



1 May 2020

May Day, Labour Day, Fete du Travail or just happy Friday!

Dear Community

Thank you so much for all the energy, time and commitment you have put into (and continue to) the singalong challenge. Thank you in particular to those parents and carers who came forward to edit your master works. We really do appreciate what you have done and know it wasn't easy! We have received 12 class videos so far, so we thought we would add a little sunshine to your weekend, by going ahead and sharing them.

To view them all. Go to the school website <https://muswellhillprimary.co.uk/>
Click on the 1st banner and it will take you to a new singalong MHPS rainbow page.



Click on each class name and their videos will appear.

Don't worry if your class has not quite finished, we can add it to the web page when you are ready.

A Celebration Story

Some of you will know lovely Callum in Orange Class. Ten days ago, he decided to write to the Whittington hospital to thank the NHS. He told them he was born there, gave his name and age - that was it.

Last night he received a knock at the door, it was an NHS nurse from the ICU at the Whittington. They had tracked him down to return a letter of thanks. Needless to say, he was proud and wrote it straight into his CV journal.

Well done Callum!

If you have a good news story to share – let us know!

Week beginning Monday 4th May - Home Learning

Learning will be posted tonight for next week to continue to allow you to plan your week as per some parental requests. We have instructed teachers to plan for 4 days, allowing you to join in VE day activities next Friday. **School will be closed to all children and staff on Friday 8th May 2020.**

On the Classes page will be a new challenge for children. This week's challenge is an Art one! 'Recreating A Masterpiece' using themselves, food, toys clothes – whatever is in the house. Some of our staff have generously contributed again to create some examples to inspire the children.

During his lockdown time, Toby has been building us a website to create a virtual exhibition space for our children's visual art and design work.

The website link is <https://mhpsmasterpieces.wordpress.com>

Go to the website and click on the 'Recreating Art Masterpieces' tab. Leave it a little while to allow them to load.

The children can scroll down and see some different examples – can you work out who is who?

As if this isn't enough, there is also a link for the Y1 animation project, 'The Birds', which Toby and the Y1 team set the children in Spring 1. We closed before we were able to exhibit them at our Night Of... so we have posted them for you all to see.

The results of the DT challenge will be exhibited on this website as the children send things in.

This week's additional activities will continue to be posted over the weekend. **PE from Joseph and Riaan, Article of the Week from Liz and, courtesy of Muswell Hill Sustainability Group, a weekly lesson.**

Other bits of useful or interesting information

Attached with this letter are:

- details of food bank locations and opening hours
- a leaflet from Haringey on the importance of play and interaction
- advice for parents from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

You might also find this podcast from Ken Robinson interesting:

<http://sirkenrobinson.com/new-podcast-video-series-learning-from-home/>

School Openings

I am sure you will have heard lots of talk in the news about school phased returns. I am working closely with Haringey and the other head teachers to think about what the ideal phased return looks like and

what barriers might be in the way. SLT have been thinking about some different models which we will share with the governors next week. But to be honest, until we get some clear guidance there is no point in guessing and creating additional stress.

The most important thing will be as ever, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff and community. Once I know more, I will share it with you as soon as possible and continue to update you as we go.

Thanks for your ongoing patience, support and generosity.

Stay well,

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