

Gracefield news

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CELEBRATING TOGETHER

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the Bank Holiday weekend with only two more weeks left of this term. Thank you again for all your support and for so many encouraging comments received from parents. It has really helped motivate us in our determination to give the children the best possible experience throughout this difficult period in our school's history.

This weekend marks a significant event in our country's history as the the UK comes together - albeit at home - to commemorate the end of World War 2. If school life was normal, we would certainly be celebrating the occasion in style in school!

We have decided that lockdown will not stop us joining together to commemorate such a significant event and therefore on Monday, 11th May, in the afternoon, we will be attempting to join school and home together to celebrate. You can find the details of our plans on page 5 of this Newsletter. I hope you can all take part in what will be a unique occasion for Gracefield.

Enjoy the weekend everyone. Children, have a well deserved rest from work tomorrow and have fun being with your family.

Mr Gunter
Headteacher



BUTTERFLY SEARCH

As many of our children have been hunting mini beasts in their science work, we thought they might be interested to get involved with the following project.

Wildlife charity, Butterfly Conservation, is asking for the public to help measure the impact of climate change. Their scientists are locked down like everyone else and can't get out to study butterflies across the UK.

They are asking you to look out for them in your garden. They need to know where and when you see them. To record a sighting, visit - butterfly-conservation.org/mysightings



TWIN CHALLENGE

We are always proud when our children take on challenges outside of school and we like to celebrate achievements.

Two of our children have decided to take on the 'Miles for Mind' challenge in aid of charity and last week Darcy and Lola began the epic run which will see them attempt to run 40 miles during the month of May.

The girls will be running to raise money for the mental health charity Mind and have been getting up early to clock up the miles before the end of the month. They sometimes start running at 8am!

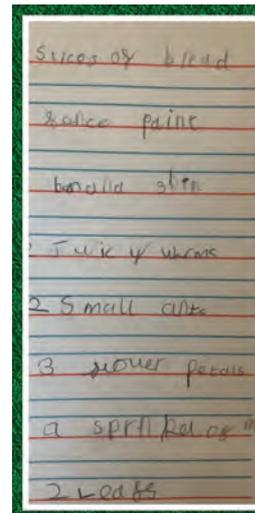
They have already raised over £235. If you want to check their progress you can at the following link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/darcyandlolaspage>

Well done girls. We know that you love running and this is quite a challenge! Keep us in touch with how you are getting on.



REVOLTING RECIPES

KS I have been listening to the story of Sam's Sandwich by David Pelham. They were tasked with coming up with a recipe for their own revolting sandwich and this one certainly fits the bill!





CLASS DOJO GALLERY

We are really impressed by lots of the artwork sent in by the children. Here's a selection!



Great shading and 3d work Flo!



Pokemon fever from Abdul.



Fantastic portrait drawing!



Lovely painting from Kerim.



An amazing Starry Night picture from Liz.



Great self portrait!



Finlay's Van Gogh

The children in school have also been completing their art projects. Here they are painting some Van Gogh masterpieces.



LIFE IN LOCK DOWN

She's at it again! This time Miss Rawlinson has been busy in the kitchen making cheese! Here is her batch of ricotta cheese.

Miss Rawlinson wonders if you can guess what she will do with it once it's made?

Message your suggestions on Class Dojo to Mrs Tanner and we'll reveal the answer next week. (Hint: she is planning to use it ON one thing and IN another).



Mrs Campbell has been busying herself in the garden and making the most of the nice weather.

Take a look at the fantastic mud kitchen that Mr Yemm made for their daughter! Looks like lots of fun will be had making all things mud!



Miss Jones is a big fan of the exercise sessions with Joe Wicks. She likes to complete the programme even when she isn't teaching in school.

Here she is at home doing an impressive leapfrog action!





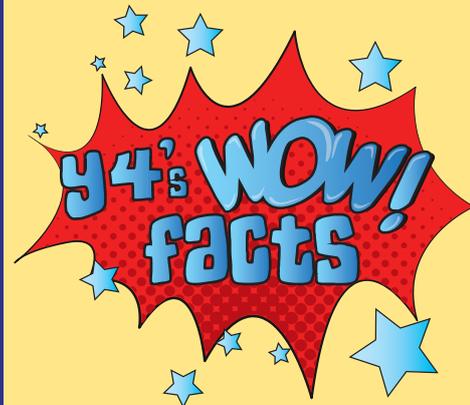
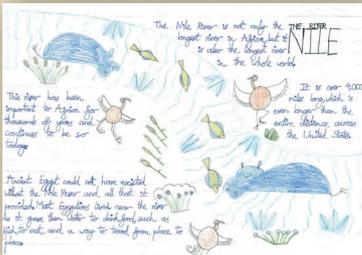
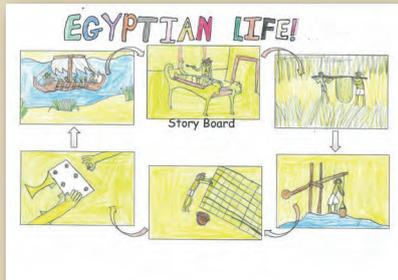
EGYPTIAN VIBES



The children in school decided to 'mummify' each other this week. Normally we would be using toilet roll, but as we know, now is not the time to be over-using! As you can see, they had a lot of fun.



KS2 have been learning about Ancient Egypt and have been producing lots of masks, pictures and models.



YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN COMPILING SOME MARVELLOUS MATHS FACTS... JUST FOR FUN! SEE HOW MANY YOU KNEW!

Because the rotation of the earth is getting slower, **WOW!** our days are lengthening by around 1.8 milliseconds every 100 years. That means it will take around 3.3 million years to gain one minute. **Lola**

WOW! Google plex is the biggest known number 10^{100} **Chileshe**

Infinity is the biggest number you can have. **WOW!** Infinity plus 1 or double infinity can't exist. So, infinity is uncountable! **Caleb**

WOW! The word fraction comes from the Latin "fractio" which means 'to break'. **Daniel**

A French word for pie chart is "Camembert" **WOW!** **Ruth**

WOW! 100 comes from the old Norse word hundrath which actually means 120!! **Bailey**

...a 'jiffy' is an actual unit measure of time. It's 1/100th of a second ... **WOW!** which gives us the phrase 'I will be with you in a jiffy' **Harvey-Jon**

WOW! "The biggest known prime number so far is $2^{82589933}-1$." **Manuela**

Maths lesson from Mrs Plant!
~ is a carat. This Maths symbol shows that a number has been multiplied by itself by that power (number of times).
EG: $4^3 = 4$ to the 3rd power = $4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$.
Keep those maths facts coming Year 4. We love them!

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

As we reach the end of week 3 in Home Learning, we have some amazing Class Dojo statistics to share with you. It has been fantastic to see all the work and messages from children and parents. Just look how well you've done in just ONE WEEK!



122
Messages sent home



917
Class Stories and Portfolio Posts

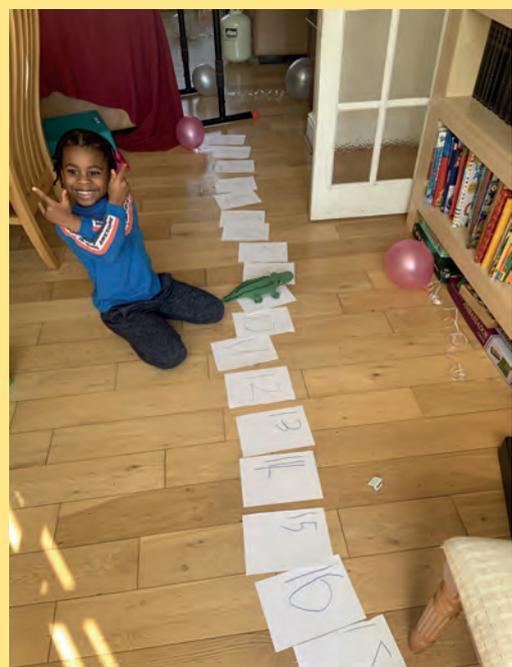
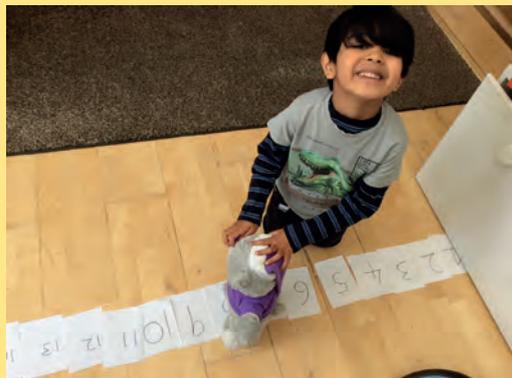
We hope you take a moment and feel proud of the work you're doing!

Well done everyone!



WE LOVE NUMBER LINES

The children in Reception have been playing games with number lines and learning how to work out 'less than' and 'more than' in maths.



Great work Reception!



WHEN LIFE ISN'T LOCKED DOWN

Some of our children have been with us throughout the holidays and for the Summer Term. With parents working on the front line of the crisis, we asked Charlotte from Year 6 to share her experiences.

My time during Covid 19

During Covid I have been going to school with my sister because my mum and dad work for the NHS. My mum's job is a mental health nurse and my dad's job is working with children and adults. So because my mum and dad work for the NHS I have to go to school. During my time at school we have been doing some fun activities like we do some PE. Every morning we do Joe Wicks which I can't say every one enjoys because it is very tiring!

It is strange being in school at the moment because there is not a lot of children actually in school or in the class. I feel weird because we have to social distance. We have a different teacher every day, that is nice cause its nice to do certain topics with certain teachers. I go to club every day which is fun and what is very good is we zoom so we can see our friends.

At home it is quite good because I feel we are spending more time together than we used to, like we play loads of games together and me and my sister are playing with our guinea pigs and giving them cuddles which I think they enjoy. I always go outside on a Thursday night to clap for the NHS as I am proud of my mum and dad.

By Charlotte

WE LOVE LEGO!

We were really impressed by some amazing lego creations that appeared on Class Dojo this week.



Look at this 3D map and Egyptian scene. Fantastic!



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



We have decided that lockdown will not stop us joining together to commemorate the occasion and therefore we have a plan for Monday, 11th May, in the afternoon, when we will be attempting to join school and home together to celebrate. I hope you can all take part in the following plans.

-  We will have a 'Zoom' tea party with children in school and at home. This will be bigger than we have attempted so far with all the children from Reception and KS1 'Zooming' together at 1pm and KS2 at 2pm. The Zooms will last approximately 30 minutes each.
-  In school we will be decorating with bunting, flags and displays. I will post the resources for these on Class Dojo, if children at home would like to do some.
-  The children in school will decorate a cake ready for the tea party. Children at home might like to do the same so that we can enjoy the cakes together. For any children observing fasting during Ramadan, it would still be great to join in the celebrations, if not the cakes.
-  Children can come to school wearing something red, white or blue. Again, children at home might like to dress in those colours.
-  If possible, we would ask parents to help their children learn the song 'We'll Meet Again' and we will attempt a whole Key Stage singalong! It may not turn out quite as well as our usual standard, but it will be lovely to try and sing such an appropriate song together. Parents please feel free to join in, just as you would if you were visiting school.

I will be posting more details of resources on Class Dojo. I look forward to seeing you all at our VE Day Celebration on Monday!

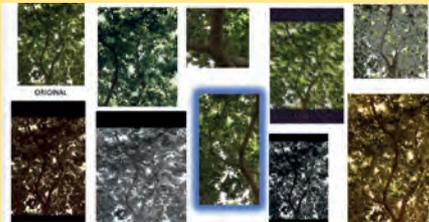
SCHOOL LIFE CONTINUES

We try as far as possible to keep to social distancing guidelines in school. We have come up with some different playground activities for the children who have to come to school.



CREATIVE COMPUTING IDEAS

The children have been using computer skills to edit photographs.



MARVELLOUS MATHS IDEAS

We love how creative parents are when helping their children with maths!



GOING ON A BUG HUNT



We loved this photo when it appeared on Class Dojo. For those of you doing bug hunts in the garden, we hope you don't come across too many exotic creatures!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Next week's birthdays are:



Miss Smart - 10th May
Jayden - 14th May

