

Shinewater Primary School

Weekly Newsletter No.1



A message from our Co-Headteachers...

Hello to our Shinewater families!

We will be sending a keep in touch newsletter each week to help to keep our fabulous community together. The staff all send their best wishes. They have been working tirelessly either in school, or at home, providing your children with an education. Please make the most of the resources on the website too-there are lots of ideas for keeping children educated and occupied. We would really like to thank you for all your understanding and co-operation as we know we have been bombarding you with information-hopefully we can all settle into a routine now. We would also like to thank you for all your messages of support-keep them coming, they really do make a difference. Staff morale is high, and they are a credit to their profession. We are so proud of their dedication and commitment. They are calling themselves Team Shine! - and they really do. A huge thank you to all of the key workers and volunteers out there doing their bit for all of us. To help them please heed the Chief Medical Officer's advice - stay home unless getting food or medical supplies and children should not be mixing with other children even though this may feel very hard to do it is important. Let's all support our wonderful NHS.

Keep smiling everyone!

Mrs Kaufman and Mrs Burbidge

Pupils eligible for free school meals...

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with organising of food for children eligible for FSM. This has been a mammoth task and our academy has been truly amazing organising this. Initially, due to the shelves being bare in the supermarkets, it was felt that food parcels would be the way forward. The skeleton staff and Anita in the kitchen were faced with an enormous task of bagging it all up! The food was somewhat random and not of our choosing, but we have been grateful for your kind words of support. We are now awaiting the national Government voucher system to be put in place. In the short term Swale Academies Trust has purchased food vouchers from TESCO. Each child eligible will receive a £20 voucher per week to spend on food. This is well above what the Government vouchers will be paying per week when their scheme is ready to roll out. We have been well supported by the whole Swale team.

Please note this in **ONLY** for children who are eligible for Free School Meals and not purely pupil premium children. The school will email you with your e vouchers ASAP-if we do not have an email address please could you provide us with one. Thank you. office@shinewater.e-sussex.sch.uk.

News from in School...

Mrs Mans, Mrs Smith and Mrs Sivers have been keeping the children at school busy and entertained with PE sessions, Maths and English activities in the morning followed by reading and art tasks in the afternoon. We have been so impressed with the way in which these pupils have adapted to a different way of working in school and their positive outlook. Some of the children worked together on Wednesday to produce this beautiful piece of art on the playground. We think it shows just how resilient and positive our lovely pupils are!



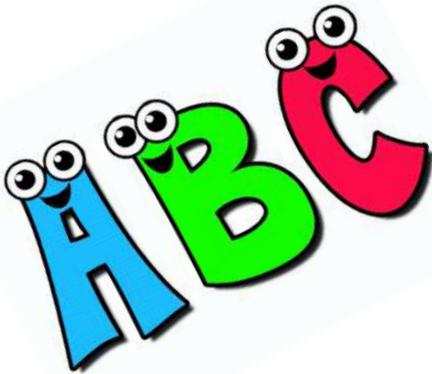
Google classroom for KS2



The teachers have been improving their own learning. They have been learning how to use Google Classroom this week so thank you for being patient with us. Hopefully all children now have access to their Google Classroom account. If you are having issues, please contact Mrs Boddy on serenab@shinewater.e-sussex.sch.uk. who will be happy to help you. Your child's teacher will set a variety of work for them to complete during the week. Thank you and well done to all the children and parents who have been completing lots of amazing work. Staff have also been completing online training courses to keep themselves up to date with the latest educational initiatives.



Nursery



Miss Broder says I have really enjoyed seeing your uploads on tapestry of all the lovely activities you have chosen to do with your families! Please keep updating us with all your great home learning! A lot of you have chosen to plant your own seeds, what lovely weather we have at the moment, perfect for our seeds! I wonder how tall they will grow? Keep an eye on MarvellousMe! for more daily fun activities that you can do with your children.

Message from Mrs Wilkinson...

I hope you have been joining in every morning with Joe Wicks PE on you tube. I have really enjoyed seeing what you have all been doing when it has been uploaded on to the Tapestry website. I am very pleased to see a lot of you are practising your reading and writing. Make sure you all keep safe and remember our wash hands rhyme.

Hello from Mrs Hunt!

I hope you are all ok and keeping safe indoors. I have been doing lots of schoolwork on my laptop with the help of my dog Chelsea! It has been great to see so many of you reading on Bug Club and having a go at the quizzes. I saw Oti Mabuse (from The Greatest Dancer and Strictly Come Dancing) has been doing free dance classes on her Youtube channel which looks like a lot of fun!

9.00am - PE with Joe Wicks https://youtu.be/6v-a_dpwhro

10.00am - Maths with Carol Vorderman
www.themathsfactor.com

11.00am - English with David Walliams <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

12.00pm - Lunch (cooking with Jamie Oliver) <https://www.jamieoliver.com/feat.../category/get-kids-cooking/>

1.00pm - Music with Myleene Klass <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>

1.30pm - Dance with Darcey Bussel <https://twitter.com/diversedance.../status/1241098264373592065>

2.00pm - History with Dan Snow (free for 30-days)
<https://tv.historyhit.com/signup/package>

4.00pm - Home Economics with Theo Michaels (Mon/Wed/Fri) <https://www.instagram.com/theocooks>

Non-daily events include:
Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests
<https://cosmicshambles.com/stayathome/upcoming-schedule>

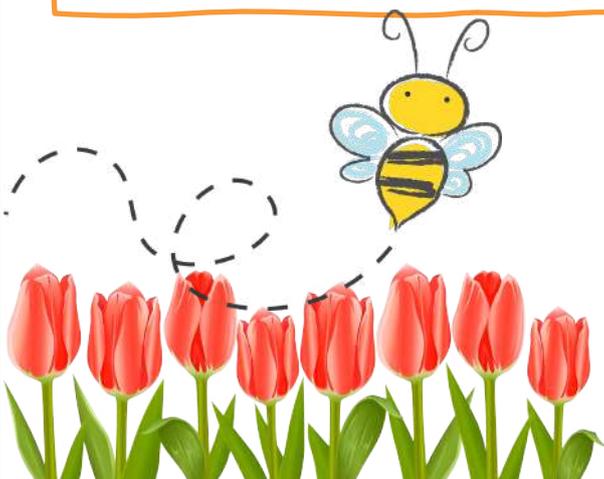
9.30am Wednesday 25 March - Geography with Steve Backshall <https://twitter.com/SteveBacksha.../status/1242058846941712385>

Seed planting by Mrs Wilkins

I have been attempting to get out into the garden to enjoy the sunshine this week and have planted several different seeds. It will be interesting to see if anything grows but at least I will be at home to keep an eye on them! I am trying pumpkins, herbs, sprouts, courgettes, melon, sunflowers, sweet peas and ox eye daisies.



Next time you are in the supermarket you could buy some seeds to plant with the family. If you haven't got a garden you might like to try cress, herbs or indoor flowers. You could keep a diary of writing and pictures to show the seed's progress.



Message from the Year 4 team...

Miss Davenport

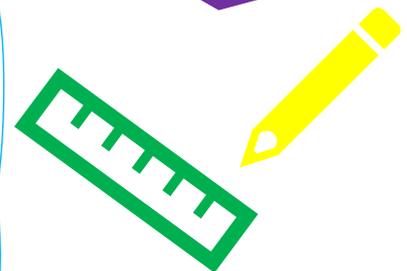
I have decided to do some activities which I enjoy doing after I finish work my work each day setting learning for you. I have finally finished a book which I received last summer! I have completed a 1000-piece jigsaw. I tried to turn my hand to baking but that did not turn out too well. I don't think I will be applying for the Great British Bake Off any time soon! Why don't you try some of these things?

Miss Eustace

After I have finished my schoolwork, my family and I have started doing something new in the evenings. (that we've seen other families doing already!) and I would like to share with you and your families. Every time myself or someone in my family wishes we could do something/ go somewhere / see someone we love who doesn't live with us / visit a new place / invite people round to visit us, we are writing it down on a post it note and keeping them safe in a jar. Then when this odd time is over, we will have a list of lovely activities to do and be grateful for. So far, I have written 'walk to the beach and have an ice cream in the sun!'

Mrs Martin

I've been keeping busy making things to make the new Thrive room look nice. There is lots of information for wellbeing on our website if you need any support with mental health.



Mrs Wake's message

Year 3 have been busy getting used to Google classroom! Thank you to those families who are making good use of it and completing the tasks Mrs Duffin and I are sending home to you. I am busy doing lots of planning and research at home. Even teachers keep learning.

Hello from Mrs Boddy

I have been very busy helping both the teachers and parents with Google Classroom. It is a lot to get used to but I'm really enjoying looking at all the brilliant work you are doing. When I'm not doing schoolwork, I'm also teaching my own children. We have planted some vegetables and some flowers. They also created a brilliant artwork with crayons. My children start every morning with Joe Wicks which is great fun!

I'm missing seeing all the children's faces. Take care everyone.

Rainbows



Some of the children at school have been creating rainbows to put up in their windows at home to spread smiles and some joy during these unusual times. At school this week, the children from Year R through to Year 5 have been creating a paint and collage rainbow. It looks amazing!



They have also been creating rainbows to take home and put in their windows. We would love it if you could email to the school your rainbows that you have been creating at home, we can show them in next week's newsletter.



Phonics Support

Phonics play is currently free <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/> So please go to their website to play their interactive games. Children can use the site at home without their parents needing to subscribe. To access their resources all you need to do is log on using the following details. Username: march20 Password: home Teach you Monster to Read is also currently free to download the app or you can play on a laptop or PC. It covers everything from letters and sounds to reading full sentences.

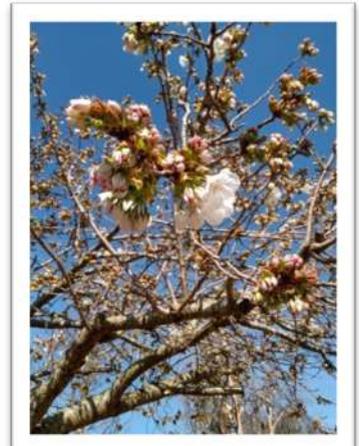
Outdoor Learning with Mrs Dyke

Although we are not able to learn outside like we normally do at the moment, there are still lots of opportunities for us to get outside. Albeit, within the government's guidelines. We have been lucky this week with the weather as the sun has been shining. I have been out for a daily walk and been lucky enough to see a lot of wildflowers and birds such as Marsh Marigolds, an early Forget Me Not, Violets, Primroses, Snowdrops and Daffodils. If you don't know what they look like maybe you could try and find out. Although you may not be able to toast marshmallow and eat 'smores' or play 40 - 40, look after yourself, get outside for some fresh air and remember to check in with Marvellous Me for daily Outdoor Learning ideas and activities.



Message from the Year 1 team...

The Year One teachers are still thinking mostly about Phonics (sorry, it's just our favourite thing to do!) Mrs Sands and Mrs Marchant have been keeping in touch while working from home and they have been sending a daily phonics activity home via Marvellous Me. Mrs Sands is still recording the weather daily and Mrs Sivers is sending her photos of our tree in the playground...there is a lot of blossom now! We all miss Year One VERY MUCH...here is what we have been up to!



Mrs Beeley says Maisy is very helpful with preparing new Braille resources!

Mrs Cockett is making sure she has her daily exercise on a very quiet Eastbourne seafront after she has finished her school work!



Message from the Year 1 team...

Mrs Sands says Cosmic is super helpful on Marvellous Me!



Mrs Sivers says Monty is very good at guarding his own food cupboard!



Mrs Maguire says when Obi isn't sunning himself he is excellent at helping to make phonic resources!



Mrs Prodger says Moz is very good at helping her with her online courses!

Message from the Year 5 team...



Year 5 have been very busy getting to grips with Google Classroom. Thank you for encouraging your children to log on and register their presence. Mr Cotton and Miss May have been uploading tasks for the children to do, which the children can do either online or on paper. We check in with them regularly and hope that you are well.

E-safety Information

During this time, young people are going to possibly be spending more time online. There are lots of great ways they can use connected devices to learn and play, but there are also risks that you can help them avoid.

- Set some boundaries around when and where they can use devices.
- While you are all at home, it's a great time to co-view and co-play with your kids, so you can understand what they are doing and experiencing online.
- Use parental controls and safe search options.
- Set time limits.
- Know the signs of cyberbullying.

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