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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 296 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - APRIL 2020

For the Archives: Day 34 to Day 40

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 34 – SATURDAY 25th APRIL

SONG!

https://youtu.be/-eajwaH0_2c

Let your imagination take you to the life of a minibeast! This is a happy celebration of all the colour, pattern, habitat and variety that they represent. If I were a minibeast, I wonder what I'd choose to be? Activity sheet attached.

BIRTHDAYS

The birthday blogs for this week are ... open!

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

QUIZ

16 entries so far. Only 4 have 10/10! Match the photo to a place on the school site (multiple choice). Harder than it seems!

<https://forms.gle/yxgo64jpCxGwwmSw7>

That's it for today. Stay well.

Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 35 – SUNDAY 26th APRIL

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nat is back with another bible story and craft ideas for stuck-at-home families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNq1QJC2q74>

Please supervise YouTube use.

HERE'S A SONG!

<https://youtu.be/3vm56vKFTi8>

Always Making Things

A modern praise song to the Creator, with human being the pinnacle of all creation – song about the "song" behind the song!

MONDAY

I'll be back with another Tales Of The Ark tomorrow. Until then, take care,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 36 – MONDAY 27th APRIL

QUIZ

Batchelor's bafflers return for the sixth week. Perhaps a little easier this week?

<https://forms.gle/Pw249hjNSoviwb4i8>

31 entries last week! Congratulations to Annabelle, Austin, Sam and Ollie, Isabella and Fergus for full marks in Week 5.

ASSEMBLY

What's Mr Batchelor doing up that mountain?

Reading an assembly, obviously!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EeY5VeeJRX1DIFVL3s0j25ABJBUV4pdEz7eCa_YZPnKoVw?e=pLg8Zl

SONG

Jam-packed with actions and missing words, this brain-teaser will have the children clapping, stamping, jumping, wriggling and nodding, but can they do it all in the right places? Activity sheet attached.

<https://youtu.be/f-EVUKcSSVY>

BATTING CHALLENGE VIDEO

Friday of this week is the deadline for videos. Please see earlier posts for full details.

THREE BIRTHDAYS to celebrate over on Purple Mash.

Stay well,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 37 – TUESDAY 28th APRIL

ASSEMBLY

Good morning, everybody!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ES6D-XokS_Nlv3nRgpwPRggB2ij12WgfZH-X2XC-W586lw?e=AMrY3V

SONG

A highly useable song to promote the benefits of singing and the positive emotions it can bring. If we sing together it's a lot more fun! Activity Sheet attached.

<https://youtu.be/vKN8VAcQn1o>

BATTING CHALLENGE VIDEO

Friday of this week is the deadline for batting videos. Please see earlier posts for full details.

MRS FINDLAY says she is missing everyone. She has set a challenge for the week

Colour Challenge –

In your garden or on your walk, can you find something that is:

Red

Yellow

Orange
Green
Blue
Pink
Purple
White
Grey
Black

You can either write down what it is or take a picture of it. Send these to Mrs Findlay's challenge - an area inside your Portfolio page here on Class Dojo.

Take care,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 38 – WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL

ASSEMBLY

Good morning everybody!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EciksWLT0epNp0gR02zLeYoBjTjfSEMWUdMBezMrN8GMDA?e=eiKQ9Y

SONG

One of my favourites. See if you can sing all 3 parts (not at the same time, obviously!) Perhaps others in your house can do the other parts? Count Your Blessings. Activity Sheet attached.

https://youtu.be/lje_lxuR6kA

PE VIDEOS

Mrs Dixon has added to her series of PE Videos. You can find them all from this page –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pe-with-mrs-dixon6/>

BATTING CHALLENGE VIDEO

Friday of this week is the deadline for videos. Please see earlier posts for full details.

CLASS 4 – CAN YOU HELP?

Mary Blogg and Ms Surridge have put out the call to Class 4 to support the assembly on Friday 8th, by pre-recording some content. See your Class Story for details.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Mrs Lewis is planning to run TTRS Arena again today at 11.30 (Wembley) You will need to get 10mins of 'Garage' in beforehand.

MRS FINDLAY'S CHALLENGE

The aim is to find one thing of EVERY colour, not one thing that is one of the colours!
See your Class Story for details.

SERIOUS STUFF

Important for Parents - Nintendo Switch Hack

Nintendo have confirmed a data breach which means that over 160,000 accounts have had their details stolen, some of these accounts have already been used to make illegal purchases. Nintendo have

stated they will contact affected users, but the Cyber Security community recommend schools send this information out to parents "as they will likely trust you more!"

1. Log in to your Switch account and change the password, remember to use a good, strong password.
2. Enable 2-factor authentication. This means if somebody tries to use your login details, you will get a code sent to your phone, so you know that somebody is trying to log in.
3. Go to the HaveIBeenPawed <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> website and put in your username/email address to see if any accounts have been hacked.

Enjoy the sunshine,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 39 – THURSDAY 30th APRIL

ASSEMBLY

As the ark nears the end of its journey, the animals prepare to disembark.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ERnejbGRigtHm_WzyrdRnUEBvfKFgVW_eU6l2BXAPhh97HA?e=ivbQtH

SONG

Meet Tod, the very anxious tadpole. A song-story that follows his nervous journey and celebrates his remarkable transformation. Activity sheet attached.

<https://youtu.be/hEf6-Rf5Z6A>

BATTING CHALLENGE VIDEO

Tomorrow is the deadline for videos. Please see earlier posts for full details.

SERIOUS STUFF

At school we take your data protection rights seriously, so here is a quick reminder about the comments you post.

Messages to staff are only visible to that specific member of staff. However, staff have the right to share these with other members of staff, for example if a welfare concern is apparent, or a particularly good example of learning is worth celebrating!

Communicating with a staff member is officially talking to 'the school'.

Work posted in the pupil's portfolios (and any comments attached) are visible to all the members of staff attached to a child's class, and myself.

Messages sent to the 'Class Story' are read by the staff and parents of the children in that class. (Many parents are members of more than one class).

Messages sent to the 'School Story' can be read by all 115 parents who have signed up.

Governors who are parents have no additional rights to those described above.

Governors who are not parents are not members of Class Dojo. From time to time I copy and share my Daily Updates so that they are aware of what we are doing.

The links to school assemblies, including Fridays, are (if

passed on) viewable by anyone. These have been shared with the Open The Book team.

Book Reviews (with a child's first name only) are in the public domain.

Photos sent to the photo challenge are in the public domain, but contain no names.

Batting Challenge videos will be in the public domain but will contain no names.

Although school is closed to children, many of the responsibilities of the school remain in place. Child Protection issues override data protection rights every time.

More on that tomorrow.

Best wishes,
Paul



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 40 – FRIDAY 1st MAY

SERIOUS STUFF

I wrote yesterday that, though closed, schools still have many responsibilities towards their children. Examples of this include the responsibility for monitoring pupil welfare and being the link between families and various services. The sad truth is that this situation has resulted in more families living under pressure; financial, emotional, physical and mental stresses that can be damaging. We are able, for example, to recommend mental health support for your families. It seems to me, the longer lockdown continues, and the higher the death toll rises, the greater the chance that someone in our community might benefit from some official support.

From day 1, the government required schools to adapt their safeguarding procedures to allow additional measures to be taken to monitor and protect children. Our governors followed national recommendations and our revised policy allows for phone conversation and home visits if we feel a child is at risk. (We've also been phoning to offer encouragement and to catch up on news.) So if I or anyone else on the North Nibley Team calls, please do pick up and speak with us. Let us know how you are doing, and what steps we might be able to take to support you.

ASSEMBLY

4 Guest leaders tell our 'Open The Book' story today! We have videos, cake, spiders (nice ones), birthdays and the return of a favourite song.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EVEvNod9SulJix6iE2jUrykB_nHhNH4a8i3HZv26xhaiqw?e=6Ubt3m

One day this assembly will be flawless! Next week we celebrate the birthdays of Erin, Anya and George (as it says on the screen). Ignore the man doing the talking at this point, he doesn't know what he's on about! The Birthday Blogs will be available from late this afternoon.

Within two weeks I will have shared at least one piece of work from everyone. If it's not been your child yet, please keep sharing.

BONUS SONG

This delightful nonsense song puts a rather different perspective on lots of well-loved nursery rhymes that kids of all ages will love!

<https://youtu.be/mOcVAUKNX-k>

BATTING CHALLENGE VIDEO

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Paul