

# NEWSLETTER

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## Helping the NHS

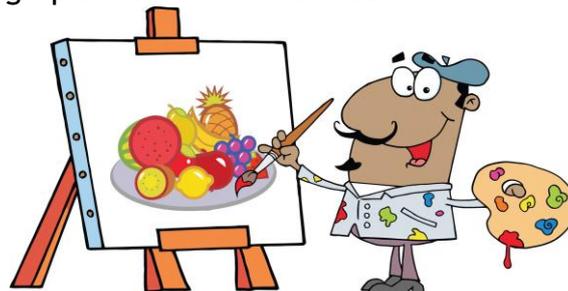
Some staff from Barnes Farm Schools have been sewing to help the NHS. They have been making 'scrubs bags' for staff at Broomfield Hospital and for Chelmsford-based paramedics. The large drawstring bags are for staff to use at the end of a shift so they have a safer way to take home their uniform for washing. Home-sewers across the country have joined organisations such as 'For The Love Of Scrubs' and have been sewing scrubs, hats and bags for medical staff as there is a national shortage of such items. If you would like to help or you need scrubs, you can contact <https://www.facebook.com/sew4c/>. Well done to our own staff who have made over 70 between them so far.



## Calling all budding artists!

Broomfield Hospital is trying to create a wall of thanks to decorate corridors so the staff, support services and patients can see bright and beautiful drawings by children in the local community. We are sure that Barnes Farm pupils would love to be involved in something so worthwhile, so we're asking you to take part by creating an image that will cheer and encourage our wonderful NHS workers by using your best drawing and colouring skills.

Drawings must be A4 so that they can be laminated and should have our school name and your first name only. When you have finished, you can bring it to school on any weekday between 8.30am and 4.30pm and hand it in or post it to us. Please hand these in by **Monday 11th of May**. Mrs Cornforth's husband is an NHS worker at Broomfield hospital and he is going to arrange for them to be taken and put up in the same place in the hospital. Then he will take some photographs that we can include in a newsletter in May/June.





## Home learning resources

You will probably be aware that a co-ordinated, national effort has been made to try and provide high quality home learning resources for all year groups across the country. This has resulted in content added to the existing BBC Bitesize website and a brand new website resource called Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>, both of which launched in their current format this week.

We have looked carefully at these resources and believe that, at this time and in these circumstances, the online teaching available from the Oak National Academy is going to be a particularly useful method of home learning. This is especially because there are videos to view of teachers leading through a unit of lessons and exploring/explaining the content, which are sequenced across a week and sometimes over several weeks. As with any method of home learning, this cannot properly replace your child's learning with their teacher in their own class at school, but we think it could be better than sending pupil documents to download and work through via eSchools.

The Oak National Academy website has three hours of learning every day for all year groups, broken down into English, Maths and one other subject. The resources are high quality and age appropriate. There is no downloading or photocopying required therefore pupils will be able to access learning more easily via laptops, tablets or even mobile phones.

When setting home learning for next week, the teachers will still direct children using the homework tab on eSchools as they have been doing, but no documents or overview sheets will be uploaded, just some instructions about where to look for the Oak National Academy resources. The Academy website already has a schedule for the next 5 weeks and this looks to be a comprehensive, engaging and accessible schedule of learning: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vTWwVJb\\_hQyPFhhr8wtm\\_jLcYpmRgUVqKF1M7hqO4Yke85cQCh6H3jRQOk8OLzCiy1v1776XeakAXj/pubhtml](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vTWwVJb_hQyPFhhr8wtm_jLcYpmRgUVqKF1M7hqO4Yke85cQCh6H3jRQOk8OLzCiy1v1776XeakAXj/pubhtml)

We will be actually using Week 1 - Week beginning 20th April - so we will be one week behind. This then allows our teachers to familiarise themselves with the content before children access it (next week's work is not available to view yet, hence the need to work a week behind). Teachers will use the time they would have spent on preparing and uploading resources to instead support and answer questions from pupils/parents if these are presented through eSchools.

We hope you will find this an improvement on the accessibility and ease with which your child/children can engage best with learning in the home environment.

## Keeping in touch

Thank you to all the pupils who have been keeping in touch with their class teachers. Please remember to ask children to do this once a week as this will help teachers continue to fulfil their duty of care towards their class. It can be a message about work or other things they have been doing at home and need not be very long. Although we are officially closed, we still retain certain responsibilities and teachers will need to follow up by phone if they haven't heard from pupils on a regular basis.



## New Pupil Passport cover competition

How would you like to see your artwork on every Barnes Farm Junior School pupil's desk in school and at home?

This year we would like the cover of our Pupil Passport to reflect the wonderful community spirit of Barnes Farm Junior School and/or the journey that you as pupils experience in your time at school. The last few weeks have shown how well our school community can work together and help each other. Previously, our covers have often reflected the houses which are still an extremely important part of who we are and of course demonstrate working together (you could still try and work these into your design if you wish, but they are not essential). Your design should be on a plain piece of A4 paper. Leave at least a 1cm border around the outer edge.



Please include the following things:-

- Barnes Farm Junior School  
Pupil Passport  
2020 - 2021
- Space/box big enough for a first and last name
- The school owl emblem

You can use pens/ pencils for your design but think bold. You can make a design on a computer if you would like to. Think about what school means to you and how all of us working together makes Barnes Farm Junior School a fantastic place for us all. We will be featuring some of your entries in the forthcoming Newsletters. The closing date for entries is 31st April and if it is a hand drawn design, we need the actual work, not a photo emailed through - you can post it or bring it to school on your one daily activity outside of home. We can't wait to see where your imagination takes you.

*Mrs Vickers*

## Keep active resources

Parents have already been given free access to a number of useful resources. This is the new PE scheme that we are using in school, which is also accessible by parents: [www.pehubportal.co.uk](http://www.pehubportal.co.uk)

Active Essex website has lots of ideas for physical activities at home:  
[www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)

They have some instructors, colleagues and friends of Active Essex doing free LIVE workouts and activities on Active Essex YouTube, so feel free to share or join:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6884snA6rAX34ohUayf7gA>

### Update from Chelmsford School Sports Partnership

Each week we shall send a weekly sheet with five activities differentiated for KS1 and KS2. The ideas can be used in school with the children or at home with parents. We have built a web page too, for the parents to access, without having to login to the site. They simply go onto [www.chelmsfordssp.com](http://www.chelmsfordssp.com) and click on the Parent Zone tab at the top. They will have access to this page only. It has a letter explaining the process and ways to use the resources. It contains the weekly sheets, guidance documents, Healthy ideas and website links. We shall add resources to this on a regular basis and a login in is not required.



### TTRS battles!

Mrs Jordan has set up some year group battles on Times Tables Rock Stars -Year 3 against Year 5 and Year 4 against Year 6. They start today and end on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It's a great way of keeping up your times tables skills and speed of recall and only takes a few minutes to take part.

Mrs Davis has shared these top tips for keeping yourself motivated while learning at home:

# TOP TIPS FOR HOME SCHOOL!

- #1 Get dressed!
- #2 No computer until 4pm
- #3 Have a break between tasks
- #4 Use a timetable, boring but handy!
- #5 Tick off as you go
- #6 Ask for help if you need it
- #7 Get someone to mark your work
- #8 TRY YOUR BEST!

This week's contribution by Mrs Burlton is a sports-related wordsearch:

The words may read across, down or diagonally. Match the picture to the sport.

**Find the different sports**

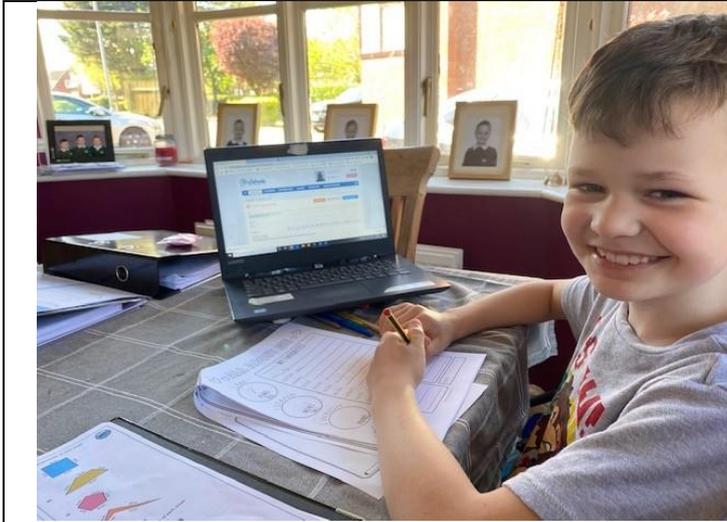
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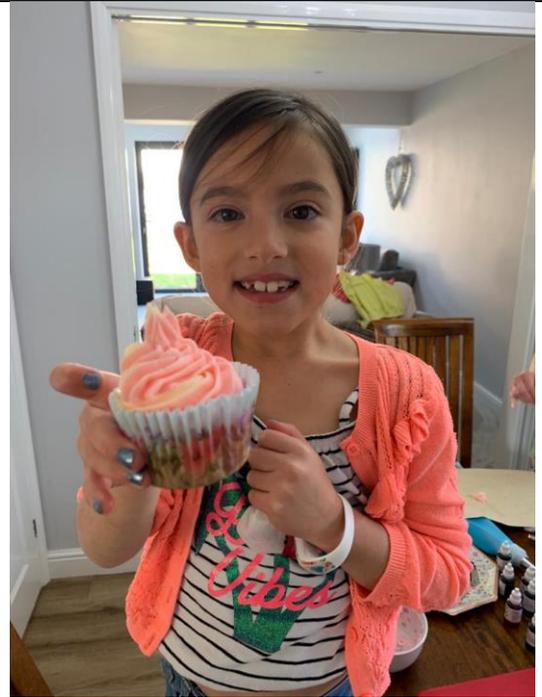


## Home learning examples

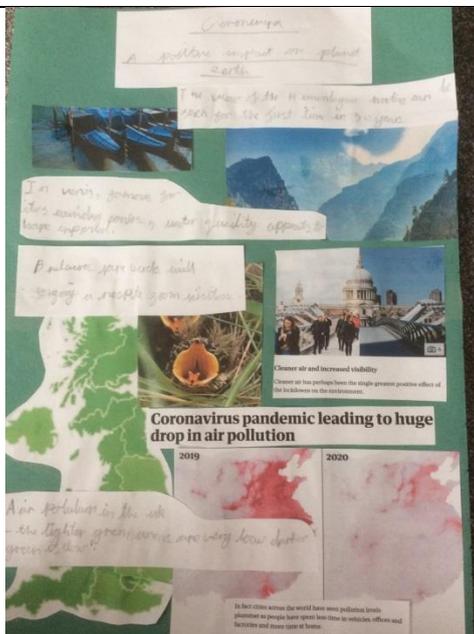
Thank you to all of you who are responding to my request for examples of your home learning or other activities you have been doing. Please send more to me or your teachers by emailing through eSchools.



Charlie from Year 3 is keeping cheerful while working through the tasks his teacher has set

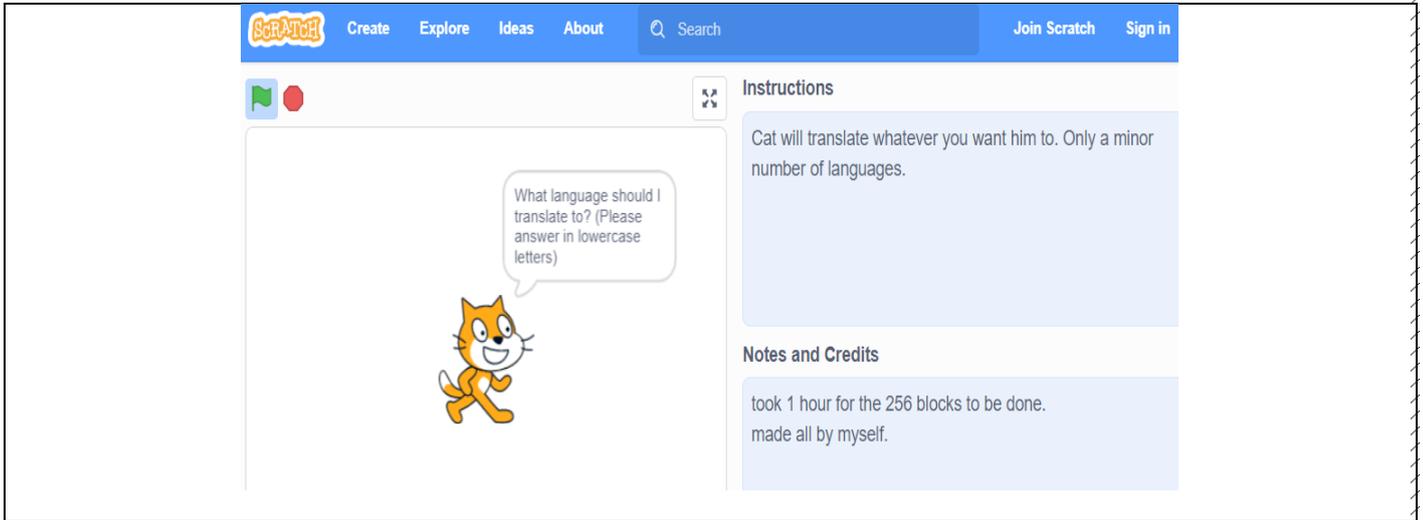


Jasmine from Year 3 baked cupcakes for her birthday



Harry from Year 3 has created a poster about the silver lining impact of Coronavirus... a huge reduction in air pollution!





Vivaan from Year 5 has been designing his own Scratch projects whilst learning another language.



Holly from Year 5 enjoyed making cupcakes and playing board games with family



Both Megan from Year 5 and Jamie from Year 4 have been practising their piano skills. They sent in videos which are shared here: [https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/april\\_2020/468559](https://www.barnesfarmjuniors.co.uk/website/april_2020/468559)

## RADIO WAVES CLIP



## TITANIC



- The titanic was one of the biggest ship they world.
- The titanic had 4 funnels but only 3 of them worked.
- The top deck was called the boat deck because they kept the life bouts on the top deck.
- They were sailing from Southampton to new York.
- It was built in white star line.
- It did not make it to new York because it crashed into an iceberg.

These are a couple of slides from a PowerPoint by Lucia in Year 5 based on the year group investigation about the Titanic.

## Marconi and Chelmsford

- ❖ Marconi's work was not taken seriously in his home country Italy so he decided to move to England.
- ❖ He opened his first factory in Chelmsford, Hall Street in 1898.
- ❖ Marconi soon needed a bigger factory and in 1912 the company moved to New Street.
- ❖ During it's heyday the factory employed 4500 people.
- ❖ The factory on New Street in Chelmsford closed in 2008 ending more than a hundred years of history.



These are a couple of slides from a PowerPoint by Grace in Year 5 based on the year group theme about Chelmsford and communication.

## Marconi Fact file

- ❖ Full name Guglielmo Giovanni Maria Marconi
- ❖ Born on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1874 in Bologna, Italy
- ❖ Died on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1937 in Rome, Italy
- ❖ He was an Italian inventor and electrical engineer
- ❖ Winner of a Noble Prize in Physics
- ❖ Marconi was married twice and had 5 children



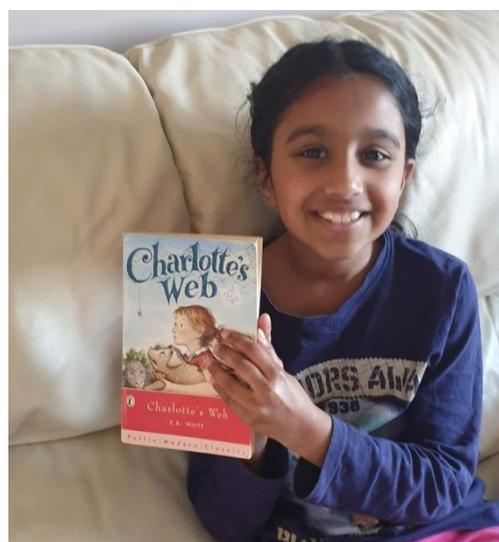
Holly from Year 4 sent in this powerpoint all about the Year 4 topic of Denmark:



Fiona from Year 4 has been busy in the last week. She made a face mask out of recycled trousers which could be worn on both sides as they have different patterns.



She has finished reading the book 'Charlotte's Web' which she would recommend everyone to read.



Fiona has also been playing around with Google's 3D animals and says for everyone to try this out as it's great fun!



And here are images of some of the work and other activities being done by the children who have had to be at school:



The children watered the school garden on Monday with Mrs Vickers and Mrs Harris picked some herbs for them to try to guess what they were. She then baked it into a very tasty cheese and rosemary bread!

