

School Closure Newsletter 5

Week beginning 4th May 2020



Dear families...

Hope you are all still well and coping at home. Rest assured, we will keep you abreast of developments as soon as we can. Until that time, please check out the new staff video available by clicking here

click here



Phone Calls from School Staff



Our staff have continued to enjoy speaking to children and families by phone. It is lovely to keep in touch during this unusual and difficult time, and really important for the children to stay connected with us, as this will help with their eventual transition back to school.

We will continue to make fortnightly calls to the majority of families, and in some cases the calls we make will be more frequent. Please let us know if there is a preferable time of day to call, and we will try to accommodate this as we're all aware of the challenges of everyone being at home at present.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Support

Some parents of pupils with special educational needs have expressed the need for additional support for your children during the school closure. Teachers are able to provide advice and guidance relating to home-learning for your child. If you are concerned about your child's ability to access the home-learning materials on the website and haven't spoken to your child's class teacher about this, please do so during the next phone call you receive, call the school office or e-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com to request a call-back from your child's class teacher.

The website has some specific support materials for parents with children who have Autism, which are mainly social stories explaining what's going on relating to Coronavirus in a child-friendly way (<https://www.rednalhilljuniors.com/parents-information/coronavirus-information-page/coronavirus-information-page-2>). Mrs Hayes has a mailing list for parents from the Autism Parents Group and she provides regular e-mail updates as to advice and support for parents of children with Autism. Recently we have been made aware of a webinar online for Autism & Anxiety on 7.5.20. If you would like more details, or to be added to this mailing list, please call the office or send a request to enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com

Support for All Families

The Educational Psychology service are offering a phone consultation service during the school closure period if you are finding any of the following particularly challenging:

- Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.
- Supporting your children's emotional needs.
- Concerns about family relationships.
- Concerns about your child's friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.
- How to best look after yourself so you can support your children.

If you would like to access this service please email: Stephanie.Bowen@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name, the telephone number you would like to be contacted on, the name of your child's school, times and dates you are not available for a consultation and whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service.

Jacob's fundraiser:

Jacob Washbrook from 3NE has been really concerned for the homeless since the coronavirus outbreak. He is raising money for Crisis UK by virtually climbing Mount Everest! To do this he is climbing up and down his stairs at home 4,467 times! If you'd like to contribute, please see below:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/jacobs-home-hike-for-the-homeless?
utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/jacobs-home-hike-for-the-homeless?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

Home Learning pictures & videos

Please also keep sending in any home learning pictures or videos for our newsletter/website to the same address.

Please be aware that pictures sent in may well find their way onto the school's website or newsletter with children's names etc. If you'd like to send in pictures of home learning but don't want your child's details attached to the picture, can you please specify this.

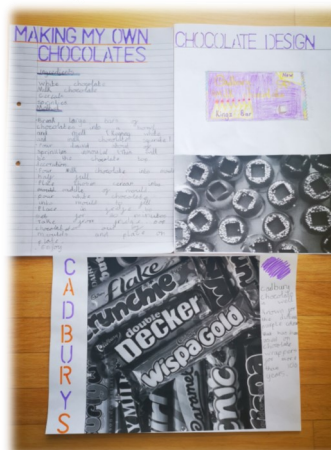
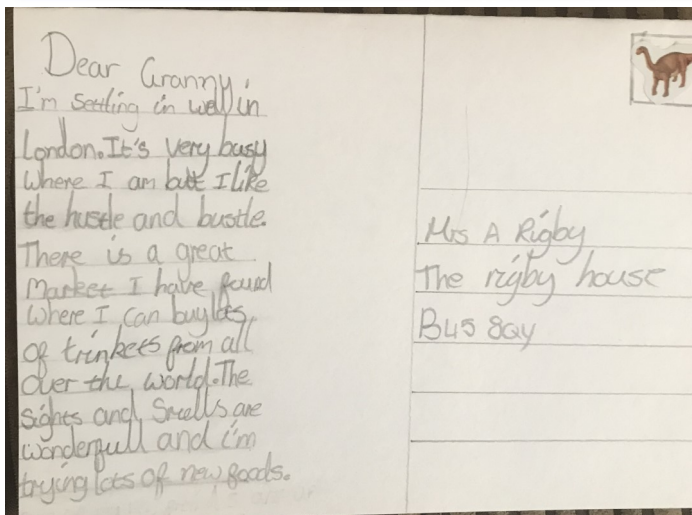
More home learning videos - [Please click here to see](#)

Art Competition Results

The art competition closed on 1st May 2020. **Winners announced in next weeks newsletter.**

Take care and stay safe, from everyone at Rednal

More of what's been happening at home?



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