

Britannia Community Primary School

End of term reminder:

School will close at 3:30pm on Friday 12th February for the spring half-term break and will re-open for pupils on Monday 22nd February.

Important dates:

Safer Internet Day -9th February

World Book Day – 4th March
2021

Dear parents,

As you will be well aware from the latest news, the government have started to plan for a possible return to school. The current earliest date being suggested is the 8th March as long as the scientific evidence supports this. At the moment, we are unaware of any further information but rest assured that when further information is released to schools we will update and communicate this with you to ensure that you are kept updated.

I am really pleased to hear from the teachers that the vast majority of children are engaging with their live sessions and sending their work into school. Please remember to send your child's work in to school via Google Classroom or via the class teachers' emails which can be found on the website. It is very important that the teachers are able to view the work children are doing regularly in order to plan next steps in their learning to support your children effectively. We understand that home learning is a challenge for many families and we appreciate all your efforts – we know you are all doing what you can to support your children. However, if you require some additional support please let us know and we will endeavour to provide additional help wherever possible. We are a team and will get through this period together.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Awareness week 2021 and the theme has been 'Express Yourself'. I know that children have really enjoyed the additional work around this area that has been planned and hopefully they will have some strategies now to support them. Please follow the link on the website for further information <https://www.britanniaprimary.co.uk/page/wellbeing/79424> .

Don't forget if you have any problems or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Keep smiling and remember to be kind to yourselves.

Mrs N Longstaff

Important contacts:

Headteacher –

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Bursar –

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DSL- (safeguarding issues)

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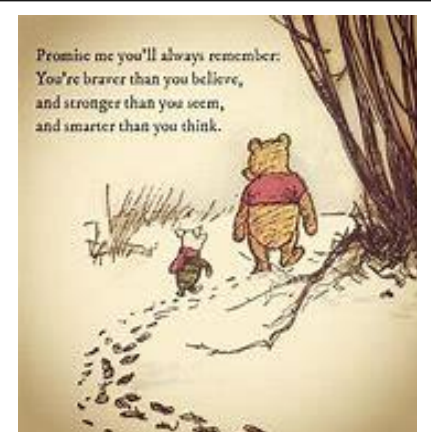
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Lateral Flow Testing

Lateral flow testing for all school staff has started, which involves staff members taking a home test twice a week. If any results come back positive, the bubble in school would need to be closed with immediate effect. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible but this type of closure could potentially happen at very short notice. Please accept my apologies should this happen.



Get Active In Rossendale:

21 Minute Challenge:

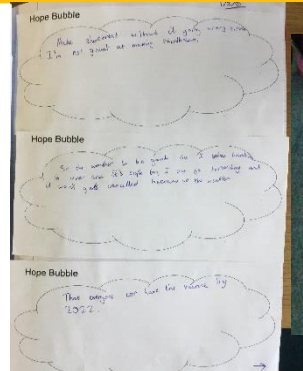
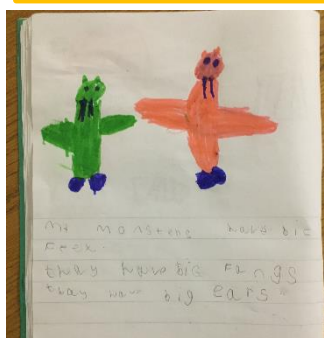
It has been lovely to see families getting involved with the 21 minute challenge on the Britannia Facebook Page and it has been great to see children getting active and having fun. If you have not yet got involved with this, please follow the link <https://www.britanniaprimary.co.uk/page/21-minute-challenge/91108> to find out more and there are even some videos to help you with ideas. Don't forget to send in your record sheets to j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk as we will be giving out rewards to children who manage to complete the challenges.

Week 4 21 Minute Challenge

This week's challenge is Football! Send in your photos and videos, of what you have been up to, via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Rossendalessp> or to j.rickerby@britannia.lancs.sch.uk There is a passing challenge, shooting challenge and an obstacle dribbling challenge.

Learning Gallery

Take a look at some of the learning below and some of the amazing things that have been done this week. If you would like to be in the gallery next week – please send a picture of any work that your child is proud of to head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk. We want to hear about your adventures - they could be linked to school learning or linked to the friendly February Action Calendar on the next page.



Matthias's exercise timetable (21 minutes everyday)

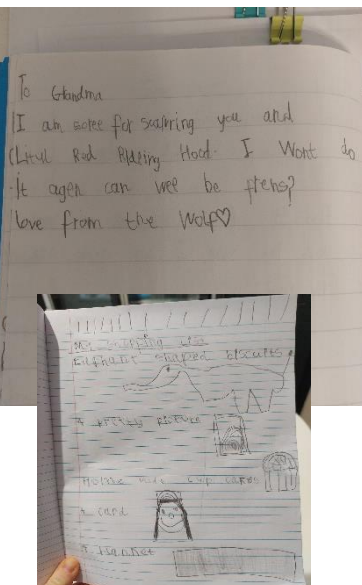
DATE	TYPE OF EXERCISE	DURATION
17/01/21	Walk (hill climb)	20 minutes
17/01/21	Walk - (hill climb)	20 minutes
20/01/21	Home exercise	20 minutes
21/01/21	Joe Wicks video	20 minutes
22/01/21	Walk (flat walk)	20 minutes
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Thursday 4th February 2021

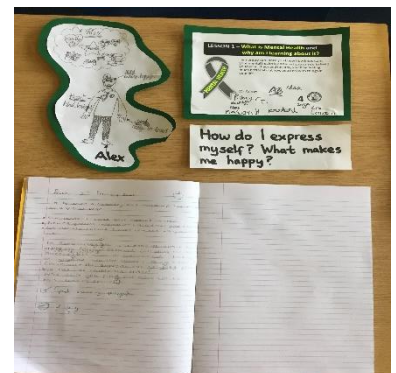
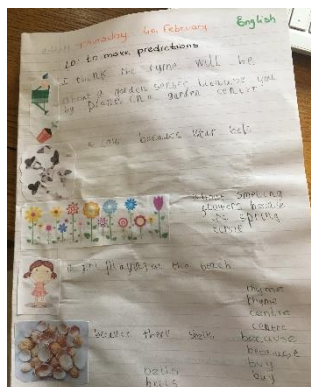
On a scorching summer's day, the amber clouds drifted across the polluted sky. An industrial waste land stretched out as far as the eye can see. A broken television looks out at the sulphuric yellow sky, which loomed with noxious gases. The towering chimneys stood watch over the never ending piles of rubbish. The useless tarnished cannon sat on top of the rest of the foul rubbish. The telescope sat there staring at the polluted sky hoping to be used one last time. The statue from years ago, stood there towering down at his betrayal for putting him in a dump. The deadly guillotine sat in ghostly silence, waiting to be used once more. The typewriter keys have seized up with rust and it had seen better days.

As the evening drew in, a thin, dark haired boy was searching in the wasteland; his yellow jacket camouflaged him from view. The boy was eagerly searching for food amongst the piles of filthy waste, who was feeling ravenous and desperate for food. Stepping further and further into the waste strewn no-man's land, the curious child examined each piece of rubbish carefully. Suddenly, he saw a glimmer in the corner of his eye, with anticipation he held his breath and started to remove the mysterious object...



Thursday 4th February 2021 City shopping list

Objects	Estimation
Hand Mirror	10 CM
Head	30 CM
Shoelace	20 CM
Toy mouse	10 CM
Toy rabbit	10 CM
Toy bucket	9 CM



Polite reminders:

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to display any of the symptoms, they must go for a Covid test. Whilst waiting for the results, your household must all self-isolate. Please inform school immediately if this happens by emailing head@britannia.lancs.sch.uk. If your child tests positive for COVID please let the school know even if they do not attend.

If a bubble has to close, all children in that bubble must isolate for the required time period. I would urge all members of our school community to continue to follow the rules and guidance set out during this lockdown. We all need to continue to do our bit to ensure we can hopefully welcome all the children back into school sooner rather than later.

Computer Equipment:

If you are having any technology difficulties, please contact school as we may have access to additional IT equipment, additional data sim cards and may be able to help further.



Thank you:

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Ninja Coffee for staff on Facebook and those parents who have sent in little notes of kindness and treats for the staff. It is not something that is expected and we have been truly overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. It has most certainly helped us all through the most difficult of times and we do appreciate all you are doing to support your children from home. The Britannia community is very special and I feel so proud to be a part of it. You are all amazing and should be very proud of all you are doing to support your children at home as well. We know it is not easy for you either.



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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