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Dear Parents/Carers

Hello, how are you all? This is a special edition of our newsletter where we are celebrating the amazing home learning that has been going on. The staff have been working incredibly hard so I would like to thank each and every one of them. As you know all staff members, not only teachers are working in a way like never before. Staff are engaging in home learning on Google Classrooms, working in the Keyworker Hub at Allhallows Primary Academy, providing communication via our office email address all with a cheerful smile and a spring in their step! It has been wonderful to see the efforts that our pupils have gone to with their home learning-pupils are not only working on the tasks set by staff but also trying new things with friends and family. Thank you so much to our parents and carers and of course our pupils for doing your best during this time. Some days will feel fantastic whilst others will feel more challenging! I will be writing to you soon with further details about the proposed return to school for Year R, 1 and 6. In the meantime, please all keep safe and well. We understand and thank you.

Mrs G Stangroom



Grasshopper Class

Grasshoppers have done a fantastic job of completing home learning this term, I have been so very impressed and very proud of how each and every one of you have been tackling the range of activities being set to you all. You have all been very active in sharing all your hard work, and it makes me smile to see all you are achieving. This term, we have been looking at minibeasts and how important they are to be sharing our planet with. I know many of you have been on minibeast hunts and engaging in learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. Gilbert has enjoyed watching caterpillars grow into butterflies. It has been a real pleasure seeing all your home learning on google classrooms. A huge well done to such a great bunch of Grasshopper parents for rising to such a challenge of getting to grips with how little Grasshopper learn.



Dragonfly Class



During these very unusual times, Dragonfly Class has been making Miss Lewis and Ms Molitoris smile a lot and feel very proud of their hard work. Preparations leading up to the VE day celebrations were particularly impressive and Dragonfly class were able to demonstrate lots of the learner attributes. Individuals in Dragonfly Class showed that they were caring, principled and reflective by visiting the graves of two soldiers to place thank you letters, daisies and Union Jack flags on them; showed we were reflective and risk-takers by preserving with building and then re-building paper aeroplanes to make the design better; showed we were thinkers by labelling our medals to show what each part symbolised and showed we were communicators by pretending to be Winston Churchill by announcing the victory in Europe. These are just a very small few examples of the amazing work year 1 have been doing. We are very proud of our Dragonflies and thank them for their efforts with home learning.



Ladybird Class

Ladybird Class have been working incredibly hard on their home learning and I am very proud of all the fantastic work they have produced. They have made me smile everyday and have been very supportive of each other online. This term we have been learning about animals and their habitats and our responsibilities with regards to animals and habitats.



Ava created her own creature



Amy created her own animal with features to show how it would adapt to its habitats:

Spider Class

Spider class has completely blown me away with their resilience and ability to cope with change over these past few weeks. Their dedication to their home learning, their enthusiasm to complete tasks and share their work on our google classroom has shown just how much they have grown in confidence this year and have become true inquirers. These past few weeks have been a challenge for us all to say the least and we have all had to become ICT experts overnight, Spiders have certainly risen to the challenge! Something which has particularly stood out to me is how Spiders have all come together to support each other with this new technology and each and every one of you have used it with the utmost respect. Spider class has created a supportive online community where everyone can learn in their own way, at their own pace and feel proud and valued. Our inquiries this term have led us on some fantastic learning journeys and have highlighted the importance of respecting and sharing our planet. Spiders have expressed their learning in a range of ways, we have seen inspiring pieces of artwork, thought provoking mind maps and innovative science experiments! Each and everyone of you deserves a standing ovation for your efforts. Keep up the great work!

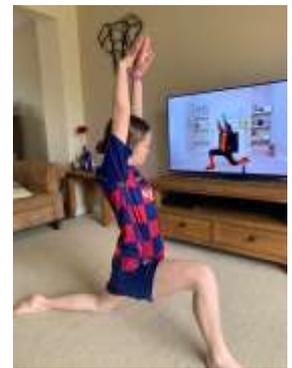


Cricket Class

Cricket Class have done exceptionally well to adapt to their home-learning. So far, they have produced a really excellent standard of work, and, most importantly, continued to smile!

The class have got to grips with Google Classroom extremely quickly and have enthusiastically uploaded such a range of work for Mrs Fox and I to enjoy! It is fantastic to see the amount of maths, writing and inquiry work being done. I am particularly pleased with how Crickets have adjusted to their inquiry-based learning at home. Crickets, your research-skills are superb! From detailed Powerpoints, expressive pictures, complex graphs, emotional letters, creative models... you really are a multi-talented bunch!

I have also really enjoyed seeing the other ways you are learning at home. Lots of you have become budding gardeners, bakers, dancers, helpers around the home, fitness coaches... the list goes on! Cricket Class, your resilience and dedication to your learning is admirable and I am very proud of every one of you! Keep it up! :)



Ant Class

Ants class have spent this term working incredibly hard at home and have been sharing their fantastic work with us on Google Classroom. The amount and variety of different ways in which work has been completed has been great to see. There have been pictures/photographs of maths sheets and art work, powerpoint presentations, videos of science experiments, documents that include creative story writing, all completed to a fantastic standard.

It has been amazing to see how brilliantly the class has been supporting and encouraging each other and as their teacher I am particularly proud of how they have been managing to stay both positive and caring towards each other during this difficult time.



There has even been time for some fun too! Thank you to everybody (and their adults) for getting involved with the celebrations for VE day. It was lovely to see so many photographs of afternoon teas, decorated houses and smiling faces.





Butterfly Class

Butterfly Class have been keeping safe at home, but they have not stopped learning! The class has been extremely busy on Google Classroom and we enjoyed taking part in some competitions together. We had 'The Great Butterfly Class Bake Off', where we were inundated with delicious entries.

Congratulations to Eva and Madison, who were joint winners with their Victoria Sponge Cake and Cookie Dough Treat. There have also been some fantastic pieces of artwork shared on our Google Classroom stream, some of which were part of our 'Pop Art Competition', won by Josie, who created a thought-provoking piece. Ethan also showed off his powerpoint skills and shared some interesting information as part of his inquiry work. As their teacher, I have been so impressed at how engaged the children have been with their learning, and how well they are handling these challenging times. Keep up the good work Butterflies!



PYP Update:

I wanted to update you all about our journey to becoming a PYP school. We have now been following the PYP curriculum for a year, and are in the consultancy phase of our application. During the next academic year, we will be working closely with the International Baccalaureate team in moving forward with our application. In school, we have seen the children become so much more engaged with their learning through inquiries, and we hope you have seen similar effects at home. I am looking to create a group of parents who will be involved with our PYP application next year. If you would like to find out more about this, please email the office and I will get in touch with more information. In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about the PYP and how it works, follow this link for more information:

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/>.

Also a special thank you to all the pupils who entered our PYP Design Competition. We are working through the entries and will share the winning designs with you all soon.



Uniform Base

Uniformbase Covid 19 Update 28/04/2020

For us here at Uniformbase; our fabulous team are all eager to get back to work **as soon as Government guidance allows “Small Businesses” to reopen. As soon as we have a firm date for this we will be sure to let you know but in the meantime and until further notice I am afraid our store in Chatham will remain closed to walk-in-customers.**

We are able to fulfil orders via our Website www.uniformbase.co.uk for local MEDWAY delivery only. Please place your order here and select the “Free Collection From Store” option when checking out. We will pick orders on a weekly basis and hand deliver to your chosen address FREE OF CHARGE. Once we reopen the store, DHL will be able to collect from us and handle delivery Nationwide.

As we head towards “Back to School” we would like to assure all our client Schools, Students, Parents, Carers and Customers that stock is already procured and secured for the busy summer holidays. In agreement with our suppliers, we will start to receive deliveries on selected dates during May, June & July which will then allow us to be fully stocked by the time the holidays start.

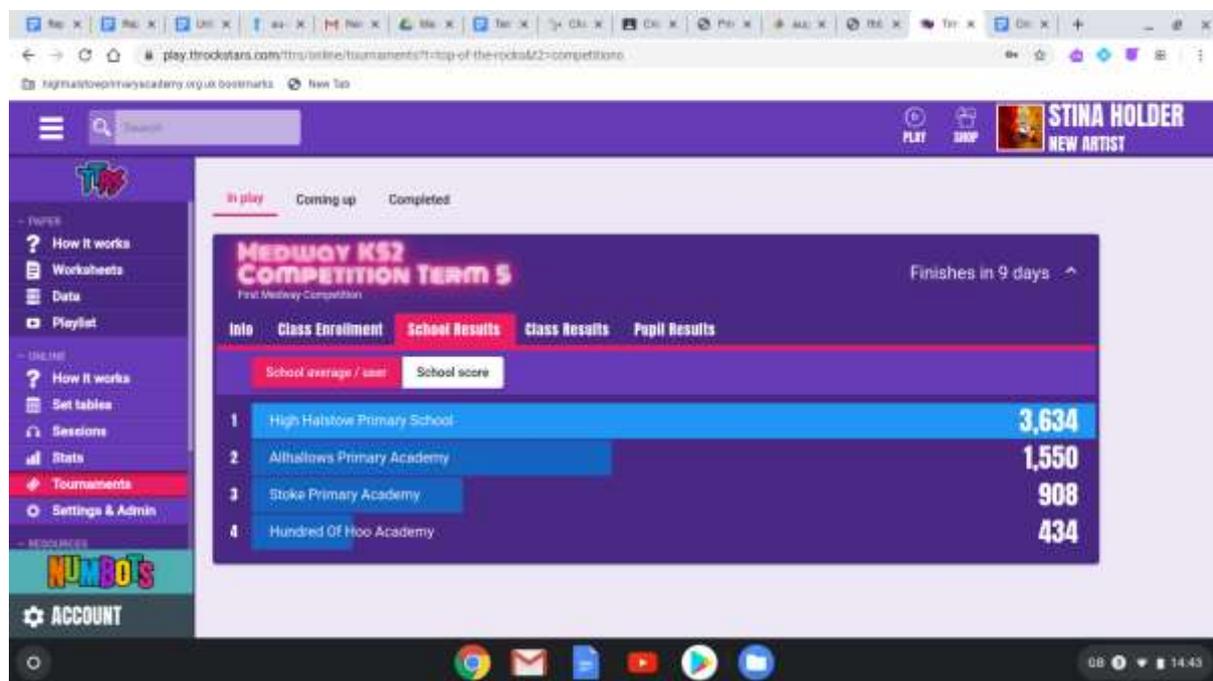
Please, Please, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy and we look forward to re-opening our doors for business as soon as it is safe for everyone. We are also able to answer any enquiries by email on: info@uniformbase.co.uk so please just email us if you have any questions. Stay Safe!

The Uniformbase Team



Maths

Well done to everyone who has continued to play Times Tables Rockstars as much as they can! We've currently got two TTRS competitions on the go! Both the Medway KS2 Competition and the High Halstow Battle of the Bands are due to finish before half term. Here is an update of the current standings (results as of 10th May):



Amazing work High Halstow!! Keep it up! Also, as a special mention, both Kaushik (Year 5) and Isaac (Year 6) are currently in first and second place of the individual results table, with an exceptionally high combined point score of 121,658!! Well done boys!!



Maths continued

The screenshot shows the 'Battles' section of the TROCKSTARS website. The 'Present' tab is selected, showing a table of current battles. The table has columns for Home, Away, Start, and End. The scores are displayed in red boxes.

Home	Away	Start	End
Spider 2019-20	48,551 22,992	Cricket 2019-20	24 Apr 20, 09:00 22 May 20, 16:00
Ant 2019-20	70,412 116,583	Butterfly 2019-20	24 Apr 20, 09:00 22 May 20, 16:00

As you can see from the Battles current standings, both Spider Class and Butterfly Class are taking the lead! Well done! However, with a couple of weeks to go... anything could happen!
A special well done to Garson in Spider Class, Rebecca in Cricket Class, Kaushik in Ant Class and Isaac (very closely followed by Wojciech) in Butterfly Class, all currently the highest scoring members of their classes!

I'm looking forward to announcing the final results in a couple of weeks!