

The Key Education Centre

Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 27th April 2020

Welcome Back

We're now one week into the 'summer term' and at the moment we are unsure what the next term will look like. However, while we wait patiently for this all to pass, please be assured that we are missing you all, we can't wait to see you and are already thinking about what we might do when we return!

Year 11 Updates – Next Steps

Usually at this time of the year we would be working really hard with our Year 11 students to support them with their exam preparation.

Additionally, we would also be providing support with careers, Post 16 Destinations, applications for jobs, CV creation and updates and answering your questions relating to life after school.

We would like to support all Year 11s with this and will do this remotely either by telephone or email.

If you have any questions relating to careers, applications for jobs or your CV please contact -

Carl - C.Stanton@thekey.hants.sch.uk (Gosport) or Damon - D.Newton-Goode@thekey.hants.sch.uk

They will both do their best to support you and answer any questions you might have.

There will be a team of staff who will contact all Year 11 students from Gosport and Havant to discuss that their happy with their Post 16 choices, to support with applications that may have not yet been completed and support with any decision making if you're unsure. The team comprises,

Gosport - Carl Stanton, Mel Walker and Helen Adams

Havant - Damon Newton-Goode, Debbie Frowley and Helen Adams

We look forward to speaking to you all next week.

Skills Toolkit – Parents and Carers

The government have released a new online learning platform to boost workplace skills.

Free courses are available through the new online platform, the Skills Toolkit. This platform signposts to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects and confidence whilst at home.

Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and the use of email and social media at work to more advanced training. All courses are available online and are flexible so that people can work through them at their own pace.

The Skills Toolkit can be accessed here:

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk>



Remote Learning Update

Online Learning

As the Covid-19 lockdown continues, we are increasingly mindful of the need to provide work which continues to engage our pupils and the limitations posed by the physical printed work packs we have produced to this point. We are also mindful that even when lockdown ends, there are likely to be continued restrictions which prevent us returning to school as 'normal'.

With this in mind, we are currently undertaking work to provide an online learning platform for all pupils. This will enable us to provide a greater variety of content and also may enable us in the long run to provide more interactive content with our teachers.

We are mindful that this poses some problems for families and can continue to provide physical work packs where access to the internet is not possible. We are also exploring options and responding to government initiatives to support families that we know may require some support with this.

Please inform the welfare team if you still require physical work packs and have completed the existing work.

PE – Keeping Fit!

This week's workout for you:

Jumping jacks

Walkouts

Squats

Sit ups

Shoulder taps

Heel touches (google these)

10 to 1

Do each exercise 10 times, then 9 times, then 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, collapse in a sweaty heap!

Challenge – Give the 'Bring Sally Up' Challenge a go. You can do push ups, squats, sit ups...watch the YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41N6bKO-NVI> and then listen to the words of the song! Good luck!

Oak National Academy

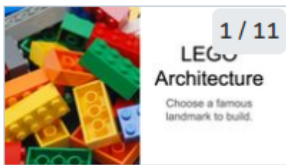
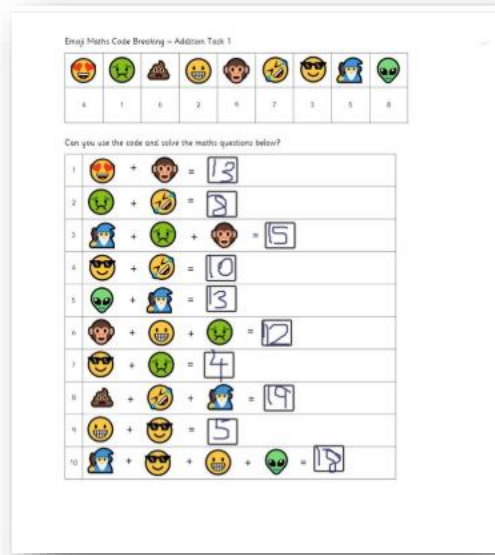
Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown.

The online classroom offers free access to great teachers, delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. Available for both primary and secondary levels, it covers a range of subjects. All of the lessons are ordered so your child can learn along a clear plan. They provide new lessons and resources each week.

Oak National Academy will fit alongside other resources such as BBC Bitesize to offer a structure for the day for children until schools fully reopen

Visit: <https://www.thenational.academy>





LEGO Landmarks

Choose a landmark from the linked slide deck.

In the response template you draw type **T** and record your plans for building your landmark out of LEGOs

When you've finished building, take photos of your landmark and add them to your response.



SeeSaw Trial

A group of pupils have been helping us trial the app SeeSaw over the last week. This is a great interactive platform and appears to be quite successful. We've been posting a mixture of activities including numeracy, literacy and problem solving. Pupils are able to respond by taking pictures, videos and annotating within the app. Do let us know if you are interested in taking part.



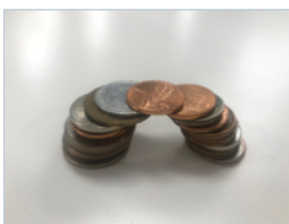
Challenge: Kick Ups

How many kick ups can you do?

Task 1 - Watch the video of George's attempt and count how many kick ups he completes.

Task 2 - Give it a go and then send us a video of your best attempt!

Can you beat George? Good luck!



Coin Bridge

Gather two handfuls of coins and use them to build a bridge. How tall, wide, and strong can you make your bridge?

1. Tap the add button.
2. Tap the photo tool to take a photo of your bridge.
3. Tap the record tool to tell about how you made your bridge.
4. Tap the green check to add to your journal.

Play Instructions (0:27)

Doing our bit!

In the last newsletter we told you that Miss Drew on the Gosport site was hoping to start making scrubs for the NHS! Here they are!



Clap for our carers



Do you go out on a Thursday at 8pm and 'Clap for Our Carers'? If you haven't you should give it a go this week. It's an amazing experience that gets noisier every week and it's a brilliant way to show our appreciation for the NHS and those on the frontline!

Mel's Coronavirus Creations

Our DT technician Mel from the Gosport Site has been using her time to get creative with some left over wood!

Did you see this picture of a squirrel eating nuts off a tiny bench?



Well Mel made her own version!



We LOVE Banana Loaf

It seems that everyone is making banana loaf/cake during lockdown. Miss Wood has made one pretty much every week (and doesn't actually like bananas that much) and can recommend the recipe from BBC Good Food



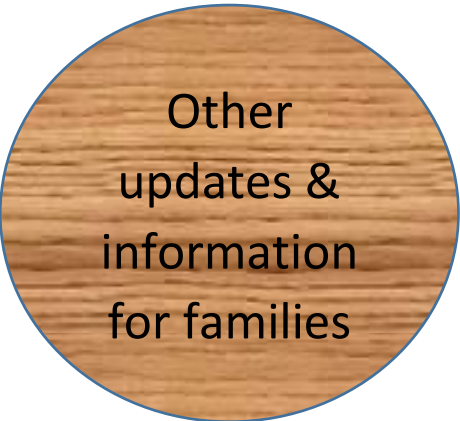
← Not a picture of Miss Wood's banana loaf

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/brilliant-banana-loaf>

TikTok

Have you mastered the BLINDING LIGHTS dance? LSA Natalie on the Gosport Site loves TikTok and has been making some hilarious videos. We look forward to seeing what you have mastered!

Remember you should always use apps with caution and it is important to be safe on social media! Don't share your content with people you don't know and never engage with strangers online!



Other updates & information for families

Reminders and Next Steps

We don't know what the timescale is for our return to school so we are incredibly mindful that it is an ever-changing situation and thank you for your support in working with us over the last week.

Please contact adminoffice@thekey.hants.sch.uk if your circumstances change and you believe you are entitled to provision under the government criteria.

Welfare Checks

Welfare checks resume as part of our normal safeguarding responsibilities; all pupils/parents should receive a welfare call from one of our welfare team. The team includes:

GOSPORT

- * Kirsti Spice – Home School Link
- * Jane Hiscock – Pastoral Support

HAVANT

- * Kerry Loader – Home School Link
- * Kirsty Regan – Pastoral Support

Financial Advice

We don't profess to be experts but are keen to give support and advice where we can to support families during this time.

Our welfare team have been given some information about useful sites that you can use

Helpful Addresses

Citizens Advice -<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Department of work and pensions-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

Step Change debt advice charity -

<https://www.stepchange.org>

Food and Free School Meals

Those members of the school community who are entitled to Free School Meals should be receiving vouchers via the government Free School Meals scheme. The welfare team have been providing guidance and support for parents entitled to this service.

We would also suggest that families whose circumstances have changes and who may now be entitled to Free School Meals begin the application process as soon as possible!

If you have teenagers who are eating you out of house and home and need support, we are also in contact with charities in Gosport and Fareham who are producing food packs that have already been well received by some of our families. We are currently trying to source a similar provision for the Havant area and will let you know! Let the welfare team know if you would like to access this resource!

Educational Health Care Plans - Update

Information and advice from Hampshire County Council for families, education providers and support services about children with special educational needs, education health and care assessments and education health and care plans can be found on our website.

Read all about it...

Lockdown has provided us with the much needed opportunity to create our Facebook page! We hope that this will prove to be a beneficial way to communicate and share information with our families. It isn't appearing in the search function at the moment but can be found at the following link <https://www.facebook.com/thekeyeducationcentre/>

Please stay safe, stay home where you can and please remember that the school are here to support you should you need us. Please contact us via adminoffice@thekey.hants.sch.uk