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## Weekly Newsletter: we 22<sup>nd</sup> May

All documents referred to below can be accessed from the Coronavirus page of our website:

<http://www.wharcliffeside.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

### Wider opening update

On Tuesday we sent out a [letter](#) from Dave Cates, Chair of Trustees. I hope you have had a chance to read this. If you missed it, please be aware that we will not be opening to a wider group of pupils until **June 8<sup>th</sup>** at the earliest; subject to the Government's 5 tests being met. We will be in touch over the next week or so with some more detail about our plans for this. In the meantime, if you are a key worker and feel you may need a place going forwards, please get in touch ASAP via [headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharcliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### Feeding your family

Eat Smart Sheffield have produced a handy '[Feed Your Family For Less](#)' guide; featuring low-cost, healthy recipes, sugar-swap and save ideas and much more. This is available to download from the 'Resources' section. Also, if you are struggling, please remember we can apply for Free School Meals on your behalf. I can also refer you to a local foodbank if required. There is no shame in this – they are here to help at this unprecedented time. In fact, Sheffield City Council have informed us that Sheffield Foodbanks supported 1 in every 151 families across the city during the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### Have you been personally affected by COVID19?

In the UK, over 36,000 people have now sadly lost their lives due to this deadly virus. This means many, many more people have lost parents, grandparents, siblings, friends... When children do eventually return to school, a lot of work will need to be done to help them come to terms with the impact of this and the 'new normal'. It would therefore be useful to know if anyone has been personally affected. If you have lost a loved one and feel able to share this with us, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will support you and your child in any way we can.

### Congratulations to Mrs Coulson

Some good news to cheer us up: Mrs Coulson has been nominated for Sheffield Hallam University's 'Inspirational Mentor' award. This will be judged by a panel of senior academic colleagues and the winners will be notified in September. Well done Mrs Coulson!

*Mr Gaughan*

We are always keen to hear your feedback and help in any way we can. Whilst we can't solve every problem, we will do our best if you make us aware of it. Look out for our new weekly "You said... We did..." feature:

You said...	We did...
<p>Could the weekly home learning guides be made available slightly earlier please? (So we can be more prepared for Monday morning)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sarah Gillott – Parent Governor</p>	<p>We started loading them up to the website Sunday afternoon and texting parents via sQuid when done.</p>
<p>I am having trouble redeeming my eCodes on the Edenred website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Several parents</p>	<p>If required, we started redeeming the eCodes on parents' behalf; ensuring they receive vouchers directly from the supermarket.</p>
<p>I am worried about my daughter's transition to Bradfield School.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Y6 Parent</p>	<p>We invited all the Y6 pupils to an online chat with Bradfield's Head of Y7 via Zoom.</p>

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Home Learning Superstars



Well done to the following children for their excellent examples of home learning:

- ★ **Gracie R** for a phenomenal effort in the TT Rockstars competition. Class 3 were brilliant and she was the star of the show!
- ★ Inspired by the soon-to-be Sir Tom, **Alfie R** is raising money for the NHS by doing an hour's worth of exercise each day. At the time of writing, he has raised £50. If you would like to sponsor him, you can find the link on our Twitter page.
- ★ **Emilia** was challenged to read 12 books in 12 days, which she did!
- ★ **Lincoln** had a Mario day and wrote an encyclopaedia all about Mario.
- ★ **Elodie** made a video of a fun science experiment.
- ★ **Joe B** made a wonderful Powerpoint about Lockdown 2020.
- ★ **Sophie** for a fantastic book review about Mallory Towers. She even did a comparison between the book and the TV series.
- ★ **Evan** for a fantastic newspaper front page.
- ★ **Ethan H** has been reading 'Mr Stink' by David Walliams and has been inspired to draw his own characters based on the illustrations by Quentin Blake.
- ★ **Skylla-Grey** (Nursery) for doing some great learning about healthy eating.
- ★ Everyone who took part in the 'Joy of Moving' festival organised by The EFL Trust; especially the ones who sent in photos & videos. Did you see **Mr Hartley's** on YouTube?

*Have you been doing anything interesting you'd like to share?  
Email your class teacher and let them know - we love hearing from you!*

Next week's 'School Standard' is: Keeping active

*Are you getting enough exercise? How can you keep fit at home?*

## Home Learning Corner



Eid-al-Fitr

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May marks the end of Ramadan and the start of Eid-al-Fitr - a religious holiday celebrated

by Muslims all over the world. We would like to wish all our Muslim families a Happy Eid. For everyone else, why not try making some traditional dishes? They are delicious!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/occasions/eid-el-fitr>

**Next week was due to be half-term so class teachers are not setting 'home learning' in the usual way... you deserve a break!**

**Instead, keep an eye out for our Half-Term Home Learning booklet. This will be full of interesting ideas & activities to keep you entertained; we hope you find it useful...**

**PEAK EDGE  
COMPETITION 1**

We didn't win the TT Rockstars competition in the end but well done to **Class 3** who were the top scoring class in the whole competition!



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learn sing play enjoy!



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