

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 28th January 2021

Dear Parents and Children

I can hardly believe that we are now in the fourth week of the Spring Term. School has certainly settled in to a new routine with one class of children in each year group and lots of children accessing learning at home. Year 6 have been writing poems with a 'Rainbow' theme to give us hope and inspiration.

Rainbow

by Lucas Tams

**Rainbow rising in the sky, colourful
bridge reaching high.**

**Sun & rain mix together, rainbow
shines through stormy weather.**

**Colour of light glowing bright, spreading
joy with all its might.**

**Connecting the sky to the ground, at the end
gold can be found.**

**Wonderful arch of reflected light gives all a
magical sight.**

Pretty rainbow up above beaming out hope and love.

Rainbow fades, it's gone away, we'll see you another day.

Positive Cases

Following the positive case in Y5 last week all pupils have now completed their isolation period and have returned to school. We are pleased to report that there have been no further cases.

School Attendance – Key workers

ONLY COME TO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS YOU NEED TO!

The school is now closed to the vast majority of pupils; the exception being those children who have an EHCP, are classed as vulnerable or whose parents have a critical frontline key worker role.

We continue to have over 30% of the school accessing key worker places. I have had further requests this week

and have now set up a waiting list for places. We cannot currently take any additional pupils.

Many thanks as parents are only sending their children on the days they need. (We do not need shift patterns, we will code the register accordingly and the place is secure once a name is on the register.)

If your situation changes then please let me know as this may release a place for someone on the waiting list.

Start and End of the Day

The number of parents and children accessing the premises at the start and end of the day has been greatly reduced, but please can I remind parents to park responsibly, and be mindful of pedestrians. There should be no dropping off on the 'zig zag' lines, or driving in to the school gateways or on to the school premises. We still don't have a crossing patrol so extra vigilance is needed on Parker's Road. Our PCSO has been supporting us and has been to supervise this week.



Uniform

If your child is attending school then they should wear school uniform each day. The teacher may ask for a PE



kit to be worn if that has been planned – this should be suitable and warm given the current weather conditions. All children **MUST** bring their coat, as they will be going outside for fresh air breaks.

School Lunches

The school kitchen is open providing a hot meal each day. Joy has adjusted the menu with one choice each day. An alternative will be provided for dietary requirements. If children wish to bring a packed lunch they will eat this in their class area.





Mablins Virtual School Assembly

We would really like it if children in school and at home could join us for again for our **Friday Celebration Assembly**. It was great last week catching up with all those children that joined us from home! We have posted out certificates to all the 'Shout Out' certificate winners! Well done to you all who are working hard in school and at home.

Year 1 Certificates:

Molly, Lola, Emmett, Finley, Anna and Belle

Year 2 Certificates:

Max, Freya, Evie, Mia, Isaac and Anthony

Year 3 Certificates:

Quinn, Louis-Jay, Isla, Sam, Joanna and Lola

Year 4 Certificates:

Imogen, Anderson, Perry, Jacob, Joshua and Isaiah

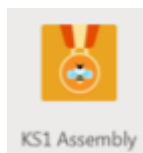
Year 5 Certificates:

Isla, Max, Bella, Youssef, Macey and Jessica

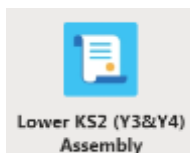
Year 6 Certificates:

Elliot, Luke, Jack, Tallulah, Brandon and Laura

Click on the boxes named KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 ASSEMBLY Links for joining details on TEAMS.



KS1 Assembly



Lower KS2 (Y3&Y4)
Assembly



Upper KS2 (Y5&Y6)
Assembly

Friday Celebration Assembly

29th January 2021

KS1 Assembly – Year 1 & Year 2

9:30am

Lower KS2 Assembly – Yr 3 & Yr 4

12:00 pm

Upper KS2 Assembly – Yr 5 & Yr 6

2:30 pm

Remote Learning

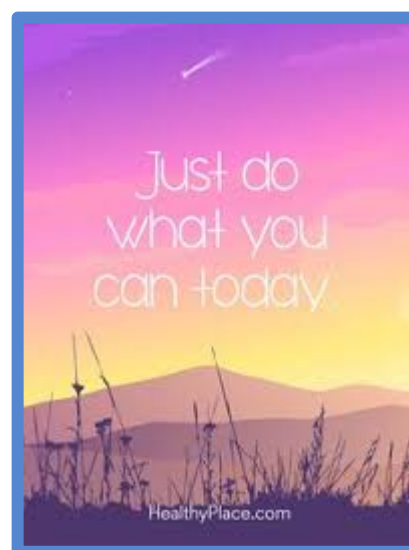
Remote Learning

Week 4 of Remote Learning on TEAMS and EYFS on the VLE and you are all doing an amazing job! We

understand that at times home learning will be tricky and you just need to do what you can!

PLEASE NOTE that from Monday 1st February all work from Year 1 to 6 will be on Teams, we will no longer be uploading new work on the VLE for those year groups. EYFS will be the only year group that will continue to work on the VLE.

Teachers are online every school day and there if you need any support with work via DOJO or by year group emails. Please get in touch with us if you need any support with home learning, we are here if you need anything!



If you are struggling with resources e.g. calculators/paper/notebooks/writing equipment then also please get in touch with us.

If you need further help with Teams then please contact us at school on deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or see this [support guidance](#).

DfE help with technology – Only for Years 3 to Year 6

As part of the Government programme to help families who do not have access to a device, we have been allocated a small number of laptops.

These laptops are currently being allocated to families who are struggling at home to access remote learning. Parents will need to sign an agreement with the school to accept responsibility for the device and return it to us once children return back to school.

If you are struggling with remote learning devices then please get in touch with us, we also have a small



number of laptops (these are being given to children in ALL year groups) that have been donated to us and we really want these to go to children who need them most.

Please email: deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

On-Line safety

How do I keep my child safe whilst accessing remote learning?

Parents need to make sure that children are supervised whilst using the Internet to ensure that they are only accessing content that is appropriate to them.



Children have had online safety lessons in school and should be aware of how to keep themselves safe online and what to do if they don't feel safe (remind them of the SMART rules).

It would be a good idea to ask your child to tell you ways in which they can keep themselves safe while using the Internet so that you as a parent can ensure that they understand. It is also important that you consider the amount of time that your child is spending online and sitting at a tablet/computer screen. Make sure that you build in time for breaks so that children are not looking at a screen for long periods of time.

Home Learning Packs

We have been providing home learning packs for some children who have limited access to technology. Following the distribution of laptops to some families we are hoping that this can now be reduced. Whilst we are happy to provide a paper pack, this does involve much time and paper and is not very environmentally friendly. It also means additional contact with the school office. **Please only request a paper pack as a last resort. Thank you.**

Reading

This week's reading support for parents.

Read With Me

FREE: Live Webinar

Thursday 11th February 2021

Literacy Counts in Partnership with Cheshire East

Supporting Parents and Carers in Supporting Reading

This first session aims to help you:

- **develop a love of reading with your child**
- **listen and respond to your child as a reader**
- **support positive interactions around books**
- **encourage conversations about books**

This free webinar includes practical 'take away' activities and solutions for reading to and with your primary school child.

3pm-4pm

<https://zoom.us/j/91478883218?pwd=V3VVQVdPdG5wVTNyT3d3SmhieW5vQT09>

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7pm-8 pm (Repeated)

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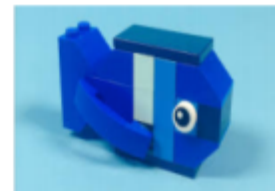
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FOREST SCHOOL CHALLENGE 3

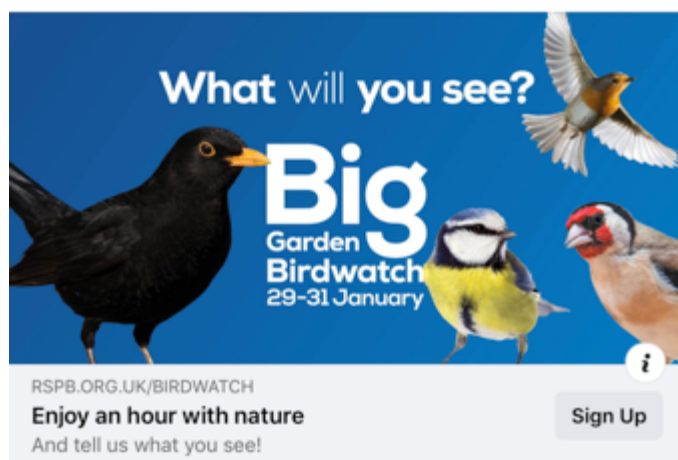
MAKE AN ANIMAL OR FOREST OUT OF LEGO
Many of you will have Lego, wooden blocks or other building toys at home. Challenge yourself to make something inspired by nature. If you have brothers or sisters at home you could all work together to make one big scene, like a springtime woodland or giant tree. Or you could have a contest to see who can build the best minibeast, animal or bird.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

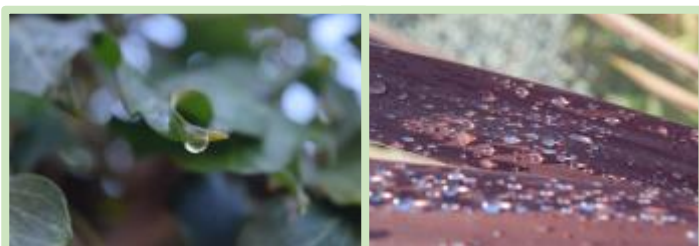
This weekend is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. You could join in and spot the birds in your garden. The RSPB website has all the details.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk>



If you don't want to formally take part, spend a few minutes watching the birds in your garden. Do you know what kind of bird it is you've seen? Try to find out the name, there's help on the RSPB website, and draw a picture.

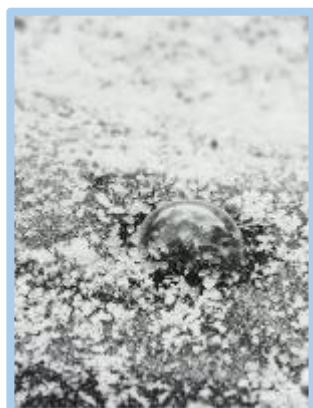
Please send any photos of Forest School Challenges to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



Raindrop Forest School Challenge 2, photos from Jacob L/Year 5.

Home Learning

Thank you to all the children that are sending in photos of remote/home learning. YOU are doing an amazing job and WE are so proud of you all! Keep sending



photos in via TEAMS or by email to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



Audio Books – VLE

We have updated the website with a range of Audio books for the children to enjoy. The password for the audio book section is at the top of your Year Group VLE page. Direct link to page below; <https://mablinslaneschool.co.uk/audio-stories/>



Kids Planet

Breakfast and after school club has stayed open for parents who need to drop off and collect outside of school hours. Kids Planet has measures in place to safeguard the children and reduce contact between pods. Pre-School also remains open at this time.



Covid-19

Although there is a new strain the guidance for Covid still gives the main symptoms as;

- New and persistent dry cough
- High temperature
- Loss of taste /smell

Should your child present with any of these symptoms they should **not go out**, but you should **seek a test**.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SHOWING ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS OR IF ANYBODY IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS SHOWING THOSE SYMPTOMS.

Please follow the guidance to help keep everybody safe.

IMPORTANT

Covid- 19 Telephone Number

If your child has a Covid test and it is positive you must inform the school immediately by calling our Covid telephone line on:

**MABLINS LANE COVID POSITIVE TEST REPORTING
TELEPHONE NO.**

07415 005702

This number is **ONLY** for reporting a positive test.

Illness

Whilst we are all being vigilant for COVID symptoms, please let us not forget that the children may just get a winter cold or a tummy bug. If your child is unwell in anyway then please keep them at home in order to contain the spread of germs.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Go to the link below to see if you meet the specified criteria. Applying for FSM attracts over £1000 of funding in to school which helps to support the children, for example helping to fund your child's school trips.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Now that schools have restricted opening again the Free School Voucher scheme has been reinstated from Monday 18th January. Those on our FSM register should have received an email to confirm the arrangements. Each child that qualifies for Income Related FSM (not UIFSM) will receive £15 per week in shopping vouchers. If you are uncertain about qualification then please telephone or contact the school office:
admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

Children's Check in

During this time, we want to reach out to you and offer our support as much as we can.



If you are feeling lonely, if someone is being unkind online, or if you would just like to check in with us, please get in touch. Just like in school, you can reach out to talk to us by emailing:

mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



Year Group - Email Address

Mablins Lane CP School

Just a reminder that our year group email addresses are still operational.

Please use **ONLY** the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher. They will respond during the school working hours of between 9.00am and 4.30pm, please note that many of the teachers are still in school and teaching key worker children.

eyfs@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year1@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year2@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year3@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year4@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year5@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

year6@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

URGENT APPEAL - Crossing Patrol

A replacement still has to be found for our crossing patrol.

Unfortunately Transport Services Solutions do not have the position advertised. They won't advertise until they have completed a monitoring visit that has now been delayed. They are now telling us that they won't complete the monitoring visit when they know that 'traffic' (cars and pedestrians) are not as usual.

We have had 2 expressions of interest from parents – but can't do anything until the monitoring visit has been completed. This seems nonsense.

Please could I ask parents to lobby the Local Authority in order to get our crossing operational again?

In the interim, I have to inform parents that the crossing will not be supervised so additional care will be required.



School Meals - Cashless Payments

Please can we remind parents about the Cheshire East epayments system. Payments for school meals **should where possible be made online** via the [Cheshire East School Epayments Portal](#)

If parents are unsure how to do this then please ask at the school office or refer to the [online parent guide](#) below.

Half Term

This week the DFE have confirmed that the school will be CLOSED for the half term break to ALL pupils. We will close for half term on **THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**. The school is scheduled to re-open on **MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**. We do not have guidance whether this will be a full or partial opening. As soon as the situation has been clarified parents will be informed.

Have a good week everybody. Stay Home, Stay Safe.
Take care and look after yourselves.

With kind regards
Justine Joule - Headteacher

