



Newsletter

Update – Week 1 – 23rd March 2020



Pinner Wood Virtual School Opens

Dear Parent/Carers,

I write to you with our first weekly update, as we turn Pinner Wood into a mostly 'Virtual School' for a while. We will write to you every week with an update and hopefully sharing some good PW news/ideas, to get us through the tough times. This will be shared on Parentmail and on our website.

From today, teachers will be setting on-line learning on either DB Primary for (Year1 to 6) or Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) pupils. The newsletters will be set on these platforms but we will also send them to you on Parentmail. I understand that this morning there have been problems with all on-line services as they struggle to keep up with demand nationally.

We have tasks set for each day but have not scheduled them to times. My suggestion is that you do make a rough time plan for your children (as children like structure) but build into this time for activity and down time. Learning at home can be far more intense than the classroom so sessions can be shorter. Please think carefully about this, as you will need to balance academic progress and your family's mental health. Schedules need to be built around the whole family's needs, considering the age range of your children, and they will be different for all. Attached is one I found that I will use for my little girl – lets see how it goes!

There is a useful wealth of on-line resources being sent out by educationalists and people are getting very creative – we have already tried 'Fitness with Joe Wicks, an online Music Class with 'Jacqu'in the box' and reading an e-book! If you find anything that is really good, please share it with us and I will create a bank of ideas.

Today, we also started our 'Skeleton School Service' for children of essential workers. This provides emergency care for those families supporting on the front line. Today, we have 25 children on site and some of our staff.

Miss Sarah Marriott

Family Fun- Question Time?



Each week, I will set an optional question to discuss with your families. Please post any responses/videos comments on our new Facebook page (see page 3), this will help us keep our community together.

Ideas Corners



When I am home with my little girl this week, it will be all about phonics. She is in Nursery and has just started to become very interested in sounds – I am hoping these will keep her interested....

[Ruth Miskin - Read write Inc Sounds](#)

This Week's Question -

What have you done this week that has made you feel good?

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/Phase1Menu.htm>

Username: march20

Password: home

Please send me anything that you have found useful and I will post next week





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An Example of a schedule for home learning

Please note this will differ depending on age of your children and your individual circumstances.

Time	Activity	Notes
Before 9am	Up, dressed and Breakfast	
9am -10am	Learning Time	Homework tasks, fine motor skills, reading, maths etc
10am-10.30	Activity Time	Family walk (If we can get out)
10.30-11.00	Snack and Educational TV time	
11.00-12.00	Learning Time	Depending on age – phonics, on-line activities/ games, creative activity, project time
12.00 -12.30	Lunch	
12.30-1.30	Quiet Time	Relaxing time – time to complete chores in the house, family work
1.30-2.30	Learning Time	Depending on what we have done this morning and age - could be baking, gardening, practical work.
2.30-3.30	Active Time	Games, on-line fitness etc.
Evening 3.30+		To include: dinner, shower/bath, story time, reading, virtual contact with friends.

Chase The Rainbow

You may have seen that people are starting to put rainbows in their windows to spread hope. Here are some of our staff's families' – we would love to see yours – please share on our Facebook page and I will also share in the newsletter next week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-51988671>





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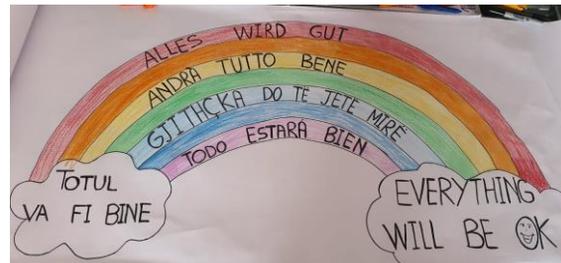


Pinner Wood Facebook Group - PWS

We have started up a Pinner Wood Facebook Page. We would not normally use Facebook to promote learning at Pinner Wood but it is the easiest site for us to share what we have been doing with our families.

Our Facebook Rules:

- Facebook is for 13 years and over – this is for parents but we hope you share the content with your children. We will not accept requests from pupils.
- It is a private, closed group – please request if you would like to join by following the link.
- We cannot guarantee that everyone is a parent of PWS but are asking you not to share this link outside of our community so we can keep it to Pinner Wood people.
- We can use this group to share ideas. We will set up some weekly questions on a Monday and if you want to, please respond.
- On Friday – I hope to share a weekly ‘celebration’ on-line with you all.
- Please DO NOT use the groups to comment about the work set and/or school business - such queries should be directed through DB Primary or office@pinnerwood.harrow.sch.uk and not shared as a group.
- This group is just temporary and will be closed once ‘normal business resumes.’
- We hope it is a useful and positive way to keep our community together.



Our PW Rainbows- Our Key Worker School, Mrs Seivwright's children and Mrs Iakab

