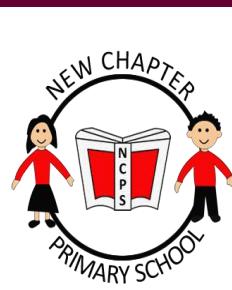


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Welcome back to our second 'batch' of Year 1 and Year 6 families

It was lovely to open our doors this week to our second 'batch' of children in Years 1 and 6. It really has been lovely to welcome some new smiley faces into the building and we know that the children are very much enjoying being back at school.

Teachers will be making calls home over the coming weeks, and it would be lovely if they could have conversations with parents, carers and children.



Teachers are continuing to create learning packs which are uploaded onto eSchools on a weekly basis. If you require your child's pack printing, then please come to the main office where a member of the office team will print it for you. These are ready for collection on a Friday of each week. Please remember to email your child's class teacher should you have any queries regarding any aspect of your child's learning.

Reminder to year 6 parents

If you would like a year 6 printed yearbook for your child please email class14@mket.org.uk by Wednesday 24th June 2020 with the information that was on the letter sent out this week.

Any questions, please email class14@mket.org.uk

Kindness with Kate

On Thursday, we had a special class assembly with a very important speaker – Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge.

Catherine took part in an assembly on the Oak Academy Website all about kindness,

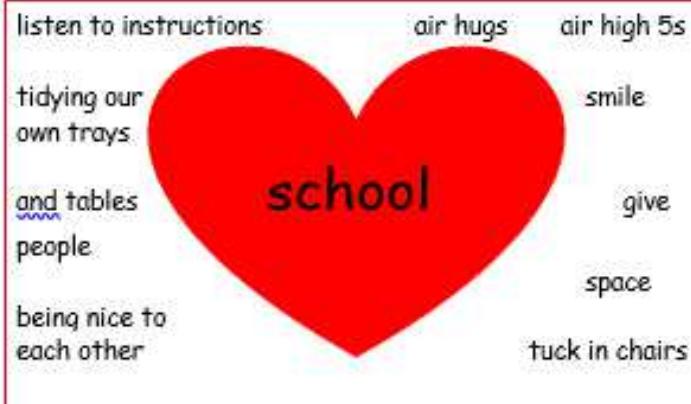
and how people have been kind to each other during lock down.

This got us thinking about how we can be kind at school and at home. Here are Year 1's thoughts.

How have you been kind recently?

Can you email a picture or a sentence to your class teacher?

It would be lovely if all of the children could share with their class teacher how they have been kind so that we can add all of your lovely ideas to the next newsletter.



Miss Kynaston's group's learning

On Thursday 18th June, the children in Miss Kynaston's group had a mythical creature themed day. We delved into the world of Fantastic Beasts by J.K Rowling and looked at some of the creatures that appear in the film.

We created mini fact files for each of the animals and gave them special powers.

Here is Harry and his finished fact file where he magpied ideas from the board to add to his own ideas.



Year 6 Learning Activities

Year 6 have embarked on their Journeys topic which is all related to the Titanic - what happened to it and how- which has really got them thinking and questioning .

In art, we have started our pointillism paintings, in the style of G. Seurat.

The finished pictures will look something like our example shown here.



A message from the EYFS team

It has been lovely to hear from you all, to see what you have been up to. It looks like you have all made the most of the sunny weather and been really helpful at home.

Ivy has been helping paint the fences, and Samuel has helped to wash the car.

Charlie has been thinking about the bugs in the garden and has made his very own bug hotel. We are looking forward to hearing which visitors have moved in!

We have seen some wonderful home learning too. Hawwa and Lukne have been practising their writing and have been busy creating some wonderful pieces of art work. Anes has enjoyed playing in the garden.

We miss you all and hope to see you all soon

Keep sharing your wonderful learning, we love to see it.



An update from Mrs Jenkins's Group

We've been having lots of fun in Mrs Jenkins' learning pod this week, finding out about everyone!

In Topic, we have made hot air balloons and shields showing what is important to us, and what we enjoy doing. In Reading, we have been enjoying listening to different traditional tales. We made story maps to show what happened in the story *The Gingerbread Man*. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and have been using numicon, base 10, and part-whole models to show different ways of making 2 digit numbers.

As you can see, we have been very busy!



Supporting children with SEND and their social, emotional and mental health needs.

The Milton Keynes Local Offer has a wealth of guidance, support advice and activities freely available through the following link:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/send-local-offer/send-local-offer-parents/coronavirus-school-closures-support-and-resources

Wellbeing - Coronavirus

Reducing anxiety

Keep well - reduce anxiety (PDF, 260KB)

Coping with uncertainty in uncertain times (PDF, 392KB)

Supporting young people with worry (PDF, 202KB)

Wellbeing

Tools and activities for supporting wellbeing (PDF, 247KB)

Backwards chaining (PDF, 235KB)

Using heroes - eg Pokemon (PDF, 1.1MB)

Reducing anxiety - linked to our weekly theme

Week 5 - Dreaming about planets (PDF, 230KB)

Week 6 - Inventions: resilience (JPG, 7KB)

Week 7 - Our senses: taking notice (PDF, 373KB)

Week 8 - Helping others - connecting (PDF, 214KB)

Week 9 - Den building - staying active (PDF, 215KB)

Week 10 - Jungles - taking notice (PDF, 357KB)

Week 11- Recycling - 6 anxiety themes (PDF, 232KB)

Week 12 - Oceans - taking notice of water (PDF, 267KB)

Week 13 - Where we live (PDF, 415KB)

How to talk about Coronavirus

Virus explanation for young children (PDF, 1.2MB)

Virus explanation for older children (PDF, 1.3MB)

Talking to children (PDF, 198KB)

Some of the wellbeing support is available through the following link:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/send-local-offer/send-local-offer-parents/coronavirus-school-closures-support-and-resources/wellbeing-coronavirus>

If you require any further advice, guidance or support regarding your child's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, then please email the school's SENCo (Mrs Trigg): senco@mket.org.uk

We all recognise how challenging things are at the moment and both adults and children alike will have their own worries. Below are some links to support parents and carers.

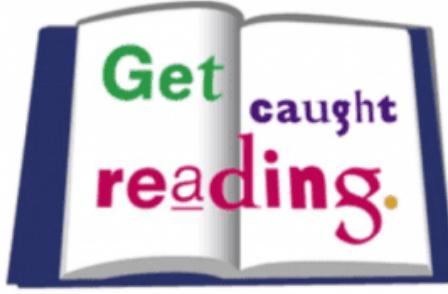
Please remember that we have a tremendous Pastoral team here in school, who are only too happy to offer support and guidance to families. Please do not hesitate to contact the Pastoral Lead (Miss Hedges) if you feel you need some support.

A reading document for Parents about worry and anxiety

https://4648dcw4pye15w61x1rektps-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/assets/covid-19guide_to_living_with_worry_and_anxiety_amidst_global_uncertainty_en-gb.pdf

MK Council support document for children and families: https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiwweX9olvqAhUHTcAKHYMdDC4QFjAAegQIARAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.milton-keynes.gov.uk%2Fassets%2Fattach%2F65084%2FCOLLATED-Covid-19-Support-and-Information-for-Families-April-2020.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2YLassjeH_xRA9P2hFvXJy





Parents we need your help!

We would like to create a new reading display of photographs in school that shares and celebrates all the reading taking place outside of school by our pupils. The photo would need to include your child reading a book, but the location could be anywhere: in the garden, on the sofa, in the park, by a tree. Be as creative as you like!

If you would like to share your child's reading photo, then please email a photo of your child reading a book to: ncoffice@mket.org.uk.

Thank you, Mrs Anderson



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event where children are encouraged to read 6 (or more) books. However, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and libraries things will be a little bit different for the 2020 challenge.

This year Milton Keynes Libraries and The Reading Agency will be taking the Summer Reading Challenge online with an all-new digital aspect. It will also be launching earlier than usual to support parents and carers with children already at home. This year children can read their own books or [download eBooks or eAudiobooks from RBDigital](#) using their library card. To join the new online platform, please visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>.

Here, children can create their own avatar, keep track of the books they have read, play games, earn points and unlock badges as they read!

For more information please go onto <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/library-news-and-events/summer-reading-challenge>

Happy reading!

Mrs Anderson

