

Mablins Lane Community Primary School Newsletter ~ 30th April 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

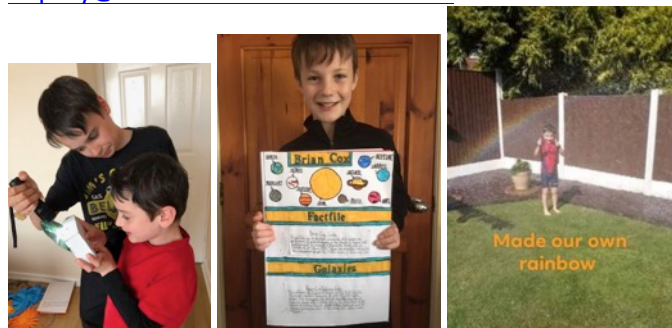
I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. The weather has taken a slight turn this week but there are lots of indoor activities to enjoy or even take a walk in the rain. Photos are showing that nothing can dampen the Mablins Spirit! Well done everybody, keep it up ☺

Science Week!



If we had been in school this week it would have been science week. The science team had all sorts of lovely things planned, instead they have shared lots of activities and ideas through the VLE and website.

We have already seen lots of examples of experimenting and research – well done. If you haven't put on your 'lab coat' and 'goggles' yet, get involved and then show us what you have been up to by sending us a picture: deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk



Home Learning – VLE REMINDER

Whilst the lockdown continues the teachers have continued to upload activities to the VLE on the school website. How to log on:

VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) Pupil Home Access Login

Go to our website: www.mablinslaneschool.co.uk

Click on "Pupil login"

Select – (choose your year group)

Enter your password – year1_vle (Change year group accordingly)

There are so many great suggestions for activities to suit everybody.

Current analysis of statistics show that there has been an improvement over the last week – thank you. Last week I reported that approximately one third of each year group was accessing the VLE (30 out of 90 children). The challenge was to get up to 50% of each year group and we have managed that. Year 1 and Year 4 have the highest logins (over 90%) for their weekly overviews – well done. Just touching 50% are Years 5 and 6. Let's see if these year groups can increase over the coming week.

Our Music, PE and Forest School sections are getting much larger hits and that is great news.

Remember to have a balance of activities over the day and over the week.

Thanks to parents for continuing to supporting us ☺

Key workers

The school will continue to open for the children of our key workers. If your situation changes for whatever reason and you require this facility then please get in touch. We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact me head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk admin@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk to confirm your requirements for a place.



Free School Meals

The Government promised to support those families where pupils are entitled to a 'free school meal' (FSM). The National voucher scheme was set-up in order to deliver this support.

Just a reminder that if you have not received a voucher that you think you are entitled to then please let us know.

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



Well Being support – Mindfulness

This week 10 of the most relaxing songs in the world!

Listening to music has the ability to

reduce stress level by 65%, according to research conducted by British scientists. (And it is science week!)

10. "We Can Fly," by Rue du Soleil (Café Del Mar)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbzuesSeDmQ>

9. "Canzonetta Sull'aria," by Mozart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fc3fmSSUwck>

8. "Someone Like You," by Adele

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAC83CF8Ejk>

7. "Pure Shores," by All Saints

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVNdTXEjv1A>

6. "Please Don't Go," by Barcelona

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COqx-TCxrSk>

5. "Strawberry Swing," by Coldplay

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isH1yy8I_dc

4. "Watermark," by Enya

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO5tb20qQnA>

3. "Mellomaniac (Chill Out Mix)," by DJ Shah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcRXIM6edrM>

2. "Electra," by Airstream

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTvZ8a2gHFc>

1. "Weightless" by Marconi Union

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfcAVejslrU>

Music has long been used as a means to relax and recover human health. For centuries, many cultures around the world have used music to uplift and even heal physical and psychological injuries.

Neuroscientists in the United Kingdom carried out research carefully to select the most effective melodies to reduce human stress.

In order to have a healthy life, according to the researchers, the body and mind must have time to



relax. Listening to music is a simple way to relieve stress in life and work.

WARNING: Dr David Lewis-Hodgson notes that although 'Weightless' is effective at reducing stress, some women in the research said that they felt sleepy when listening to it. So we should avoid listening while driving as it can be dangerous.

Safety Online

This week's advice from Childline:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

There are lots of fun and interesting things you can do on the Internet and it can be a great way to stay in touch with friends. But it's important to understand how to stay safe online.

Sometimes people will try to trick you into clicking dangerous links or sharing things about yourself. Or something you've shared might be used to bully or frighten you.

5 ways to get support if things go wrong

1. Talk to someone you trust like an **adult**, or you can always talk to a **Childline counsellor**
2. Report bullying and abuse directly to the **website or app**
3. Delete things you've shared that you're worried about, or find ways to hide them
4. Tell the police by making a **report to CEOP** if someone is threatening or blackmailing you
5. Plan for the future and change your privacy settings so it doesn't happen again

Clapping for the Key Workers



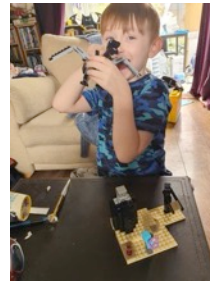
This week we are asking if you could send us a short video clip of you and your family clapping for carers this Thursday evening at 8.00pm

Mablins Lane Primary School would love to make a video of our school community clapping showing our appreciation and would be grateful if parents could email any video clips! (Please make sure that clips are recorded in portrait – thank you)

Please can you send them to deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk, by Tuesday 5th May?

We are going to publish the video on the school website and using our school 'You Tube' account, so you must be happy for this to happen.

Could we also ask for any of our 'Key Worker' parents to send in any photos of themselves in uniform which we will use in the video?

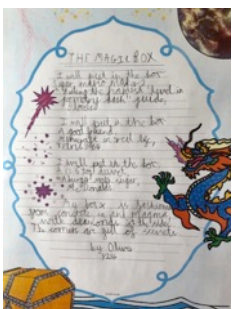
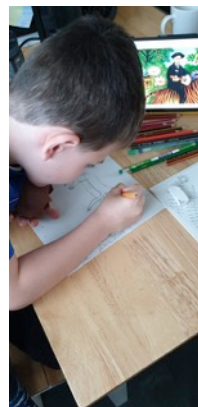


Many thanks,
Keep Safe.

Celebration of home learning work

Thank you so much for the work that has been shared again this week! It is so lovely to see this work and that our Mablins children are enjoying their home activities. If you would like to share your learning too, then log in to the VLE pages on the website or email:-

deputy@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk.



Blessings!

We continue to be touched by the countless blessings posted on our website. Please keep sending them in to:

mlcps@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk

with the subject 'Blessings' – no need to write a message. You could simply write; 'We made a kite and tried to fly it in the garden' and hit send!



Reading



We have seen lots of lovely pictures of everybody reading. Thank you. I have a lovely book to share this week. It is 'The Book of Hope' and can be accessed via the following link.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

It is a collection of short stories and poems all with the theme of 'Hope'. Our older children will be able to dip in to this themselves but it is also a great resource for parents reading to younger children. (Great for bedtime stories.)

One of my favourite contributions is a poem called 'Say Something Nice.'

I wonder if that can be a challenge for the week to say at least one random 'something nice' to someone in your household every day this coming week.

Competition



Royal Crown Derby has launched 'Make a Mug, Make a Difference' Competition in Support of NHS Charities Together Covid-19 Urgent Appeal Fund.

The competition gives children the exclusive opportunity to design a mug that celebrates the NHS. The winning mugs will then be made by Royal Crown Derby celebrating the formation of the NHS on July 5 1948. There are two categories, U12's & 12-18. The winner in each category will be selected by the artist and children's author Liz Million.

100% of profits are being donated directly to NHS Charities Together COVID-19 Urgent Appeal.

Competition entries are now open and will close at 4 p.m. on May 7, 2020.

The winners will be invited to Derby to meet the design team and see how the mugs are made from start to finish at the factory, in the heart of England. The winners will also take a tour of the Palace of Westminster with Jo Gideon MP and will be presented with the first mug off the production line together with their framed artwork. The winners will also visit the V&A, the world's leading museum of art, design and performance, where their mugs will be exhibited. Further details of how to enter on the link below:

<https://www.royalcrownderby.co.uk/makeadifference>

Mrs. Joule's Challenge

Last week's music challenge: Answers below

- Can you name the 4 sections of the orchestra?
String, woodwind, brass, percussion
- The player of which instrument traditionally leads the orchestra? **Violin**
- What is the person called who stands at the front and keeps everyone in time? **The Conductor**

This week it has to be a - SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Isaac Newton was a famous scientist who lived in England in the late 1600's. He changed the way we think about the world through his work and discovery around the laws of gravity.



Questions

1. What was he doing and how did he discover 'gravity'?
2. What else can you find out about Isaac Newton?

Walk To School Week

Next week (w/b 4th May) is 'Walk to School Week'.

As children are unable to walk to school, could you walk around your garden for the same time/distance?

If the weather is good, could you make a short walk each day being careful to socially distance if you meet other people?

Maybe you could walk on the spot! Be creative!

VIRTUAL



VE Day 75 – ‘Home Celebrations’



Next week also from the 8th -10th May, VE celebrations will be taking place. We have put different VE activities on the schools VLE page for children to have a look at and have a go to mark this international celebration. Again send us any work and photos; we would love to see what you have been up to!

School Place Allocation EYFS September 2020



TODAY – THURSDAY 30TH APRIL is the deadline for accepting or declining a school place.

From Friday 1st May schools should be in receipt of a list of families who have accepted a place. As soon as we have this list we will be contacting those families by letter welcoming them to our school family and we will endeavour to set up a meeting as soon as possible thereafter.

Priorities for coming weeks

Our priorities over the next few weeks include:

- Continue providing vouchers to families in receipt of Free School Meals.
- Monitoring and reviewing the arrangements we have made to care for the children of parents working in the critical services.
- Planning transition arrangements for our new EYFS pupils.
- Liaising with the DfE, Regional Schools' Commissioner, Cheshire East and local headteachers.

Stay Safe

At the current time, we still don't know when we will return as a school – in the meantime we will endeavour to carry on communicating with you and ensuring that you are well informed. Remember that Class Dojo is

currently suspended and all communication should be via:

head@mablinslane.cheshire.sch.uk or
admin@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Take care, look after yourselves and remember, some of us are still in school if you need any support, help or advice.



With Kind Regards

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