



John Gulson Primary School Newsletter

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Message from Ms Sumner:

I hope this reaches you all safe and well. What a busy few weeks it has been! Let me start by thanking all our families sincerely for all their incredible support over the last two weeks with both the remote learning and understanding the new systems for those children on site. It has been an amazing community effort. Thank you also for the lovely feedback we have received from parents regarding the remote education – it really is appreciated. The entire school staff are working extremely hard to support children at home and in school and the feedback is lovely to receive. Please do continue to let us know of any issues you have or barriers you are finding, and we will continue to do everything we can to support you and your children to access learning in the best way for them. Please also remember learning extends beyond lessons, baking with a parent, helping in the house, sharing stories together, quality family time all help our children to feel safe and connected.

The children, have, as always shown amazing resilience both at home and on site and we could not be prouder of them. I am delighted to share some of their lovely work further down the newsletter.

It is important to look after your own well-being at this difficult time, please see a useful article for looking after both your own and your child's well-being further down the newsletter.

We will continue to communicate with you via dojo, the website, newsletter, and weekly phone calls so we can stay connected during this time apart. Teachers will be happy to answer any of your questions but also myself and Mrs Webberely-Holmes are on the end of the phone too if you need us!

Finally, please let me express my condolences on behalf of the school for any families who have suffered bereavement recently. We are thinking of you at this very difficult time.

I wish you a happy and safe weekend and look forward to seeing all the wonderful things the children get up to next week.

Devices

Mr Shebl, the office, and Mr Cross has been working hard this week with the issuing of electronic devices to families who need to loan these to access remote education. If you are struggling with this, please email the office with your request so we can consider if we can help.

office@johngulson.coventry.sch.uk

Free School Meal Vouchers

For families in receipt of Free School meals where the child is currently at home vouchers have been issued on Thursday 20th January – via email (please check your junk too) and text message if the email address did not work. Please contact the office with any issues with this either by phone or email.

Supporting well-being

The current situation is a difficult one for everyone. Please find attached a useful article with helpful links to support both yours and your child's mental health and well-being at:

[Parents' Toolkit: Wellbeing – primary - BBC Bitesize](#)



Safety Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/ carers to make sure they are wearing a mask when they arrive on site to pick up and collect children.

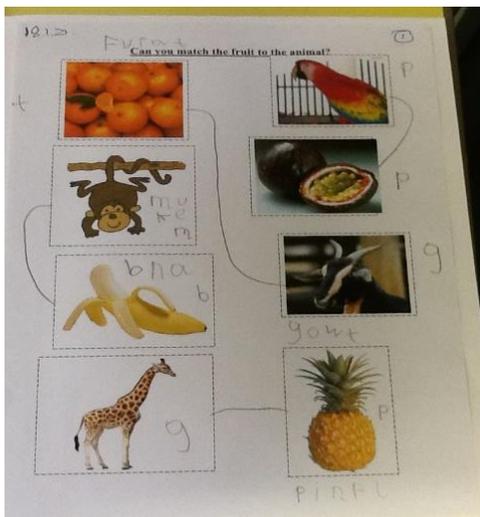
Also, if your child has **any** symptoms of COVID please ensure they remain at home and isolate in line with Government guidance.

These symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Some ACE work to share with you!

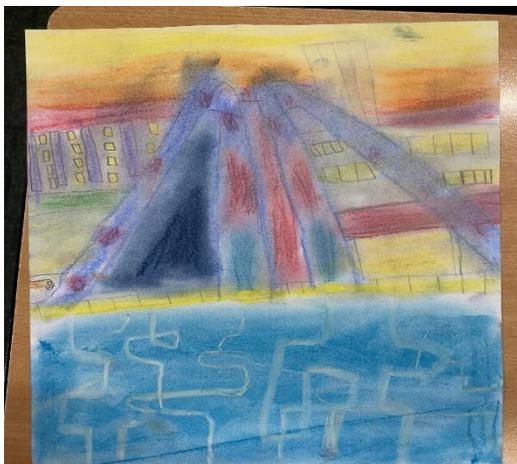
Nursery and Reception have been learning about the story Handa's Surprise both at home and in school. Here is some beautiful work from the children!



Beautiful work from Year 4 using a range of painting techniques:



The year 5 bubble have been incredibly creative this week, producing some amazing artwork about Coventry Landmarks, inspired by the style of the artist Ken Done. They have also created some wonderful stop motion animations using ICT! Children at home have also been very busy and active in their remote learning and have also created some amazing structures at home!



Year six are learning about Greek history both at home and in school. Ahmed got creative at home making a Greek pot from chapati dough his Mum makes- such creativity!

