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NEWSLETTER 295 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - APRIL 2020

For the Archives: Day 27 to Day 33

Dear Parents and Friends,



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 27 – SATURDAY 18th APRIL

Did you catch the assembly yesterday? Catch it here

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ETJ6pZku_UZOrGPR-A70cwUBwQgyDWMrsv17fP3tCi-m-Q?e=t4TKDC

ANOTHER NEW SONG!

<https://youtu.be/om5LSc49TZY>

Please supervise YouTube use.

BIRTHDAYS

A new 'Birthday Blog' has been added for Alice. Your encouragements will be appreciated!

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

BOOK REVIEWS

2 more published for today – both for the same book! Over 250 books reviewed and it's the first time two book reviews for the same book have arrived consecutively!

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/>

TERM 5 STARTS ON MONDAY.

Remote teaching / Distance learning continues and the teachers have some great ideas for carrying us all forward. Watch out for an important email on Monday.

Stay safe and well,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 28 – SUNDAY 19th APRIL

SUNDAY SONG –

This gospel-inspired song is perfect for a enjoying big, joyful Sunday sing. Challenge yourselves to have a go at the harmonies and see if you can sign the song too!

<https://youtu.be/SM9yOznc1X4>

And the same song with signing -

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/video/good-to-us-signing/>

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

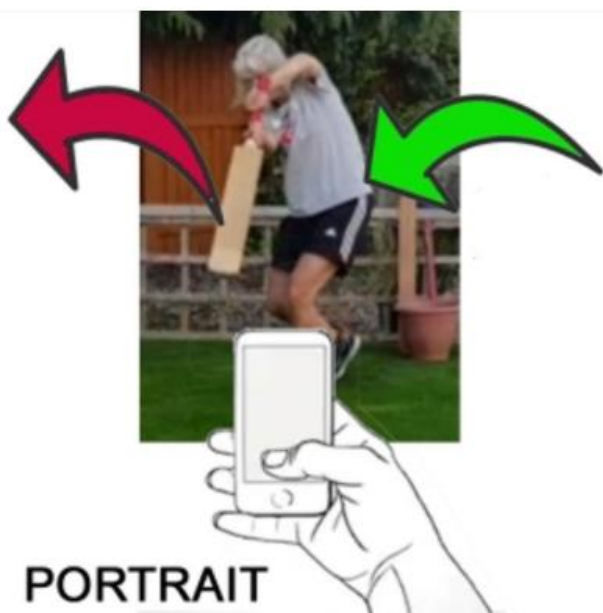
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpSA1lkTzpU>

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Take care, Paul



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 29 – MONDAY 20th APRIL

Wow! How quickly time flies. 20th March was the last regular day in school – 1 month ago!

TODAY'S ASSEMBLY

The animals are getting bored and restless. There's going to be trouble!

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SONG

This is an iconic song that has been sung at the beginning of many a school day up and down the

country and around the world. It's the perfect, lively start for a new week and a new term!

<https://youtu.be/5idAk316hpY>

(Perhaps one for tomorrow morning!)

BOOK REVIEWS

6 more have arrived since the last update. Thank you!

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/>

MRS DIXON'S VIDEO CHALLENGE

You've probably seen videos like this before – children or adults passing a ball / Easter Egg from one person to another like a single, continuous video. Mrs Dixon wonders if we could try the same with a bat! The picture attached shows some specific instructions to help us 'line up'. Please keep your video camera in portrait mode (tall and skinny, not short and wide). The ball comes in (from an unseen bowler) from the player's left (the green arrow) and the player hits it out to the right (the red arrow). You can practise your 'keepy-uppy' hits inbetween! Send your videos to me (in Class Dojo or email) and I'll stitch them together. It will be fun to spot our friends doing something together – but apart!

Stay well,

Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 30 – TUESDAY 21st APRIL

SONG

<https://youtu.be/vE9T9knaG2A>

Today's song, 'As One' is a song for building unity, trust and teamwork, while exploring conflict and resolution. A pertinent theme for today's world!

BONUS – Yesterday's song has a dance video. If Joe Wicks hasn't tired you out yet...

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/video/songs-for-every/#wakeup/>

QUIZ

Congratulations to Annabelle, Ollie, Sam and 1 anonymous visitor, who all scored top marks on last week's quiz.

THIS WEEK

I'm rather pleased with this week's quiz – match the photo to a place on the school site (multiple choice). Harder than it seems!

<https://forms.gle/yxgo64jpCxGwwmSw7>

ASSEMBLY

The conclusion of 'The Monkey's Tale'.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EbUsMQVOKy5JqEhrrc7r5wYBKc-YVTNTi0l8_1CbccgejA?e=2a17cf

MRS DIXON'S PE LESSONS ON LINE

Week 5 of Mrs Dixon's skill-building lessons. More videos are available on the school's website.

Don't miss out of the fun video we plan to make (See yesterday's update). 2 have arrived already! The

video will last longer if you practise some 'Keepy Uppy' in the middle!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pe-with-mrs-dixon5/>

IT LESSONS

I'll be posting my computing challenges for ALL CHILDREN in Purple Mash later today.

Until tomorrow, take care.

Paul



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 31 – WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL

Today's song - This Is Me! Full of wonder and whimsy, this song reflects the multifaceted nature of 'self' and celebrates how each one of us is different.

<https://youtu.be/sxl6UX6piNE>

ONLINE SAFETY

I know I sound like a broken record! But, we already know that offences against children are increasing and we know that children are using many different apps and games. TikTok use has increased significantly, and Houseparty, a previous non-contender, is no.1 in the app store. We suspect that due to this, and the fact that children are going to be spending much more time online, specifically socialising and having fun, they are going to be seeing more inappropriate content. We also know that younger children in particular won't tell their parents for a number of reasons (usually for fear of their devices being confiscated, being told off or being judged).

For many children and young people, their safe space is school where they can talk to somebody, be that a member of staff or their friends. Never has online safety been more important!

Here is some advice FOR PARENTS:

- Parents - YouTube moderation – click

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Yvlfw7obwE&t=2s>

• Parents - cutting through the online safety noise. Simple advice and guidance to keep your child safe online during the pandemic – click <http://aacoss.org/parents/>

ASSEMBLY

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/ETGwdy5ao29EspVX6Sm7b2IB-snxLJNY1UMN75VKp8WIYQ?e=cZyf3n

BATTING VIDEO CHALLENGE

Around 10 videos received – thank you. Mrs Dixon shows you how it's done here - https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EbqP9eP0kOtlgEgwVDteKakBblJS2uhrf4Q_Be9HSb2jPg?e=uRTvA6

Stay well,
Paul

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 32 – THURSDAY 23rd APRIL (ST. GEORGE'S DAY)

SONG

<https://youtu.be/M1l01m7YXV4>

This song is called "Writing." A fabulously fun song packed full of lots of different sentence starters, adverbs and words to use instead of 'said'.

Abundantly useful for all types of creative writing – Get creative, let the sentences flow!

Activity Sheet attached.

ASSEMBLY

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BOOK REVIEWS, QUIZ ENTRIES, PHOTO CHALLENGES, CRICKET CHALLENGE VIDEO – Keep them all coming! Details below.

BIRTHDAYS

Have you sent a birthday wish yet? Alice this week. Find her blog on Purple Mash.

I'm using my last pre-recorded 'Happy Birthday' music tomorrow! Can anybody new play this tune? Post a media clip (audio or video) to your Class Dojo portfolio or emailed direct to head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk please. (Or risk hearing me sing!)

Enjoy the sun, stay well,
Paul



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 33 – FRIDAY 24th APRIL

ASSEMBLY

Find it here. Due to technical difficulties today there is a 10 second 'clash' in the soundtrack at the end of Open The Book, but I'm out of time to correct this. Apologies!

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EQv8TsYJwChLnx6a1F3aRbABXhbKF4m_7zlwVtuD9IbCVA?e=G0Fsvm

BONUS SONG

<https://youtu.be/KmYLnWWe-L8>

As well as the assembly song, you might want to try this. It's a real challenge. I can't sing it and tried several times. Perhaps you'll be able to master this tongue twister! Dang-A-Rang-A-Dang Do! Full of utter nonsense, this tongue-twister is huge fun to sing and when mastered will give great singing satisfaction. If you're looking for a challenge, then you've found the right song!

EXTRAS

22 Batting videos have now been received, including some from the staff! See below, and in the assembly, for details. PHOTO CHALLENGE – You can see the current galleries here -

<http://northnibley.weebly.com/galleries.html>

Next week's challenge - A Single Flower.

Stay safe, stay well,
Paul