

School Closure Newsletter 8



Week beginning 1st June 2020

Dear families...

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school. I know from speaking to staff about their telephone conversations, how much many of them are missing school and their friends. We are certainly missing the children!

As you will know, the Government has decided that schools should start to reopen for specific year groups from June 1st onwards. In order to fulfill our safety obligations, Rednal will not open to Year 6 until the 8th June but will be open to the children of Key Workers and children considered vulnerable from the 3rd June.

The Government have produced guidance for schools to follow and having carefully assessed this, we feel have done all that we can to mitigate the risks.

The government have advised us that:

- Children in eligible year groups (Reception, 1 and 6) are strongly encouraged to attend
- Children of key workers and those who are vulnerable should attend
- Children and staff classed as extremely vulnerable due to medical conditions should not attend
- Children should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating.
- Parents will not be fined if they do not send their child to school.

Full guidance for you can be found here: [Reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june](#)

Returning to school information

When children return to school they will be taught in small groups (Pods) to allow social distancing and attempt to keep everyone safe. Children will stay in these small groups, with two members of school staff, for all parts of the school day and will not be able to mix with other groups of children. It is also probable that children may not be with their usual teacher and, given increasing numbers, in the future may not be able to come to school on every day of the week (this does not include the children of key workers and those considered vulnerable).

Each Pod will also have break and lunchtimes together, Pods will not be mixing with each other at all. Sandwich lunches will be eaten in the classrooms or in their designated outside space. With less children in school, children will be chaperoned to the toilet, where possible, to limit the interactions between the different Pods. Regular hand washing sessions will be put in place for children and key areas of the school will be cleaned more frequently throughout the day.

The children will not be required to wear uniform. The guidance states that clothes should be washed at the end of each school day. We therefore suggest that children wear comfortable clothing and footwear as we plan to have the children outside as much as possible, weather dependent of course.

There will be a staggered start and end to the day with 'windows' for each Pod to be dropped off and collected. This is to reduce the number of parents at key points around the school and therefore enable everyone to maintain social distancing. Parents have been encouraged to limit their time in and around school and for only one parent, if necessary, present at drop-in and collection at the end of the day.

If you wish to speak to someone in school, you will need to phone the school office or email via the office email. Sadly this means we will not be able, for the moment, to welcome you into the school building.

E-mail: enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com

Telephone: 0121 453 2520

Although school will seem strange at first and somewhat restricted, our aim is as always, to make the children feel safe, confident and happy while they are with us. We want them to continue to have fun at school and enjoy learning, even during these worrying times.

Home Learning Projects

During our partial reopening, the learning projects will continue for children not at school, the 'Home Learning Project Team' will consist of: Y6-Mr. Hewitt, Y5-Mrs. Hughes, Y4-Mrs. Judd & Y3-Mrs. Fisher. The learning projects will be renewed on the first Monday of each week of this final half-term.

- [Clicking here for Y3 & Y4](#)
- [Clicking here for Y5 & Y6](#)
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Home Learning pictures & videos

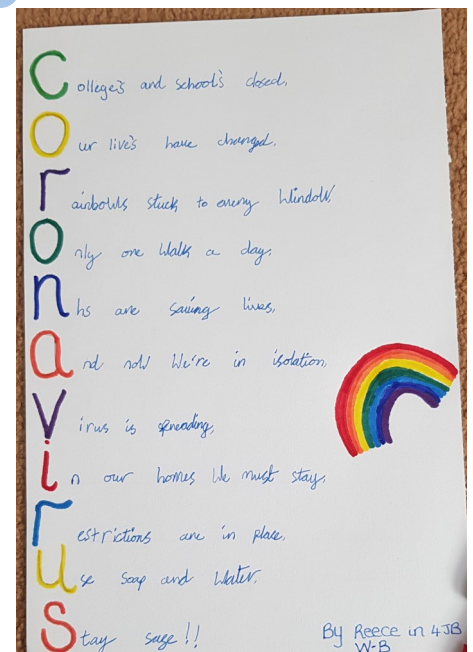
Please also keep sending in any home learning pictures or videos for our newsletter/website to enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com. To help us identify this work, please mark the subject as 'Home Learning'. **Please note that pictures sent in may well find their way onto the school's website or newsletter with children's names etc.** If you'd like to send in pictures of home learning but don't want your child's details attached to the picture, can you please specify this in the e-mail.

More home learning videos - [Please click here to see](#)

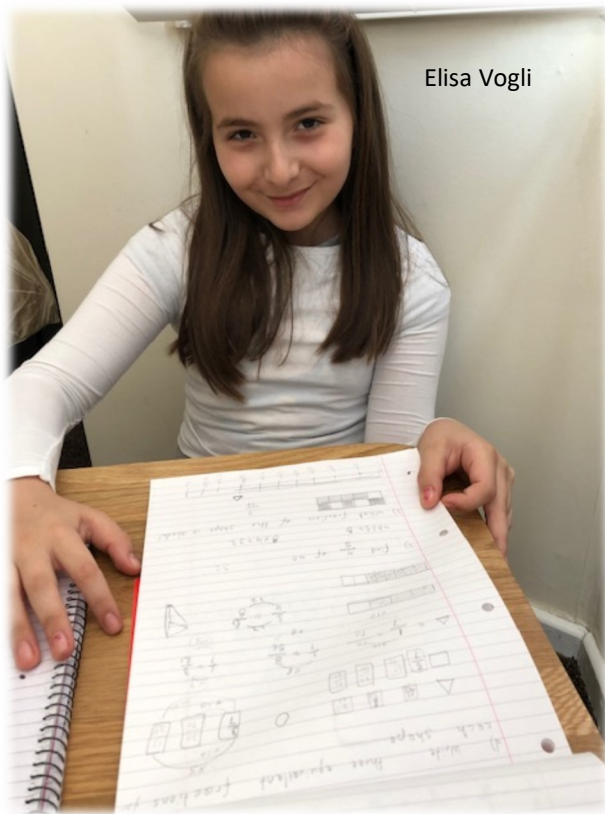
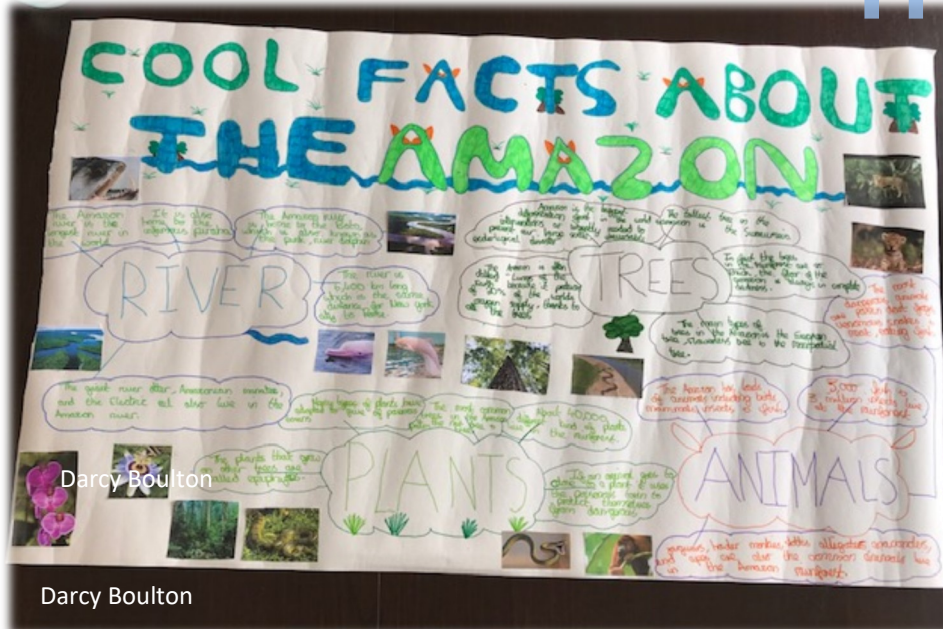
Sun cream for returning children

For children that are returning shortly, can parents/carers please ensure that they have adequate sun protection on before they come to school. We're aiming to deliver more of our curriculum outside and with the current heat wave this will be a necessity. Thanks.

What's been happening at home?



More of what's been happening at home?



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