



Spring Term Newsletter 5

Thursday 11th February 2021



Dear parents and carers,

Congratulations on a successful 6 weeks of Home Learning, you've made it to the Half Term holiday!

We will not be setting any Home Learning for tomorrow or next week as we are not expecting any formal schoolwork from our pupils again until Monday 22nd February.

The email yesterday should have given you ideas for activities to keep the children occupied during next week, especially if we have a few wet days. We have summarised the information for you again in Top Tips overleaf. We hope that you can all have a rest, relax and enjoy some family time.

We anticipate a continuation of remote Home Learning for w/c Monday 22nd February, with school open only to children of key workers or who are vulnerable. As soon as we have received instructions regarding any change to our opening, we will of course let you know.

Home Learning Gallery

This week we congratulate the winner of a recent competition run by Exeter Chiefs Rugby, as well as being impressed with Chinese New Year decorations & themed activities, Lego designs and homemade lighthouses—complete with a flashing light on top!



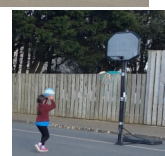
Keep sending your home learning pics through to us at
hello@padstowschool.org



This week KS1 Pod have learnt about Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday.

School Pod Learning Gallery

KS2 Pod A keeping warm in the winter sun with an outdoor PE session yesterday.



SongFest

You may have noticed on your child's Home Learning platforms that their teachers have been talking about **SongFest** and asking them to practice singing specific songs at home. In previous years, SongFest has involved children from one year group only and has culminated in a concert performed at the Hall for Cornwall. Obviously 2021's event will be slightly different! The finale event is a virtual concert, being held on Zoom, on the afternoon of Wednesday 17th March 2021. Nearer the time we will send out a letter with the joining information if your child wishes to participate.

However, for now, we are inviting children from all year groups at Padstow to get involved by learning the 8 songs, 1 or 2 per week, or as they wish, to enjoy the experience of singing aloud at home.

The two songs that pupils across Cornwall are currently practicing are:

One in a million [One and a Million - YouTube](#)

Go the distance [Go the Distance - YouTube](#)

And the songs from previous weeks are:

I'm still singing [Songfest 21: song #1 I'm Still Singing - YouTube](#)

Happy [Songfest 21: Happy - YouTube](#)

Love my life [Love my Life teaching - YouTube](#)

The remainder of the songs will be advised after Half Term.

Please do encourage your child to watch these videos and try out singing the songs at home. We will be in touch later in February with details of the final virtual concert for those who are interested.

Mrs Bruce.

Young Minds supporting your child's mental health

The charity YoungMinds' website is full of information to help parents support their children during this pandemic. The link below takes you to a series of 6 questions for parents to answer if their child is struggling, which will then give suggestions on how to support your child:

[Supporting Parents Helpfinder \(youngminds.org.uk\)](https://youngminds.org.uk)

Food activity calendar: February

Attached to today's newsletter email you will find an activity booklet produced by our new catering supplier, Aspens. They feature one seasonal ingredient each month and February's is beetroot.

TOP TIPS—for keeping your child active over the Half Term holidays

We are keen to keep our pupils—and parents and staff—as active as possible over the Half Term holiday week. Outdoor activity is great if the weather is nice, but here are some other ideas of ways to keep children entertained and moving at home—some are more active and some are more relaxing:

[Cosmic Kids Yoga - YouTube](#)

[HomeCourt](#) - this is a free basketball training app with great high-speed reaction games

[Actiphons- A unique Phonics resource inspiring children to learn | Actiphons](#)

[Proper PE with Mr Dineen - Winter #1 - YouTube](#)

[Primary PE Activities | Youth Sport Trust](#)

[GoNoodle](#)

We hope the web links are useful. We would love to see photos of the children and parents being active—do email them to hello@padstowschool.org. Thank you.

Lockdown Certificates

Here at school we feel it is important to continue to recognise the outstanding effort and hard work of our pupils—even more so during a lockdown, when the majority of them are relying on their own motivation at home to keep going! Each week, the teachers are awarding certificates to children working hard at home AND children in their Pods at school. Here are this week's certificate winners, well done to them all!

Home Learning Certificates:

Puffin: **Sophia**
Lapwing: **Ben N**
Kittiwake: **James**
Oystercatcher: **Evie & Josh C**
Cormorant: **Faith & Olivia**
Curlew: **Amber**

School Pod Learning Certificates:

Key Stage 1 Pod: **Sebby**
Key Stage 2 Pod A (Y3 & 4): **Mabel & Archie**
Key Stage 2 Pod B (Y5 & 6): **Tony**

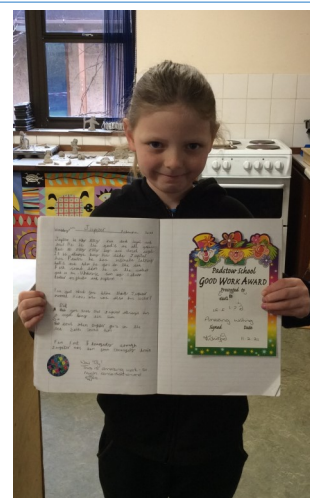


Sustrans have put together a 4-week programme of educational resources & fun activities for families. If you would like to find out more, follow this link:

[Sign up to Sustrans Outside In - Sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/outside-in)

Fantastic hand-writing!

The topic of Gods & Goddesses being studied in the KS2 Year 3 & 4 Pod has produced some wonderful pieces of writing. This pupil received a certificate from Mrs Whitford today for the huge improvements she has made in her hand-writing: hard work really pays off, well done!



SumDog Maths Contest—last day!



Today is the last day for children to join in with the Aspire Academy Contest on SumDog. The contest has been running since last Friday and invites all Aspire pupils to have fun with their maths quizzes, with points being awarded for accurate answers.

Please encourage your children, from Year 1 upwards, to take part and help Padstow School to shine on the Leader Boards!

Dandelion Learning—grammar course for KS2 parents

Dandelion Learning are running a FREE online course designed to support Key Stage 2 parents with Home Learning. The 45-minute session will explore: grammatical technology (nouns, verbs, adjectives, conjunctives) & ways to support your child at home with their understanding of grammar.

The session is being held twice: 7pm on Tuesday 16th February & 7pm on Tuesday 24th February.

Follow the link below to book a ticket for the event via EventBrite:

[Helping Parents with Home Learning. Getting to Grips with Grammar! - Dandelion Learning](#)

