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Another week into our different way of educating and whilst there has been no template for this and we have all had to learn, I think it is fair to say that the arrangements we have in place seem to be going very well. I would like to thank staff for their hard work in making this happen and to all of you for being so committed and supportive.

Work is now all being set via google classroom and most classes have at least 85% of children on – some closer to 100%. We are working hard to ensure all have access to this and we know some of you have found this experience easier than others. It is lovely to hear that you feel it makes you feel more connected to us and the children like to see the staff on the videos – we know how important that this is. We know that some children find work more challenging or need a further a greater challenge, so in this newsletter you will find out how to access all year groups google classroom pages. Please feel free to take a look and have a go. It is not a normal classroom environment or how we would normally operate so we wanted to give parents as much flexibility as we can. It is fine to work on things set in other classes if that's what your child needs.

We have also taken on parental feedback that tasks are easier when they can be completed with all siblings involved. We will continue to post a daily hello, English and maths only on class pages but will be posting more of the wider curriculum activities on the whole school page so that families can access this and complete them together, if you choose. The whole school page will continue to have lots of fun activities on such as challenges, or quizzes along with story time and daily collective worship. I hope you have seen examples of imaginative, engaging tasks set and the facebook, Show and Tell posts show some examples of excellent activities going on (with the impressive collaboration of family members in many cases).

I also want to remind you to just do what you can. There is a lot of content on google classroom and it is never our intention to overwhelm you with that – please pick and choose. It is not our intention for you to complete everything (equally, you could do so if that's what your child/ren want/need to do). We know every family is unique so we have tried to offer a range of things to help in this challenging time.

I appreciate how hard this must be for parents and I want to congratulate you for doing a great job in really challenging circumstances. I am hoping we have found a happy medium and I would like to thank you to those who have expressed your gratitude for our efforts. We strive to achieve the best we can under circumstances none of us could have predicted, and we do welcome your feed-back.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

We miss our families enormously.

Mrs Capel

### Government reminder: Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.



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We would like to send huge Happy Birthday wishes to those children who have been celebrating this week and plan to soon!

We hope that you all have a great day.

You are.....

Bobby on 27<sup>th</sup> April

Lucca on 28<sup>th</sup> April

Lily on 29<sup>th</sup> April

## Google Classroom

We hope you have enjoyed accessing Google Classroom so far. It's great to see so many of you using it already. Moving forward, this is going to be where the work for all children will be posted so please use this to access it. Don't forget that you can share your work on the show and tell posts on Facebook – we love to see it!

We thought it would be a great idea to open up every class's content to all children. This means that children will be able to access a wider range of activities across different year groups. They will also be able to see different teachers more regularly and this will hopefully continue to make the children feel like they are at school as much as possible. The class codes are as follows, including the whole school one if you haven't had a chance to join that yet. You should just be able to follow the same process as before, by just clicking the plus button on the Google Classroom homepage and typing in the code.

Please do speak to your classteacher if you have any issues.

Aardman JJ: wg242ij  
Aardman CD: kv7g4oy  
Rowling SM: xkrhahk  
Rowling LS: 3w3wurc  
Banksy RF: expbrur  
Banksy GJ: xlw5fpi  
Dyson AO: r3bsfrt  
Dyson JC: k2w4qzy  
Whole school: j6yd4qa



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**We thought we would have a bit of fun and let you know a little bit more about the Teaching Assistants. Welcome to our "Did you know?" section.**

**Mrs Broadbent**

Did you know that Mrs Broadbent completed the Midnight Walk with Miss Jerreat and Mrs Harris?  
Did you know that Mrs Broadbent has two dogs called Belle and Ruby?  
Did you know that Mrs Broadbent has travelled on the Flying Scotsman?

**Mrs Shaw**

Did you know that Mrs Shaw has 2 naughty cats named Tiger and Mouser?  
Did you know that Mrs Shaw loves to drink hot Marmite?  
Did you know that Mrs Shaw collects pottery fishing boats and dreams of one day living by the sea?.....

**Miss Jerreat**

Did you know that Miss Jerreat has zip lined 490m across a flooded quarry?  
Did you know that Miss Jerreat has been to New York 3 times? (and she wants to live there!)  
Did you know that Miss Jerreat has been on a giant swing in Amsterdam that was 100m high and she screamed the whole time?

**Miss Beveridge**

Did you know that last year Miss Beveridge spent 3 months travelling the otherside of the world?  
Did you know that Miss Beveridge is also a qualified swimming teacher?  
Did you know that Miss Beveridge recently adopted two kittens?

**Mrs Pryor**

Did you know that Mrs Pryor used to work in South Africa looking after Lions for 4 months? Tiny baby ones right up to the big ones that were released into the wild!  
Did you know that Mrs Pryor has two little girls? Felicity who is 8 and Rosie who is 4  
Did you know that Mrs Pryor enjoys crocheting toy animals? (she has made lots recently!)

**Mrs Kenway**

Did you know Mrs Kenway is from Billericay in Essex but doesn't know Gavin or Stacey.  
Did you know Mrs Kenway does not like cheese or Marmite!!  
Did you know Mrs Kenway has two cats named Bella and Bear.

**Mrs Smith**

Did you know that Mrs Smith speaks French and Spanish and has lived in France and Spain?  
Did you know that Mrs Smith has a German Shorthaired Pointer dog called Grace?  
Did you know that Mrs Smith says she couldn't survive without cheese?

**Mr Lavis**

Did you know that Mr Lavis once worked as a lifeguard?  
Did you know Mr Lavis has a Golden Retriever called Millie who is always happy to see him?  
Did you know that Mr Lavis once used to have so much hair he used to have it permed at the back?

**Mrs Lear**

Did you know that Mrs Lear has an identical twin sister and identical twin daughters (her youngest daughter would also like to be a twin)?  
Did you know Mrs Lear has 2 dogs and a cat and would love to own a donkey?  
Did you know Mrs Lear loves to spend time in Devon?

**Can you write your own Did you know questions and share them?  
You could even post them on our Show and Tell facebook sections.  
We would love to find out more about you all.**





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**Times Tables Rockstars** is a great way to practice your times tables! Why not use your time at home to make your times tables skills **RAZOR SHARP!** You'll feel more **CONFIDENT** and find your maths **EASIER!** Plus you can compete against others (and don't worry, it's not just about knowing them all, it's about knowing the ones you do know **REALLY WELL!**). So get playing!!!



Dyson JC	<b>5,669</b>	<b>4,588</b>	Rowling LS
Dyson AC	<b>1,633</b>	<b>3,023</b>	Rowling SM
Banksy TP	<b>3,555</b>	<b>5,636</b>	Banksy RF

Rowling LS Boys	<b>1,762</b>	<b>911</b>	Rowling LS Girls
Rowling LS	<b>2,673</b>	<b>2,190</b>	Rowling SM

## BATTLE RESULTS!

Dyson JC have just edged out Rowling LS, in a close and high-scoring battle... well done Y6!

Rowling SM have fought hard and beaten Dyson AC.

And finally, Banksy RF have romped to victory against Banksy TP, now GJ!

## BATTLE UPDATES!

Come on Rowling LS girls, the boys are moving forwards... log on and catch them up!

Meanwhile, it's close between Rowling LS and Rowling SM... can they hold the lead or will our plucky Y1 children catch up?



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## Home learning in school and at home

What amazing efforts for your home learning at home and your efforts in school. You have again made us feel very proud of everything you are doing. If you are at home, remember you aren't their teachers so please don't ever feel under any pressure – just do what you can do and that will be enough. Thank you for all you are doing, sharing and supporting each other and us in school – we feel very lucky to have you all in our Pucklechurch family.

### In school

In school this week, we have been exploring our natural environment; we collected leaves and wild flowers and made collages with them, planted sunflower seeds, read Stick Man and made a stick man family out of sticks and made daffodils out of egg cartons. We have also been creative and draw unicorns, ice cream cones and Disney characters.



### Dyson JC

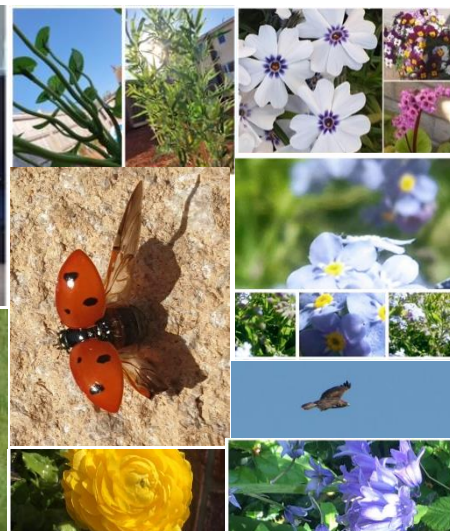
Year 6, I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready to dive into an exciting new way of learning. Congratulations on being so resilient and continuing to follow the Pucklechurch way in such unusual times. I hope you have enjoyed your first week of google classroom and I have loved seeing some wonderful examples of all your work, particularly all your new Pucklechurch kit designs! Well done Dyson JC!



Take care, Miss Coleman.

### Dyson AO

Welcome back to Term 5. We hope you have all had a lovely break and have started to get used to our new way of learning. It is so lovely to see so many of you engaging with the learning on Google Classroom. Mrs Addison and Mrs Owens are loving seeing all your work on Facebook. We were particularly impressed with the amazing photographs you took to celebrate 'Earth Day 2020'. Well done, Year 5! Mrs Owens and Mrs Addison



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## **BANKSY RF**

Hello Banksy RF! I hope you had a lovely Easter and managed to enjoy spending time with your family in the sunshine. It's a real shame that we aren't back in our classroom this week, but luckily we have google classroom which is the next best thing. I hope you've enjoyed watching the videos and completing the activities on there as much as I've enjoyed creating them for you. I've loved looking at what you have been up to on the 'show and tell' post on Facebook. Well done Year 3!



## **ROWLING SM**

Welcome back Pucklechurch. It has been lovely seeing all of Years 1's wonderful hard work, from taking part in Mrs Jone's photography challenge, to creating Kindinsky pictures, creating an eco-poster and even making a hamster run. It is lovely to see all of your creations!

We hope you are all enjoying the first week of Google Classroom. I am looking forward to seeing all of your work next week in our 'show and tell'.

Well done Year 1

Miss Miller

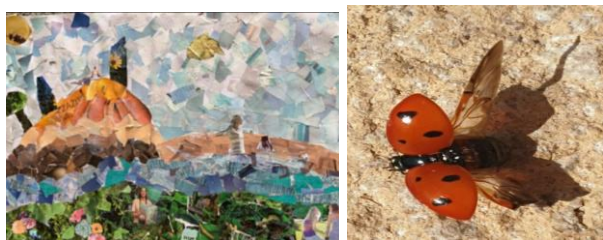


## **BANKSY GJ**

Welcome back to term 5! It's nice to be back even if it's very different! Thanks for all of your welcome back messages!

Banksy GJ, you have impressed me this week! You're all working so hard but are also taking the time to spend some quality time with your families! I enjoyed seeing your Alphabet Photography pictures as well as your Earth Day art!

Well Done Year 4!



## **ROWLING LS**

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter with your family and enjoyed lots of time in the sunshine. I can see that you have already been very hard at work on Google Classroom so I am very impressed!

I loved seeing your Earth Day pictures and all the other wonderful activities that you have been doing like music, reading, baking, gardening and so much more!

Keep up the good work, year 2! Missing you all.



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## AARDMAN CD

Welcome back to Term 5 Aardman! I hope you had a visit from the easter bunny!

Well done if you have accessed the Google Classroom, I hope you are enjoying the videos! Thank you to those of you who have posted work to Tapestry; it is great to see how you are getting on and what lovely activities you have been doing at home.

Here is one happy birthday boy, with his new pet, and another smiling pupil working hard with her sisters! Well done and keep up the hard work! We are missing you all.



## Children's Mental Wellbeing Government Resources

Social isolation, reduced exercise and bereavement may affect children's wellbeing in this period. Resources to promote and support children and young people's mental wellbeing include:

- [MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health](#) which is relevant for parents and carers as well as volunteers, teachers, and other professionals working with children
- [Every Mind Matters platform](#) which supports looking after your own and other's mental health
- [guidance on looking after wellbeing and mental health](#) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak
- [guidance on supporting children's wellbeing and mental health](#)

## AARDMAN JJ

Hello Aardman and welcome back to Term 5!

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and haven't eaten too many chocolate eggs!! :)

I hope you have enjoyed your first week using google classroom. It has been lovely to see you all doing the activities and fun things at home!

Here is what some of you have been up to... Our children have been busy planting seeds, doing a 2D shape hunt around the house and making a butterfly spotting chart, One young Pucklechurcher has been learning all about how to look after his baby rabbits and another has had lots of fun in the sun and cooling off with an ice cream!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

Take care, Miss Jones



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## Music at Home!

Don't forget to give your children an opportunity to try YUMU, our online music program, which now has extra music units available, including the Big Bear Funk, Blackbird by the Beatles and lots more - try them out and bring some music into your day! If you're not sure of your child's YUMU log-in details, please email your class teacher.



Also, if your child learns an instrument at home but has had to stop lessons since the lockdown, YUMU has guitar, keyboard, record and violin online programs that your child could work through, completely free - please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in trying one of these packages.



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## Government links for keeping your child safe online

Here are some useful links to help parents and carers

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) to stay safe online
- to help families manage during this time, the NCA has launched [Thinkuknow: home activity packs](#), a set of fun, engaging activities based on Thinkuknow cartoons, films, games, and advice articles
- a new activity sheet for each age group will be published on the [Thinkuknow](#) website every 2 weeks while schools are closed - these activities offer a great opportunity to help you keep up positive, supportive conversations about online safety in your home
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) provides a tool kit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet Matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [LGF](#) - support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including 6 top tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net Aware](#) - support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, providing a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) - support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services
- [staying safe online](#) - government guidance offering advice on parental controls, fact-checking information, communicating with family and friends while social distancing is in place and taking regular breaks



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## Cross Country Challenge

We are very excited to announce the following Home X-Country League. We would usually be spending most of the summer participating in events run by CSET so it is great that we still have the chance to be involved. It is going to run over 3 weeks and below are the details included for the first week.

Hope you enjoy taking part in this competition, even if it is just for a bit of fun! If you do decide to take part, don't forget to post the photos on our Facebook Show and Tell page. Good luck.

### Rules:

- Children must run it alone, but can be encouraged by family members in the garden
- Music can accompany the running
- Water bottles/drinks can be handed to them as they are running

<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>CSET Sports Partnership Home X-Country League</b>
<b>DATES:</b>	Any day between Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
<b>VENUE:</b>	Your own back garden or suitable safe space
<b>DISTANCE TO RUN:</b>	KS1 – 600m = 75 laps Year 3/4 – 800m = 100 laps Year 5/6 (& Teachers) – 1000m = 125 laps
<b>EQUIPMENT / CLOTHING:</b>	Comfortable clothes to run in – Good pair of running/trainer shoes If the weather is warm then please ensure you use sunscreen and wear a hat



### HOW TO ORGANISE YOUR COURSE:

- ✎ A course/track of 8m should be marked out in the garden – Place an object at each end of the course/track.
- ✎ **IMPORTANT – Ensure that the garden is clear of any trip hazards/obstacles and, if you are running on grass, it is not too wet to run on.**
- ✎ A lap is counted as running from one marker to the other
- ✎ Children record the time taken to complete the required number of laps (ideally get someone else to help count the number of laps you do)



Please ensure you send your Week 1 Isolation Aisle Course results to Dean Garrett at [csetprimarycompetition@cset.co.uk](mailto:csetprimarycompetition@cset.co.uk) by **FRIDAY 1ST MAY @ 8PM**

Please include the child's full name, (only first name will be published on twitter) school name and the time run (as shown on the timer (e.g.5:03:22))



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