

School Closure Newsletter 2

Week beginning 6th April 2020



What's been happening at home?

Dear families...

We hope that you are safe and well. Please rest assured that each and every one of you are in our thoughts at this time. It has been really pleasing to see the fantastic and innovative home learning pictures, please keep e-mailing them in. Also don't forget to keep sending in artwork for our '[Art Competition](#)' to enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com. The teachers have really enjoyed speaking to you via telephone over recent weeks. We will continue to check-in with you all during the continuing school closure.

Autism Awareness Week was last week. We had planned to celebrate this as a school, and parents from the Autism Parent Group had planned some great activities for the day. It was a shame that this couldn't take place this year. We will aim to prioritise this event for next year. In the meantime, [please share this great video](#) with your children to help them to understand some of the difficulties that children with Autism have to manage on a daily basis.

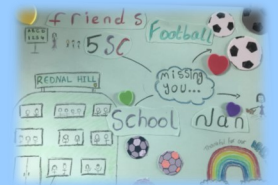
Easter Break

A number of parents have asked us about whether they should be continuing with the Learning Projects over Easter - this is really a matter for you to decide as you know your child best. If you feel that you still want to follow the projects as this adds structure to the day, then please feel free to continue with them, and rest assured that we are writing more material and additional weeks should the school shut down continue for a further period of time. If however, you think that your child needs a break over the holidays, then that is fine too. Whatever you decide, it is important that following the Easter break the children return to completing at least 2 hours learning per day.

Home Learning

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are continuing to look at how we approach home learning and are currently developing other methods of helping us to connect with your child in order to help them learn. We've tried to tidy the website up so that it's more accessible via a tablet or phone as we know most of you connect in this way. The '[School closure information, help and home learning](#)' section on the home page is the entry point to all of the current support for children and families. From this point the support is divided into 2 sections: [Key information, to help support families at this difficult time](#) and the [Learning Projects](#). The Learning Project pages are being developed to include not just the Learning Projects but also help, support and guidance from the staff at Rednal. Check out:

- [Mr Hayes' video to support with timetables](#). Also available on the website by [clicking here](#)
- [Mrs Graves' videos for timestables support](#) and a '[feel good song](#)' to cheer you up. Also available on the website by [clicking here for timestables](#) and here for [music](#).
- [Mr Flanagan offering some advice to continue maths learning at home](#).





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Joe Wick's daily workout, Monday to Friday - 9am to 9:30am

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Why not go on a virtual tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

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Get crafty with an original Easter Bunny Bookmark. Check out some other craft ideas for over Easter at



Great ideas for things to do!

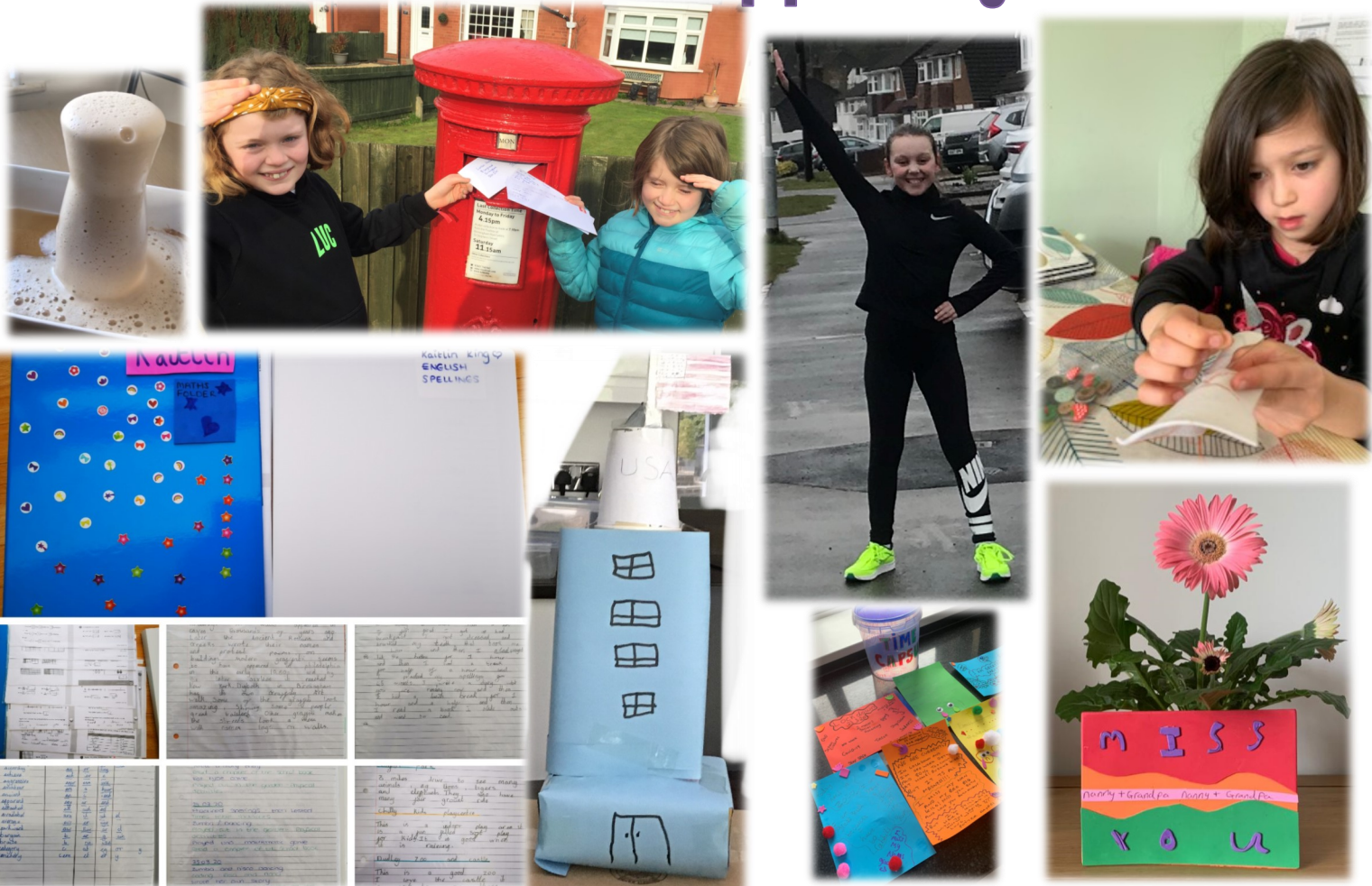
Online Safety

As schools are working towards more online learning and encouraging children to communicate with them through various technologies, we felt it was vitally important to remind you all of the importance of online safety. See our parents' guide to [Supporting young people online](#).

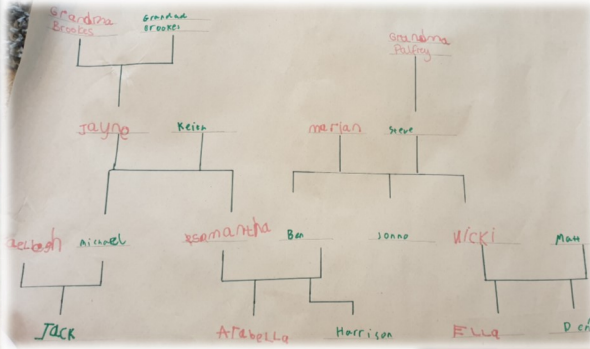
Wellbeing and Emotional Health

Keep Calm, Stay Wise, Be Kind. The stresses and strains of family life are being magnified during the current lockdown, particularly as it's difficult for us all to find our own space. We're pretty sure most families are beginning to feel the strain. [Action for Happiness](#) is an organisation that schools follow as part of their staff and pupil wellbeing programmes. Their current [Coping Calendar](#) gives little tips for families to Keep Calm, Stay Wise, Be Kind. Have a look at their [10 Keys to Happier Living](#) and if you have access to a printer there are some nice [posters to colour in](#) too.

More what's been happening at home?



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London fact file

History

- The great plague happened in 1665. It came from china and if you had it they would trap you in for two weeks and if you survived then you can just carry on with the rest of your life.
- The great fire of London happened in 1666. The great fire started in a tiny bakery and burned down most of London.
- The London Olympics happened in 1948. Then a few years later in 2012 they did another one and I was still very young when it happened!



Population

Did you know in England there are 55.98 million people and in London there is 8.9 million people. There are 32 boroughs in London. A borough is also named a town.



Land marks

- Interestingly Big ben is part of the one and Only House of parliament and Big ben is 69m.

Did you know the house of parliament is where the government make decisions.



- Incredibly the London eye can fit 25 people can fit on one capsule. Surprisingly, there are 32 capsules, they represent the 32 boroughs. All together 800 people can fit at once.

By: Magnolia Fisher

We used these ingredients.

- Bottle of coke
- Mentos
- Spare bottle to mix them
- Safe, open space to do the experiment like a garden
- An adult to help



What we did.

- We poured half of the coke into the spare bottle and then put it on the table in the middle of the garden
- My Mum then quickly dropped the mentos in the bottle
- We all moved back and watched the explosion



What causes the explosion?

- I went online to research why the mentos make the coke explode
- I found out that the mentos and coke react because of carbon dioxide
- The sugar and other ingredients in the mentos cause more carbon dioxide bubbles in the coke which causes an eruption
- This is called a physical reaction

