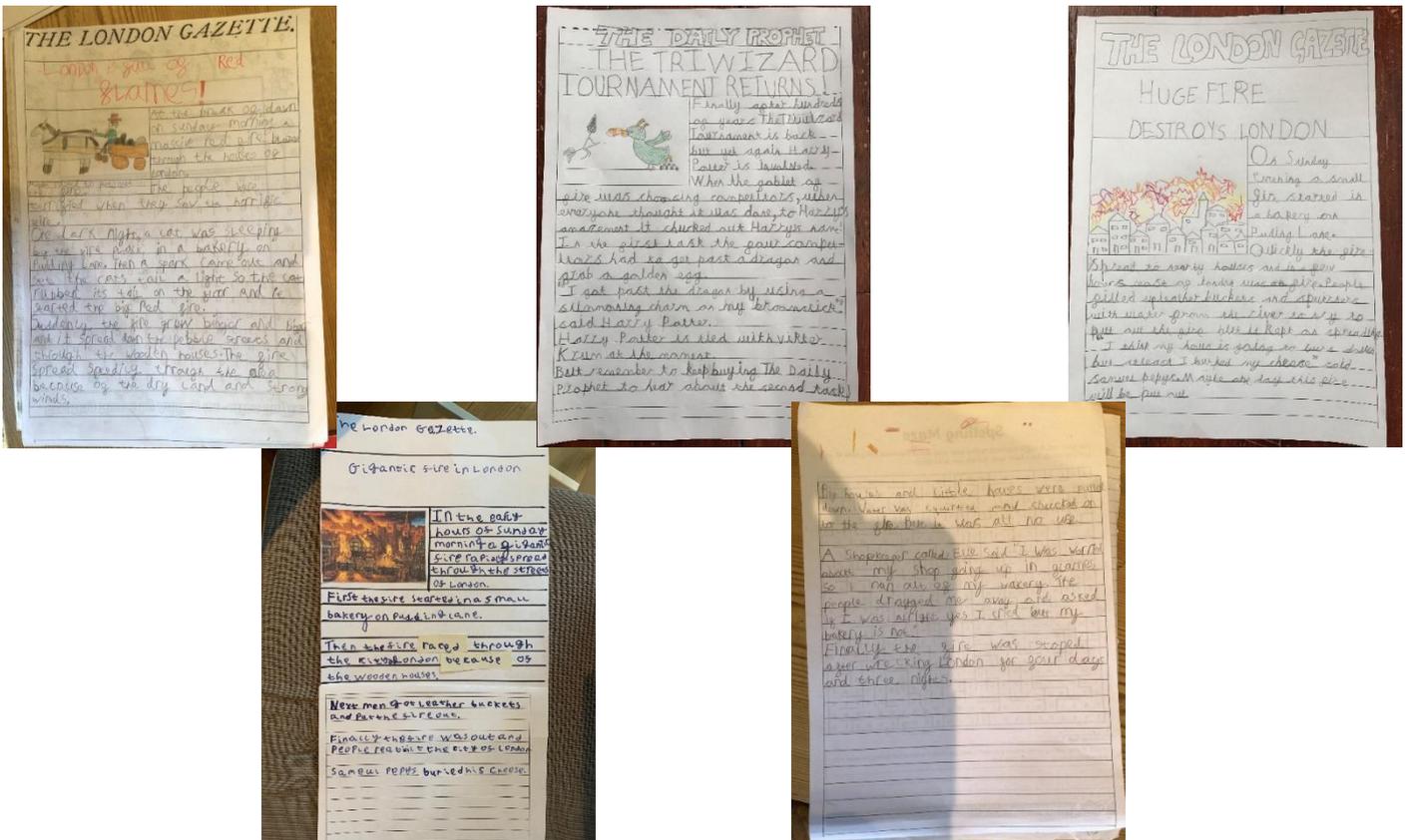
- Prepare the fruit
- Drop in the fruit
- Add the rest
- Screw the lid on tight and blend
- Enjoy!



Virtual School Games - The Sussex 'Virtual' School Games returned this Monday, inspired by events from The Winter Olympics. It is running in the same way as the summer games - new challenges are posted every Monday and the children will have until midday Friday to complete them and submit their scores. They can do these either at home or in school. The scores are added and the leader board sent out later that day.

St. Mary's performed very well last time and it's a great chance for us to compete against other schools all over the county! Our students loved competing so let's all get involved again!

Writing from home Year 2 -



Lockdown Learning – helpful timetable from the BBC

Continue your learning at bbc.co.uk/bitesize
Catch up on all the shows on BBC iPlayer

BBC Bitesize				
Lockdown Learning				
Mon 1 - Fri 5 Feb				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Primary Learning on CBBC				
08:00 BBC Bitesize Daily Maths • Science • English • PSHE	08:00 BBC Bitesize Daily English • Computing • Science • History	08:00 BBC Bitesize Daily Science • History • English • PSHE	08:00 BBC Bitesize Daily Maths • English • Science • PSHE	08:00 BBC Bitesize Daily English • History • Science • PSHE
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12:00 Celebrity Supply Teacher	12:00 Celebrity Supply Teacher	12:00 Celebrity Supply Teacher	12:00 Celebrity Supply Teacher	12:00 Celebrity Supply Teacher
13:00 Horrible Histories	13:00 Horrible Histories	13:00 Horrible Histories	13:00 Horrible Histories	13:00 Horrible Histories
14:00 Our School	14:00 Our School	14:00 Our School	14:00 Our School	14:00 Our School
15:00 Art Maps	15:00 Art Maps	15:00 Art Maps	15:00 Art Maps	15:00 Art Maps
16:00 Operation Duct	16:00 Operation Duct	16:00 Operation Duct	16:00 Operation Duct	16:00 Operation Duct
Secondary Learning on BBC Two (16+)				
08:00 Without the Weight We Carry	08:00 Without the Weight We Carry	08:00 Without the Weight We Carry	08:00 Without the Weight We Carry	08:00 Without the Weight We Carry
09:00 Bitesize Daily Secondary Thinking & Creativity	09:00 Bitesize Daily Secondary Thinking & Creativity	09:00 Bitesize Daily Secondary Thinking & Creativity	09:00 Bitesize Daily Secondary Thinking & Creativity	09:00 Bitesize Daily Secondary Thinking & Creativity
10:00 Black and British A Celebration	10:00 Black and British A Celebration	10:00 Black and British A Celebration	10:00 Black and British A Celebration	10:00 Black and British A Celebration
11:00 Valley of the Trolls	11:00 Valley of the Trolls	11:00 Valley of the Trolls	11:00 Valley of the Trolls	11:00 Valley of the Trolls

Please stay safe this week and if we can help in any way then please email - head@stmarysprimarypulborough.co.uk

Remember – you are doing a brilliant job at this very difficult time.