



NEWSLETTER : ISSUE 11

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Welcome:

Dear Parents and Friends of Brockenhurst CE Primary

Well done for making it through what has been a tough half term. Lockdown, when there are not as many opportunities to go outdoors is tough on families. At time of print we do not yet know when children will be coming back as a whole. As soon as a national decision is made we will act and send an update.

In reviewing our remote learning provision and looking at feedback to the Governor's survey and emails to myself we will be making one small change to our week. Whilst in any form of lockdown we are going to have a screen-free day to help with mental health and movement. 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will be the one day of the week where work set can be done without the need of a screen and there is no obligation to hand in. It will be a day that has some creative and independent activities but breaks the need to be immersed in a virtual world.

With children spending more time than ever online we need to do everything we can to keep them safe. National Online Safety provides information and guidance on online dangers; they have recently launched a free online safety app which may be of interest to you: <https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>


We would also like to reference you to some online safety resources (I am aware of the irony that most are online); these are listed for you in the School Notices section of this newsletter.

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Science week:

"Well done to Year 3 on Monday for some fantastic live inventions based on Rube Goldberg. We had a bunny feeder, a pink turtle pushing down dominoes which then trapped a toy, creative contraptions that shot marbles down a tube to move a car the other end and lots more. Thank you to all of you who sent videos in after the live lesson, was great to see how involved you all got and your innovative uses for household items! For those of you who are having a go still or have had a go, do please send in photos or videos to me emma.lever@brockenhurstpri.co.uk as I would be interested to look further at what you have been up to this week!" Emma Lever

School Notices:

• Last week was Children's Mental Health week. With lockdown putting additional pressure on children's mental health, we have been sharing some tips via our Twitter account on how to stay positive and help those that are struggling. If you have not done so already, please follow us  @Brockenhurstpri

• Thank you to all those parents who contributed to the online Governor home learning survey; your feedback is always appreciated and listened to. The information is currently being collated by Governors. If you have any questions or need further support our door is always open; please contact the school in the usual way.

• This week we have been celebrating National Science Week with a focus each afternoon on Science/STEM activities and having fun while learning. We hope your recycling items have been put to good use this week! You can read about some of the inventions created in the Y3 classroom in the Science week section of this newsletter.

Online Safety Resources

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>
- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>)
- BBC Newsround Special - Internet Safety: Caught in the web (for older, KS2 children): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13908828>
- "Oscar's Adventures in the online world" is a book written to help children understand how to stay safe in the online world. This has been sent alongside this newsletter for use if you feel it is appropriate for your child.

Important Dates:

15 th - 19 th Feb	Half Term
Thur 1 st April	Last Day of Spring Term
19 th April	First Day of Summer Term
31 st May-4 th Jun	Half Term
7 th June	Inset Day
23 rd July	Last day of term

Pause For Thought

"We will get through it in the end but it might take time, but at the end of the day we shall all be OK again... the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away." **Captain Sir Tom Moore**