



April Newsletter 2020

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS / CARERS

Thank you so much to each and every one of you for all the support you continue to give the school. With the launch of Google Classroom last week there were, of course, the inevitable teething issues and it's as new to us, as it is to you! We have been able to see that the vast majority of children are now accessing the work online. If you are having problems accessing the work please let the Class Teacher know via the year group email.

Much of the rest of this newsletter is to let you know about extra-curricular fun for the children and you! We are also asking you to let us know what the children have been up to when they are not doing school work.

If you or your child have found a fun activity to take part in or you have found a brilliant website for kids that they've enjoyed using, please send the link to the School Office and we may be able to share it with the whole school!

Please share the newsletter with your sons and daughters – if nothing else it will keep them quiet for a few minutes!

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Despite lockdown we do hope that all children, parents/carers, siblings and staff are able to celebrate their birthdays with loved ones whether that is in person or virtually!

Wishing these children an extra sunny day when they celebrate their birthday this mo

- ~ [George and Rachel](#) in Ruby
- ~ [Ythan, Ciara and Mary Jane](#) in Topaz
- ~ [Lincoln and Daisy-Mae](#) in Coral
- ~ [Ralph, Joao, Shafayat, Dana and Archie](#) in Jet
- ~ [Daisy](#) in Jade
- ~ [Abbie, Osayamen, Patrick, Summer, Bradley, Libby, Imi and Evie](#) in Quartz!!!
- ~ [Joe, Callum, Emily and Joseph](#) in Zircon



Not forgetting our very own [Mr Borland](#), who also shares your May birthdays!

PASSING THE TIME

We know that most of you are now logged onto Google Classroom and are working very hard. Thank you for being patient with learning how to do this! Keep up the good work.

We hope that you enjoyed all the suggestions on the Easter newsletter. We would love to hear how you are now spending your **free-time**, as we know many of you are learning new skills or continuing with your hobbies at home!! Perhaps you are **learning to cook, sew or garden**. Maybe you are **quizzing or playing board games** with your family, or have you started yoga, or did you take the time to **write a 'postcard of kindness' or a letter to a friend or relative**. Whatever it is we would like to know. Ask your parent/carer to send a message to the school with photos of your activity.

Board-games, quizzes etc

As none of us are having the opportunity to go out with our friends and family at the moment, playing a game with everyone in your house is an excellent way to pass the time. We expect there are lots of games of Monopoly happening but what else are you enjoying? Have you made up a quiz or competed in one with family on Facetime or Zoom? Why don't you let us know about family friendly games that you think others would enjoy?

Miss Armstrong's family have been playing online **Scattergories**. Why don't you give that a try with your's? <https://swellgarfo.com/scattergories/>

Book, Film and TV Reviews

Which books, films and tv programmes have you watched? Are there any you could recommend to your friends? Perhaps you could write a short review and send this to your class teacher to share with others in your year.

Note for parents/carers:

Which new and innovative ways have you found to pass the time with your son(s)/daughter(s)? Perhaps you are following online recipes, teaching them to photograph or paint, or sitting with them to plan a quiz for the rest of your family? If you have suggestions that we could share with all our other families, then we'd love to hear them.

If you have photographs of anything your child/ren has created or activities they have taken part in, please feel free to share these with the office and we may well include them on our next newsletter.

Note: please remember not to send photographs that would reveal your location, as our newsletters are shared externally on our website.



*****COMPETITION TIME *** – LOOK OVER THE PAGE!
DESIGN AND SUPER BEAR AND LEGO MINIFIGS**



***COMPETITION TIME ***

'SUPER BEAR' DESIGN COMPETITION TO SUPPORT THE NHS

John Lewis and Waitrose are asking children of all ages to help them create a 'Super-Bear' cuddly toy, to honour frontline workers and raise critical funds for the NHS.

The competition launched on Friday 24 April and the closing date is 5pm, next Friday 8th May 2020.

HOW TO ENTER

- An adult over the age of 18 should submit a photo of your design in one of the following two ways:
- By email to designyoursuperbear@johnlewis.co.uk
- OR post on Instagram or Twitter account with the hashtag #DesignYourSuperBear

Try make your bear unique through colours, patterns, capes, masks – whatever feels exciting for you! Please avoid using any recognisable icons in your designs, such as the 'NHS' lettering or Superman logos.

Think about a design that celebrates the fearless men and women working on the frontline during the Covid-19 crisis.

If you need a bit of help getting started, then please click here to download a teddy bear drawing template:

<https://johnlewis.scene7.com/is/content/JohnLewis/JL-DesignYourSuperBear-Templatepdf>

(A template is also attached to the email school sent to your parent/carer)

The winning design will be turned into a real toy, to be sold exclusively in both Waitrose and John Lewis, with 100% of profits going to the NHS. The toy will go on-sale in October as one of the brand's iconic Christmas stuffed toys, beloved characters known to sell out year after year.



***COMPETITION TIME ***

DESIGN A LEGO MINIFIGS

On minifigs.me Facebook page children can complete their own mini Lego figure for the keyworker of the week. If they upload their picture they can enter the competition and the best one for each age group will be printed and child will receive their character "for real." The daughter of one of our teachers won the 12+ age group a fortnight ago and a cute postman figure arrived this week!

HOW TO ENTER To enter the competition this week, you will need to do the following:

- Download the template and print it out: facebook.com/CustomMinifigs/menu/
(A template is also attached to the email school sent to your parent/carer)
- On the template, design your minifigure. **Remember, this week's theme is sanitation workers;** people who keep places clean and healthy, including our schools, offices, hospitals etc and also people who collect rubbish & waste from your house or street. You can design your minifigure however you like - just have fun with it!
- Once the design is complete, take a photo or scan your picture and ask your adult to upload the image to the Facebook Lego Minifigs thread. When you upload the photo, make sure to also comment with the age category for the entry. The categories are: 5 and under, **10 and under**, 17 and under.

Upload as soon as possible as next Thursday afternoon (7th May), Custom Minifigs will be choosing the winners at around 2-3pm UK time. We will be considering which images have the most likes and reacts, but we won't be relying on this alone! We will also be looking at our favourite designs, and choosing those we like best from each age category.

The winners will receive two copies of their minifigure. This works out great if your minifigure design is based on an inspirational key worker that you know - then you can keep one minifigure and give the other one as a gift to the inspiring key worker!

TOP TIPS

- ~ Remember, we can't print the greyed out areas of the minifigure. You are welcome to colour in the arms, but these bits won't be printed. They will be left plain white.
- ~ Make sure to keep the face design within the face template. We don't recommend drawing a hat or hair on your template, especially if it ends up obscuring part of the face. This will look really strange when it's printed!
- ~ Be bright and bold! Strong colours and contrasts work best; pencil crayon can end up looking a little washed out.
- ~ Remember that minifigures are very small, so simple, clear lines will work best. Tiny details or small text may be lost or blurred in the printing process.
- ~ Take photos of your artwork in good lighting and with as flat an angle as possible. Make sure to include the black box outside of the minifigure template within your photo - this makes it much easier for us to line up your artwork with our templates for printing.

Now it's time to get doodling! And don't forget to check back next Thursday afternoon to see if you are a winner!

For more info go to Custom Minifigs Facebook page or click here <https://minifigs.me/products/doodle-your-own-key-worker-draw-your-own-custom-printed-lego-minifigure>

LEARNING GERMAN

Mrs Farrier has been loving teaching you all German this year. She knows you all love the songs that help you learn the numbers, days and months of the year. If you'd like to carry on listening to these why don't you ask your parent/carer to click on the links below to look at these on YouTube. Perhaps you could get your mum/dad/sister/brother/nan learning German too!

When you go out for your daily exercise why don't you see if you can say the door numbers of the houses in German? This a good way for you to re-inforce all the learning that you've done.

German numbers 1-20:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x0Lzvsk2LM>

German numbers 1-100:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMtITBD7Vds>

German days of the week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSiKVHCMv44>

German months of the year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ7SFs7LjHg>



DRESSING UP!

As none of us are having the opportunity to go out with our friends and family at the moment the opportunities to put on our 'best' clothes are not really there ☹️. However,....we know that many of you are loving dressing-up for the 'Joe Wicks P.E. Lesson' on Fridays. Leading the way at school is our very own Mrs Farrier, who dresses up on Fridays whether she is in school or not!

If you are dressing-up or having 'formal Friday' or something similar why don't you send us a photo?



[READING \(OR LISTENING\) TO STORIES – NEW LINKS BELOW!](#)

You may already be an avid reader or perhaps you just like to dip in-and-out of fact books and magazines, but either way there are lots of ways that you can enjoy and improve your reading, even if it's by listening to a story.

Oxford Owl – are offering a free online library for children to use. Your parent/carer can create a free library books account and you can then access books- including audio books from the oxford reading collection. Click here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Online Magazines – there are lots of kids' magazines that your parent/carer could buy, however, there are some online websites that are excellent sources of facts and fun information including **Readly** - <https://gb.readly.com/> Your parent/carer can sign-up for 2-months of free magazine reading for the whole house! It includes popular titles such as: National Geographic for Kids, games magazines, WWE

Hertfordshire Library Members - although you cannot visit libraries at the moment, if you already were a library member you can borrow e-books and e-audiobooks via Borrow Box. You will need your Library card number. [Click here](#) for Borrow Box or search for Borrow Box online.

National Geographic for Kids – an excellent source of fascinating information <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

The Week Junior – a brilliant magazine available free for 6-months. Ask your parent/carer to look online or [click here](#) or go to www.theweekjunior.co.uk/

Listen to David Walliams – Elevenses

The actual real-life David Walliams (!) reading his own stories to you! You can access these online: www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses

Audible – another website where you can download books to listen to. This is available on a 30-day free trial, so please ask your responsible adult about this before clicking on anything! Or click here: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

You could be an author too!

You may want to look at what your favourite authors are up to at this time. Remember they are on lockdown too! Perhaps it'll inspire you to write your own short story or even begin a longer novel!

Watch authors from Hay Festival Programme for Schools filmed over the last 3 years. There are 55 fun filled and inspiring events to choose from including a talk by Cressida Cowell author of 'How to Train Your Dragon' series [click here](#) or go to www.hayfestival.com

Recommended Reading Lists - you can look at recommended reading for your age-group via this link <https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/young-readers-programme/young-readers-programme-book-lists/> Perhaps you'll discover an author you love and had never heard of!

Send it in - If you do write a story or poem perhaps you'd like to send it into our school email and we could do a display of these to look at when you are back in school ☺

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[FINAL THOUGHTS.....](#)

When the world is on your shoulders
And your heart feels full of lead
And your stomach churns like butter
And the voice inside your head
Is reminding you of everything
You've ever said or done
All your failures and regrets
All the times your fear has won
Take a minute to remember
That you've survived this all before
You've battled and you've conquered
When you thought you had no more
You are stronger than you realise
You are brave and wise and kind
And you know you're so much bigger
Than the doubts that fill your mind
So breathe it in then let it out
Allow the ebb and flow
You can win this war, you always do
You're a warrior you know.



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