



Blackawton Primary School Weekly News Update



Contact us: parent@blackawtonprimary.org.uk

24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We obviously cannot say yet when we'll be able to open the school, but rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. We are so pleased that the whole school community is engaging with learning via Tapestry and the other online learning platforms that we are using. Staff are responding quickly to questions from the children and the activities and work has been flooding in. We know how challenging it is to keep the motivation up, and we will continue to find creative and fun ways so that you can help support your child's learning at home.

Teachers have been ringing to say "hello" to children and parents, to touch base and to find out if there is anything else we can do to help. If you haven't had a phone call yet, or we have missed you, we will try again next week. If you would like us to call again or you have any questions then please ask either via parent@ or on your child's Tapestry page.

I have had a few parents asking if other children can see what is on their own child's page. Just to reassure you, if your child is the only one tagged on a page then it will only be seen by staff and you. Where there is a group or whole school observation then this page can be seen by everyone who is tagged. We only put a group observation of a child's work up if we have had permission from you. You can download the Tapestry app to your phone as well as using on a laptop or a tablet.

Please look out for next's week's learning ideas on a Sunday evening and a Tuesday evening. We also will have two "surprise" assemblies sent out on Mondays and Fridays for your entertainment. If you have any other ideas on how we can keep the special community spirit alive at Blackawton, please let us know.

With thanks for all you are doing and very best wishes to you all,

Rachel

STOP PRESS

Friday Assembly Teachers Tik-Tok Dance Challenge now on Tapestry

Community Spirit Awards

Well done to the children that have been presented, earlier this week, with their Community Spirit Bronze Award.

Well done to Alex and Marcel, who along with their Mum and Dad, Fleur and Adam, have been maintaining the school garden throughout the Lock down

Alex Venables has been helping at home, making the dinner and laying the table, helping to look after his family and working towards his Beaver badges.

Charlie Wilton has been helping out on the farm, planting vegetables. He has planted carrots, peas, leeks, spring onions, potatoes, lettuce and pumpkins.

Leo Waller has been helping in the garden and on the family farm. Leo is one of the few farmers who now plant all their vegetable plants by hand - great job Leo.

Nel Carr has been helping at home and had been helping look after the school environment before we closed.

Amira has been making crafty bags and delivered them to other children so they had some activities to do at home.

Thank you to all the children who have let me know about your activities for the Community Spirit Award, I have a long list for Assembly next Monday morning.

If you would like to be added to the list please let me know, apologies if I forget anybody, give me a reminder nudge

We are all very proud of the children of Blackawton who continue to think about others at this time and are helping both at home and in the community.

Thank you to Arthur and George's dad , Bert Eden, who has very kindly installed a water fountain and water bottle filler, at the front entrance.



Thank you to Fleur and Adam with Marcel and Alex for clearing out the polytunnel

Library Open



The school library is now open every Tuesday between 3.30pm and 5.30pm and on a Friday between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. We also have a selection of exercise books available if you need more.

Please let us know if you need any worksheets printed. Thank you to Becky for opening this up for us.

An update on our services - April 2020

For anyone isolating at home - bored, anxious or wondering how they can prepare for employment - we can help!

Our most popular and useful courses are now available FREE of charge as distance learning, so people can gain support and training while at home!

Courses include our Health and Wellbeing programme (to support mental & physical health during isolation) and our Employability courses (to help people apply for the new work opportunities that are now available).

More info is available on our website:

<https://ealthatfrog.ac.uk/online-adult-courses/>

[Click here to email us a referral](#)

or call **01803-551551** for more info.

Feel good on the inside!

Online intervention sessions for all the family.



NOTICING THOUGHTS
NOTICING FEELINGS

BUILDING A CALM KIT
CHANGING THOUGHTS

FOCUSSING ON THE POSITIVE
MANAGING TRICKY FEELINGS



Sessions via Zoom every
Tuesday and Thursday @ 2pm
April 28th - May 14th

For more information please email:
helen@openmindsuk.org.uk



£30 for the full
course of 6 sessions

open minds

Sarah Simnett

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact Devon County Council either by phone on 0345 155 1019 or by visiting their website portal at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

Information that may help you and your family whilst you are isolating at home

Online safety from the website thinkuknow

This page has been created to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, we will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03cb8440df-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_24_03_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03cb8440df-64729385)

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CHILDCARE

If you need alternative childcare then please go to Pinpoint <https://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk/parents-and-families/>

BBC Newsround

Help with explaining coronavirus to children

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

[utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

BBC Home learning



The BBC has launched a series of daily educational programmes designed to allow children to study key national curriculum topics while Britain's schools are closed.

The daily Bitesize TV episodes, hosted by presenters including the Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse, with other famous faces expected to join later, will run for 14 weeks from 20 April.



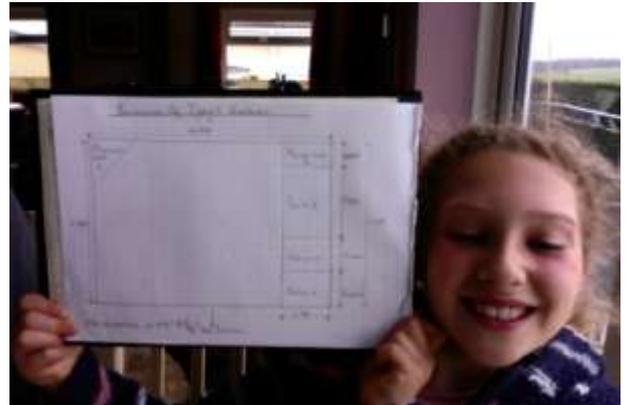
Six different daily shows, each for different age groups between five and 14, will be produced every weekday for the BBC's iPlayer and red button services.

What have you been up to this week?



Phoebe completed a 5k run.

Izzy measured the perimeter of her back garden



Nuala was very creative with her rainbow challenge



Harry made a hotel for bees



Molly made a Forest School bird



Ethan made a birthday card for Captain Tom

Campbell created 'The lifecycle of a frog'

