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Dear Parents and Carers, and our wonderful pupils

Another full week out of school has come and gone! It has been so wonderful to see so many photos of you and what you have been doing at home on email and Twitter...keep these coming, and see if you can spot yourself in our Celebration of Learning section on the Home Learning section of the school website!

Thanks go to the parents and carers who have been getting in touch via Groupcall and email with questions and queries about aspects of home learning. Hopefully, Miss Shimmons and I have responded to them all and please don't hesitate to keep doing so!

We are at the end of the first 2 weeks out of our school, and so I am sure that some families will have been working from the Home Learning Grids that were prepared.

Over the holidays, no new learning grids will be uploaded to the website. However, there are loads of ideas linked to STEM, Keeping Active and Creativity on the website if you are looking for something to do over the holiday period. The next set of grids will be available to start with on Monday 20th April. The Home Learning Tab on the website has been split into 5 different tabs where you can find out more information about Home Learning Grids, Additional Home Learning Grids, Accelerated Reading, Weekly HT updates and a Celebration of Success.

Some teachers will include task sheets or additional information sheets relating to work on their Learning Grids. These will be displayed on the sub-tab 'Additional Learning Grids' and will be clearly labelled with class stage and task name for the pupils to access online.

As promised, here is a brief run down of some of the things our staff have been up to this week, as well as working on school related tasks. Miss Shimmons and Miss Thomson are hoping to create a short video of the staff home learning, similar to the one on Twitter with the children last week so please check out Twitter for this soon

- Mrs Green has succeeded in giving her dog its first lockdown haircut and will be starting to watch you tube clips to tackle Cameron's thick hair soon. Yikes!
- Mrs Wilcox found some bits and bobs whilst clearing out the garage...she and Ellie the Elephant made a fully functioning xylophone from it! She will give a demonstration of it back in school I hope!
- Mrs Campbell's fitbit is really happy with her as she has been walking every day. She also needs a haircut and is actually contemplating letting Mr Campbell do it...should she???????
- Mrs Moseley has been trying out some of Joe Wicks workouts. She hurts a little bit now as a result!
- Mrs Burns has been using the Duolingo app everyday to improve her French. She has made

the most of the good weather and been out running everyday. She has been learning about different platforms to teach technology and has been collecting Microsoft Educator badges along the way.

- Miss Dickie has been celebrating her dog Mack's 7th birthday. He is loving having her at home with her all day.
- Mrs Symington started a 1000 piece jigsaw, and after some initial frustration, she is actually quite addicted to it.
- Miss Marr has been out in the garden, planting and clearing flower pots, as well as completing some home-made assault courses with her children.
- Mrs Duncan has been having badminton tournaments in the garden. She has been embracing the rainbow theme with rainbow coloured finger and toe nails, as well as baking a rainbow cake for her son's 14th birthday.
- Mrs Wallace has painted her decking in the garden, a job she normally does in July! She has been making and eating vegetable soup to keep her immune system healthy.
- Miss McFarlane has built a giant tower using household objects in her living room to place her router there so as to get a better wifi signal. She has also been designing a new patio space in her garden.
- Mrs Caira has been in the garden a lot with her girls. They found a ladybird and her daughter is convinced it is Gaston from Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.
- Mrs Davidson had a really nice friend drop a packet of sweeties on her doorstep to keep her going. She has also discovered she cannot bake bread – even the birds wouldn't eat it!
- Miss Cowie has been brushing up her technology skills as well as cooking a lot for her family.
- Mrs Baird has been noticing lots of different types of birds such as woodpeckers in her garden while she has been clearing out her shed. She even has a pheasant who comes to visit every afternoon.
- Miss Thomson has been baking Easter treats and taking them to her family members and leaving them on their doorsteps when she out her daily walk.
- Mrs Stewart built a cardboard rocket and painted it with her son.

Over in the EYC,

- Miss Cairnie has built football nets and repaired a trampoline in her garden
- Mrs Brown has been cooking....a lot...soup, shortbread and Mars Bar cake to name a few things
- Mrs Imrie has decluttering her house and cooking
- Mrs Kotze highlight of the week has been making a fire in the garden and toasting marshmallows on it.
- Mrs MacDonald has built a mini greenhouse and has planted basil, sunflowers and nasturtiums
- Mrs Imrie has been looking after her grandchildren – including a dip in the hot tub this morning!
- Miss McMurdo made delicious carrot cake cupcakes

- Mrs Pollock feels as though she is running a café with the amount of meals she is cooking for her family.
- Mrs Murray has been learning lots about Titanic and World War II through her daughters home learning, as well as making lots of cakes!
- Miss Nisbet has been making cakes and having treasure hunts in the garden with her niece who she looks after.

Miss Shimmons has been making the most of her daily walks and has been on the beach a fair bit with Harris, splashing in the sea in wellie boots!

And as for me, I have rediscovered my love of board games....we have been playing lots of old favourites, but my absolute favourite (and the one I am best at!) is Disney Trivial Pursuit!!!

For any queries or generic comments, please continue to use the Groupcall service and the Coylton mail box for emails. Miss Shimmons and I are checking these regularly each day. Continue to check out the website and Twitter for ideas and updates, and thanks go to the Parent Council for updating their Facebook page for us too!

So, please enjoy the Easter holidays, no doubt the strangest holiday that I am sure we will all experience. I hope that health and happiness is at the forefront of your minds and that you all play your part in supporting one another. I am so very proud to be a part of this wonderful school community.



Mrs D x

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