Newsletter

Monday 23 March 2020

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NEW NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Message from Miss G

It is with great sadness that we open the doors to only a few children today. Never in my wildest imagination would I have thought that we would have had to do this. However, there is a serious need to ensure we keep as many people safe as possible and for the foreseeable future this is the situation.

The current advice is

- wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of coronavirus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services
- You can use your garden, if you have one. You can also leave the house to exercise but stay at least 2 metres away from other people.

It has been noted by a number of parents and staff over the weekend that people aren't following the Government advice and staying 2 metres apart. I fear that the Government will alter their stance and issue more stringent measures in the near future if people do not follow this advice. So please look after your family and community and only go out if necessary and ensure you stay 2 metres apart at all times.

In order to ensure there is some familiarity during this time I will be continuing to issue a newsletter wherever possible.

For those 'Stay at Home Superhero' children, teachers have issued a home learning pack. There is also a list of useful websites and apps on the 'home learning' pencil on the website – it can be found here <u>https://www.milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk/home-learning</u>. This will be continually updated whenever we discover new things.



Easter Activities with a difference...

Easter is fast approaching and although most of the children aren't in school we have been thinking of ways the children can still continue to do some of the ideas at home.

Easter Cross

The week before Easter is called Holy Week. For Christians, these can feel like dark days as we remember the events in Jesus' life before he was put to death on a cross. The Bible tells us that he

died on a cross for us. The cross is a sacred symbol for Christians. All over the world believers have created special designs which reflect their own lives and experiences. Can your child decorate a cross and send a picture to either their class teacher or admin@milton-st-johns.tameside.sch.uk so that we can add some pictures to the newsletter next week? We have attached some ideas about the different types of crosses across the world for the children to see.

Decorated Eggs/ Easter Bonnet

We would love the children to still do a decorated egg or an Easter Bonnet at home and send us a picture! Have fun and be creative!

Easter Egg Hunt

Could the children draw some pictures of eggs and get parents to hide them in the garden? Could you add clues to help the hunter find them? Again we would love to see any photos of your egg hunt.

Other things for parents to use if needed to help them during this period...

Chase the Rainbow

Some of you may have seen on facebook a 'chase the rainbow' campaign which invites families to make a rainbow to put in a window and brighten the community. These can then be viewed by the children when they go on social distancing walks around the community. Our 'Stay at School Superheroes' are busy making ours and this will be displayed for all to see when completed.

Body Coach

The Body Coach Joe Wicks has started live PE lessons at 9am for children who are at home because of school closures. The 33-year-old fitness coach says he is "going to be the nation's PE teacher" while schools across the country are closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. You can access this below... <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ</u>

Live Dance lessons

Oti Mabusi is also doing free live dance lessons here... https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR_5YTtP4g

Rock kids

At 2pm everyday Rock kids are live streaming here (PSHE, Activity, and music)... https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCky2iMp1kt6pCgJlxUjH3Dw



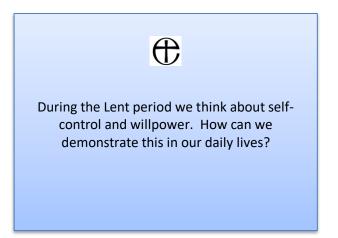
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Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
			You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.	NASA needs you to build a new rocket.	Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it.	Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.
Day 6	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Ford hires you to create the toughest plok up truck in the world.	You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.	You and your friends decide to build a tree house.	Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.
Day 12	Dey 13	Day 14	Day 16	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18
Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	You are asked by the President to build a new mourment to Occuge Washington.	Mr. Hilton hiree you to build a new hotel	There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.
Day 19	Day 20	Day S1	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 26
The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	up to you to make	You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.	You are now in medieval times. You are commis- sioned to build a jousting arens.	The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Design and build your dream bedroom.
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	19-35	What was
You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Altens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.	You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile		your favorite day?

There is also a born to be adventurous activity sheet below for information.

28 Days of Activities

activities to keep busy during school closures from Covid-19 outbreak

DAY 1 Create a journal with your child to record each days activity. They can decorate the front page.	DAY 2 Take a pail outside and collect rocks. Bring them inside to paint (can make flower designs, mon- sters etc.)	DAY 3 Design a fairy house or superhero layer. Draw it out first and then make it with various craft materials.	DAY 4 Make some ecards and send them to people to help them from feeling lonely. https://pbskids.org/dan- iel/games/make-a-card	DAY 5 Create tic tac toe game on the ground with tape, string, or chaulk and use a ball or frisbee to play.	DAY 6 Bake Cookies and enjoy a playdate over Skype with a friend and their kids.	DAY 7 Movie Day. Give yourself a big long break and watch a movie. (Do this anyday to keep your sanity)
DAY 8 Set up a tent of a fort inside or in the backyard. Then, let the kids play.	DAY 9 Drive to a local trail and take a walk or a hike.	DAY 10 Print off a nature scavengar hunt or a colour nature scav- enger hunt from on- line and go exploring	DAY 11 Have a picnic lunch in a field, backyard or on a trail,	DAY 12 Take a pail outside and collect pine- cones and sticks. Paint the pinecones and attach the sticks to create flowers.	DAY 13 Create a story. For inspiration, write a story about one of the characters on this page!	DAY 14 Break Day. Connect with a friend over the phone while the kids entertain themselves or watch a show.
DAY 15 Have a campfire in the backyard or go to a local picnic spot to set one up.		DAY 17 Go geaocaching. Download one of the free apps. Use gloves to handle the geocache if your concerned about contact	DAY 18 Print off a nature scavengar hunt or a colour nature scav- enger hunt from on- line and go exploring	DAY 19 Collect nature items like twigs, pine cones, flowers etc and make nature crowns! Or make crowns out of paper at home.	DAY 20 Photo Fun. Go out- side and take only 10 photos. Print the photos off and attach them to your journal. Then, write about why you chose the photos.	DAY 21 Surprise food creation. Let your kids create a food dish on their own with whatever foods they want to mix together,
DAY 22 Go outside for a family run.	DAY 23 Go on a backyard bug hunt or bird watching adventure.	DAY 24 Make a bunch of different paper air- planes. Then go out side and see which ones fly farthest.	DAY 25 Make your own upcycle geocache	DAY 26 Play a Boardgame or build a puzzle.	DAY 27 Go for a walk and play eye spy.	DAY 28 Play balloon Volleyball.
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