

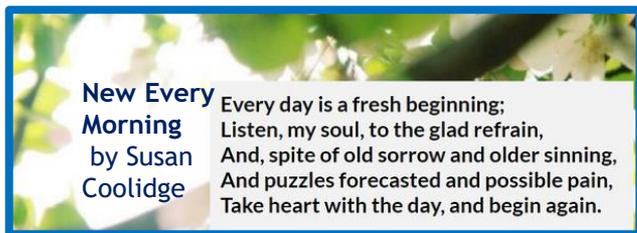
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

# Weekly Update



Whilst many anticipated the government announcement of a second lockdown due to the worrying rate of rising cases, we all appreciate how hard this will have been on Monday night for many pupils and families, just before their planned phased return to school.

We wish everyone well at the start of another unusual year and term. I enjoyed reading this poem to our pupils remotely to remind us all that each day brings the opportunity for a new beginning as part of our theme this week:



**New Every Morning**  
by Susan Coolidge

Every day is a fresh beginning;  
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,  
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,  
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,  
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

We all look forward to each new morning and brighter days when we can all be together again...  
Mrs Constantine



Parent and Carer Communication  
Spring term 2021-22

Amidst the challenges of this week, there have been many highlights and we have been extremely impressed with how the pupils have adapted to the changes in circumstances and who have engaged with remote learning with such enthusiasm.



Online sessions



Creative screen session

As a special school, we continue to work in small, restricted, groups for safety with some of our most vulnerable pupils and keyworker children who have worked hard this week.



Yoga

Please follow guidance <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> to keep safe:



Kingswode Hoe School  
What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



# Remote Learning News



## Year 7

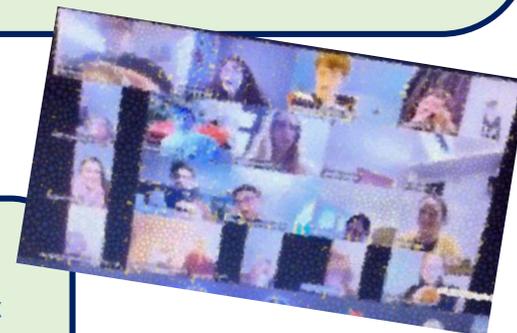
Birch class have worked really hard this week. At 9.30, we start the day with a check in and then we play some maths or English games. After this we set a task to complete that day. At 1.30, we then have a session on either craft or wellbeing. In our afternoon sessions this week we have completed a workout, made a paper fish and read a story together. Birch class continue to show excellent resilience during these sessions!

## KS4

Pupils have been engaging well with our online offer as we work to set up a more varied curriculum remotely. Timetable we intend to trial next week to follow for Key Stage 4 pupils via Arbor...

Pupils have enjoyed their maths games and finding something that is alive as part of a treasure hunt during their sessions this week!

In Primary we are back into the swing of our remote learning. We log onto TEAMS each morning at 9.45am where we register and have a catch up. We go through our work for the day and do a mixture of all curriculum subjects. We have now started our new topic called 'Out of Africa'. To start our topic and to link in with our new beginnings and New Years Resolution work Mrs Baker kindly performed the song 'Here comes the sun' on Friday. Our highlight in remote learning is seeing everyone's faces because we can't all see each other in person. The Primary staff enjoy looking at Evidence For Learning to see all the great work that is being done at home. Well done primary (and parents) keep it up!



We will also be sending out the KS3 timetable on Arbor and trying links so you have them all in one place- following feedback we really hope this helps! 😊

# Most people have followed the SEAX Netiquette well this week, here are some important reminders to keep everyone safe!

## Advice from staff this week...

- Make sure messages in chat are appropriate and about the work

- Set up an appropriate workspace area at a table and not in a bed or bedroom. Keeping a door open in the workplace so adults can hear what is going on even if not possible to sit with pupils.

- Be prompt to sessions, so we can make sure you are admitted at the staff.

- Practise how to mute your microphone to help everyone concentrate and try using the hand emoji symbol to ask a question



## Netiquette (Online Etiquette)

To make good use of your remote learning sessions please follow the advice below to help you take part and learn.

- ✓ · During your online session you may require equipment such as pen and paper so please get this ready before you join the meeting
- ✓ · When setting up your computer try to sit with your back to the wall in a shared part of your home.
- ✓ · When getting ready for an online session please make sure you are dressed appropriately for a school lesson.
- ✓ · Before your planned remote learning session, remember to test your sound and camera to ensure they are working properly and at the right level.
- ✓ · When you join a remote learning session please keep your microphone muted if you are not speaking, this will help to avoid feedback noise.
- ✓ · If you need to speak during a remote learning session remember to press the 'hands up' button this will let your teacher and other students know that you want to say something.
- ✓ · In the remote learning environment there is also a text chat screen, typing in here will allow you teacher to know that you need some help.
- ✓ · The way that we behave online is important (and leaves digital footprints) so always remember to think about this before you contribute.
- ✓ · Everyone has the right to feel safe on-line you should remember that your school behaviour policy applies during on-line sessions just as it does when you're in school.
- ✓ · During sessions people don't want to be distracted so please avoid eating and drinking (Other than water).
- ✓ · If you would like to find out more about staying safe online, speak to your teacher or visits [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- ✓ If you see or hear something that worries you during on-line lessons you should make your teacher aware or the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in your school, their details are on your school websites

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- ❖ The option to participate in Lateral-Flow testing for staff will begin in school from Monday 11 January with thanks to all for the significant work that has gone into setting this up
- ❖ Work packs are being sent out to pupils to help support learning and activities at home. Please get in touch if you require any further resources sent out
- ❖ Resources will continue to be uploaded onto our Online learning platform which can be access via our website

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-birdwatch/>



# Notices

Theme of the week: Our World

OUR WORLD

## CALENDAR

Did you know January is walk your dog month and also Big Schools Birdwatch? As long as you are not having to isolate, both are great ways to get outdoors for some (socially distanced) exercise!

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