



News : our school working with families across the community during COVID-19 .

Dear children, parents/carers, governors and members of our community,
During this strange time Knighton staff would like to share some of the wonderful things that our parents/carers and children are doing at home and posting on the **school website, HWB and Facebook.**

Vicki and Sally in the Pre School setting in Presteigne: Vicki and Sally are working most days in the Presteigne HUB, helping to support frontline workers.

Presteigne Hub: as well as planning work and supporting distance learning, many teachers and, from this week, TAs are also working weekly in the Presteigne HUB. Mrs George's cleaning team and Knighton Primary canteen staff are regularly working in the HUB too.

Distance Learning

Mr Strong

Many thanks to all the parents who have spoken to me over the last two weeks to help me understand how our distance learning is going. What I've heard has made me so proud. Our parents and our staff are working brilliantly together to support the children so they can continue their learning during this crisis.

Miss Davies news from Hwyaidd Bach (Reception);

'The children have been enjoying their Easter holidays by eating lots of Easter eggs, yum, and enjoying the lovely sunshine.

Some of the children have made 'Egg Heads' by growing cress and decorating the egg shells.

Some have been taking part in scavenger hunts which have involved studying nature, in their own gardens and backyards and also in books. The children have been practising letter formation and CVC words on their parents' 'shopping list boards' and counting Easter eggs.

After asking the children to vote for an outfit for Miss Davies to dress up in for PE with Joe Wicks on Fancy Dress Friday (Good Friday), the 'Parrot' came up trumps and won. Miss Davies was well and truly exhausted after that workout!

Lots of children have been enjoying their work at home, and this time Miss Davies would like to give a 'shout-out' to: Lily, Scarlett, Henri and Macy.

Mr Blower says;

'It has been great to see children completing Hwb challenges! I have seen some beautiful self-portraits created on Hwb Paint, and Hwb Turtle is being used to programme a rocket to visit each of the planets. The children have been creating and writing in Easter cards on Hwb Mix. Great Stuff! This time the Eyr pupils Mrs Blower would like to give a 'shout-out' to for working particularly hard are: Gethin and Hanna (who have been sending work to her via Hwb and email), Alexandra, who has been practising handwriting, spellings, reading and maths. Alexandra's mum has posted photos on the Foundation Phase for us all to see.

Mrs Blower was so pleased to get this message from one of her parents:

"All you teachers are doing so brilliantly! The support we're all getting is outstanding! Thank you."

Mr Fielding

'Since the last newsletter our children have continued to be busy on Hwb activities, posting on our Foundation Facebook page and we have also enjoyed reading emails that the children have sent us.

'Shout-outs' to: Lottie, Noah and Mason.

Mrs Drakeford

'This week we have been focusing on: money in maths; mime challenge in literacy (I have had some great videos); labelling the body in Welsh; creating a jungle scene in expressive arts; measuring heart rate in science; coding on Scratch and practicing yoga for our wellbeing.

We have also made a gratitude jar so the children can write about something they have missed due to lockdown, something they enjoyed that day and something they are grateful for.

A 'shout-out' to: Izzy, Lucy, Tilly, Eddie and Freddie, who have complete nearly all the activities!

Miss Edwards

'Year 4 have all been working on their WW2 projects. Drew made an Anderson shelter in her living room, Seren made a lava lamp following a scientific investigation and Josh researched the significant events of WW2, typed them up and presented it all on a large piece of cardboard. It looked great. Lots of time and effort has gone into the children's work!

Mrs Rimmer and Mrs Watts have planned maths and language work with cross curricular links so Thema and Science areas will be covered in this term's topic: 'Water, Water, Everywhere'.

'Our Welsh support teacher, Mrs Davies, is working on Welsh activities. All of this work will be shared on the website and HWB, and children will be told where to access it via Teams. The Facebook page will also have the information about it on for parents.

Mrs Rimmer said:

'we set a 'Mantle' challenge for the children to complete over Easter. They needed to design (and possibly create if they have the materials readily available at home) a 'Guess Who' style game with WW2 Heroes and Villains, to entertain people while they are in lockdown. They were then asked to write a fact file about one of the heroes/villains.

The children were also asked to complete reading (x4 sessions each week) and mental maths activities over the holiday.'

'Shout-outs' to: Alfie, who has been working really hard; Dylan (lots of KS3 Maths!); Menna; Hattie; Lacey; Haydn, Harvey; Alice and Ava!

Mrs Watts said:

'The children have been learning about erosion, the water cycle and this week they are making 'Top Trump' style cards linked to ocean creatures. These have come from our pupil voice session before school closed so children are still getting a say in their learning!

Some 'shout-outs' - Dylan, Mya, Theo and Sam, who have been sending me lots of their work and keeping in touch!

Mrs Shaw has continued with the daily quiz on Facebook which is proving really popular.

Specialist Centre: Mrs Warner, Miss Lowe & Mrs Mortimer

'The children have been busy making and cooking their own lunches. They even wrote instructions telling us how they made them. We've had yummy pizzas, delicious sandwiches, fairy cakes and rice pudding! The children enjoyed our Science and Maths-focussed scavenger hunts. Riley persevered until he had found everything. The children have been using all of their maths skills and knowledge to solve our daily challenges. Keep up the good work everyone!

Update on school pets:

The school **goldfish** took part in a recent virtual staff meeting. Mrs Rimmer was relieved to see that they are still alive and swimming.

I'm sure you've all seen Sarah's lovely photo of the ducklings, posted on Facebook yesterday.

And finally...

...If any parent/carer or pupil would like to contact me, with any thoughts, worries or concerns, my e-mail is: **head@knighton.powys.sch.uk**