



Wheatfield Primary School

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Newsletter

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This Week at Home

Let's start with an enormous thank you! The staff team were bowled over by your efforts for 'National Thank a Teacher Day' on Wednesday. The videos and messages were greatly appreciated and the fact that these were delivered so brilliantly by the children put a spring in our step and a smile on our face! Thanks to everyone who took part and also to those of you who took the time to co-ordinate and arrange this – we loved it!

I am sure that you will have all taken some time to pour over our plans for re-opening which were sent out on Wednesday. Many of you may still feel unsure about what to do next and some of you may be disappointed that we are not able to offer more sooner. Whatever your position, I would remind you that we have worked within a very tight set of DfE guidance and that the safety of your children and family, as well as our staff team, has been at the heart of every decision we have taken.

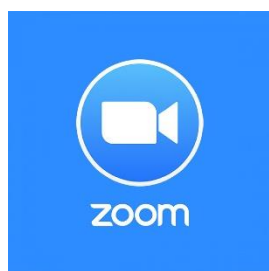
If you're still looking at the calendar then you will know that today marks the start of half-term. As with the Easter break, we will be pausing our home-learning offer for the next week and encouraging you and your children to take a break in whatever form feels comfortable. I hope that the easing of lockdown combined with some good weather opens up a few more opportunities for you all.

Thank you again for all your support, patience and encouragement this term – as headteacher, I firmly believe that this experience has brought us closer as a community. This week's theme has been resilience and Wheatfield has proved that it has resilience in bucket-loads!

Have a fantastic break.

Phil Winterburn - Headteacher

Zoom



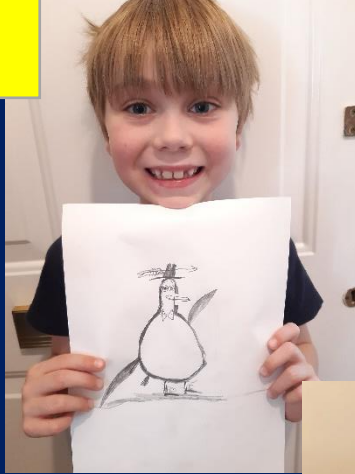
As a Local Authority school, we have been instructed by the council to stop using Zoom as a platform for communication due to security concerns. We know that Zoom has been a popular and user-friendly method of communication which teachers and families have been using (as we understand it) without issues. Unfortunately, now that we have received this directive, we will be unable to continue using Zoom from this point on. Microsoft Teams is being cited as a secure replacement but it may be that this is less accessible for families. I trust that you understand the reasons behind this decision and the fact that it is beyond our control.



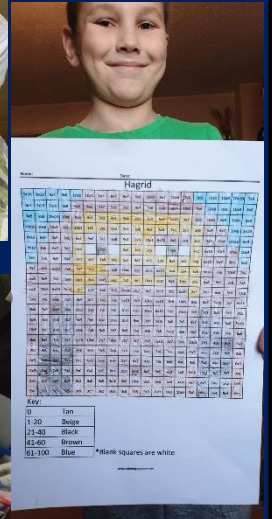
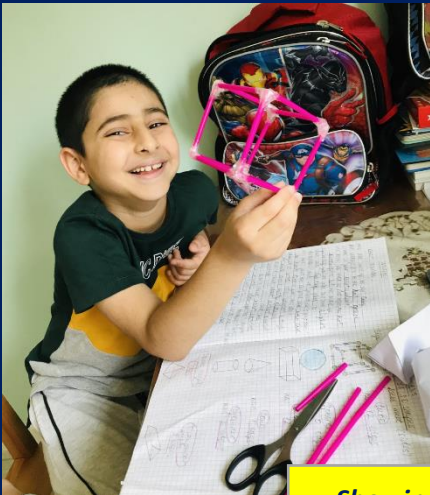
Rock Stars!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Friends' 'decorate a rock' challenge. If you haven't heard about this then it's really simple – decorate a rock or pebble and come and join it to the collection which are now circling the circumference of 'the loop'! It would be amazing if we could get enough entries to spread right the way round. If you need some inspiration, you could pop along and take a look at the ones already there!

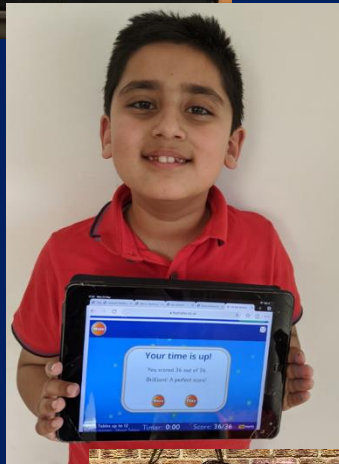
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