



News on the Ninth

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BENGEO PRIMARY
SCHOOL



This has been a challenging time for us all. I know that many of you are now working from home and trying to juggle your own workload as well as having to look after and support your child/ren with their education. Staff have appreciated how hard this has been for everyone and recognise that we are all learning together to get this as right as we can for you and your children.

Fortuitously we had training on google classroom booked the week prior to the school closing which has enabled us, with the expert help from Miss George, to set up accounts on google classroom and Dojo for all children.

I have been very impressed with how many of your children are completing work and sending this in to class teachers.

Please do let teachers know how your home learning is going by sending a private comment. This can be done on google classroom (Y2-6) and Dojo (N/R/and Y1). For our younger children, please share any photos on the Dojo app.

Teachers are working hard to acknowledge work and answer any questions. I am aware that some of you have not seen these comments on google classroom. You will need to:

- Check that work has been 'turned in'.
- Go back into the piece of work that has been submitted, to check on any comments made by the teacher (there is not an automatic alert on google .

classroom to inform your child that their teacher has made a comment).

This is what some of the children have been up to at home:



Lara made Oobleck for science, as it is both a liquid and a solid at room temperature.

Dylan rediscovered a birthday present and made a circuit that turns a light on.



James has been busy on google classroom.

Ethan - writing a creative story about an under the sea image. He wrote about an adventure with Miss George and Steve Backshall.



Zac has designed and made a robot for Holly Class.

For the children of key workers who have been attending the school, they have been taking part in Joe Wicks PE, the daily mile, completing classwork set for them by teachers, enjoying using all of the equipment and facilities in the school and looking after the plants in the Enchanted Garden.

Please be aware – Bengo School/Herts County Council will never ask for bank details in regards to Free School Meals

HCC has received reports that a scam email is being sent to parents, asking them for bank details if they have children who qualify for Free School Meals. In these times we want to remind the members of our community to not to give out private information (such as bank details or passwords), reply to text messages, download attachments or click on any links in emails if you're not sure they're genuine. Please see this government link for further helpful information: <https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing>

Online Safety

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Supporting children and young peoples mental health and well being

Here is a useful link from public health England which may help you to support your child should they have concerns specifically about Covid-19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Events prior to school closure...

Instrumental concert

We enjoyed a fantastic concert on the 12th March by our talented musicians who played and sang to a packed audience. It really was a delightful occasion and extremely uplifting. Even more so in the present climate. Many thanks to all of our performers, peripatetic music staff and Miss Peters who organised the event.

Author Visit

On March 11th Y4,5 & 6 had a visit from the author Karen McCombie. She told us about her books 'Little Bird Flies' and 'Little Bird Lands'. She told us about her early life and why she struggled at school. She told us lots of fascinating stories including her 'photo bombing' cat! *Eliza C*

Road safety workshop

Sarah Elliot from HCC visited the Nursery, Reception and Yr1 classes to teach the children about road safety. They learnt how to cross the road safely and where the correct places to cross the road are. They were also taught about possible dangers on the road. Some of the children

volunteered to dress up as safety patrol officers and practise what they had learnt.

More home learning:



Lachlan doing his column addition and Ophelia making a toy car.



Josh is enjoying doing his Space slideshow which is one of the tasks set via Google classroom. Each day he is learning something new about space and adding it to his presentation. Today he is learning about Tim Peake.

Emily has been spending time completing some of her interest badges. She is currently working on her family tree badge. She has created a family tree, thought about her 'helping hand' and is now creating badges for different people to show their roles.



Millie & Jack busy on google classroom.

Dates for your Diary

School remains closed until further notice for all but children of key workers.

Due to current circumstances these dates are provisional and subject to change

9th June – KS2 Sports Day (am)
18th June – KS1 Sports Day (am)
19th June – Bring Dad to School
22nd June – Whole School Photo
24th June – Nursery Sports Day
2nd July Reception Sports Day (am)
5th July – Bengeo Day
8th July – Open Evening 6 – 7.30pm
17th July – Nursery Closed
17th July – Last Day – finish at 1.30pm

Finally...

As we have had no requests from key workers, Bengeo School will be closed over the Easter holiday. The admin email will be checked daily so please do send us a message if you have a query of an urgent nature.

I would personally like to thank you for your understanding and patience during these unprecedented times, and, on behalf of all staff at Bengeo, to show our appreciation for all the hard work and continuous efforts of the NHS who are working tirelessly to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

I wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. Stay home and stay safe.

'Here at Bengeo we believe that the most successful school is a place where everyone is valued. We work together and aspire to be the best we can.'

You are getting this email because you are a parent/carer of a child at this school. Please e-mail us if you would like to stop receiving them.