



Hunters Hall Primary School

Stay at home Snippets

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is nothing as important as feeling safe, loved and connected. Lockdown challenges every one of us in these vital areas of basic needs. I sincerely hope this finds you feeling safe, loved and connected.

Connected: We may not be able to see you; we may rarely speak with you, but we are all members of the Hunters Hall community and therefore are connected through that common bond. If your child is learning at home, please use the year group emails to keep connected with us. We are phoning families who do not frequently participate in remote learning, as we want to stay connected and know how you are and how we can support you. We are also phoning and emailing to check on work and progress.

Loved: Some people long for romantic love and cannot see the love they already have. Loving ourselves first, allows us to keep ourselves physically and emotionally healthy. Then we can give our love readily to our family and friends and act with compassion to everyone. As a parent and carer, we already are loved by our children, and love them with all our hearts, despite how their behaviour can test us at times. Get outside and take a deep breath; change activity; break the tension with a dance or a game together, when this happens. Do not forge ahead with something that is causing upset and anger. Changing activity, room or going outside will have a calming effect.

Safe: We work so hard at Hunters Hall to keep everyone safe. That is why we ask all staff and parents of children attending school to have a weekly Covid test. We are in lockdown to avoid all unnecessary mixing so we can keep our community safe from this virus. We also need to keep ourselves emotionally and mentally safe. Please make choices that keep you and your children from becoming anxious. If you feel you need some support in this area, please email or contact the school and speak with Mrs Downes or Mr Bellevue. If you feel unsafe because of the threat of violence in your home, please follow this link for support and advice:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence>

Finally, I want to finish by saying the most enormous, "Thank You", to you as parents for juggling your family life, work and remote learning. This is not easy, but so many of you are doing your very best. Please email your child's year group email, if you feel you need further explanation for an activity or task. My Thank You is extended to all our wonderful staff regardless of what role they have in the school. We are all adapting and learning at a greater speed than we ever thought possible. Please be patient with us as we are doing our very best to juggle teaching the children who are in school and providing remote learning and all the services involved in keeping you all connected and safe.

As we congratulate ourselves for managing the toughest month of the year going through lockdown, let us remember that, "This Too Will Pass", and we can already see the first shoots of Spring flowers and reconnecting after this lockdown.

Best wishes,

Selina Frazer,
Headteacher.

Communication

We continue to use our ParentHub and/or Twitter feed <https://twitter.com/Huntershallps> to communicate messages during the time that the school is closed to most pupils in order to provide childcare to critical workers' children. Home Learning activities, which are updated weekly, can be located here:

<http://www.huntershallprimary.org.uk/home-learning/489.html>

Remember that each year group has an email address:

Reception@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Yone@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Ytwo@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Ythree@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Yfour@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Yfive@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Ysix@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

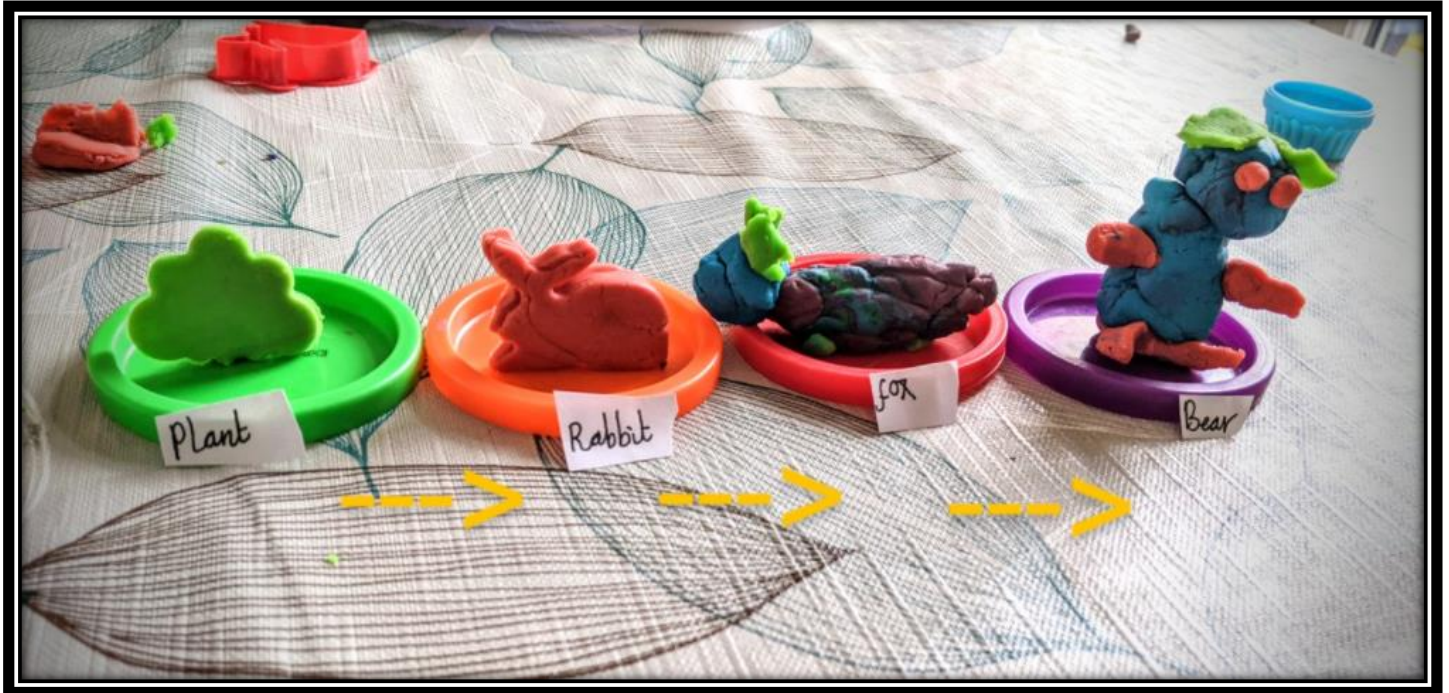
You can send questions or work to the relevant year group. (Responses will be given during working hours Monday to Friday)

Work should be submitted daily to the relevant year group email. Where applicable, feedback will be provided to the children.

Please send any Covid related queries to: covid@hunters-hall.bardaglea.org.uk

Year 4 Home Learning.

Blagovesta (4R) took her learning of food chains to a new level by constructing her own out of playdough!



First Aid Training for Children

First aid is a great way to bring students together for fun and interactive learning whilst learning about a very important life skill. Using the British Red Cross First aid champions website, children can watch films, take part in quizzes and share their skills with others. There are resources for children to learn independently too or they can access a dedicated learning at home pathway.

Visit <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/primary/>

First aid learning for children aged 5 –11



You can access the home learning pathway here: <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/primary/guidance-and-support/home-learning-pathway/>

Home learning pathway



Parent Hub

We would like all



parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub. Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:
@HuntersHallIPS

Useful Links During Lockdown

- Parent Zone: articles and resources to help you navigate parenting during a pandemic – www.parentzone.org.uk/lockdown-advice-and-resources
- Ollee: a digital friend from Parent Zone and BBC Children in Need, helping children to talk about difficult topics with their families – www.parentzone.org.uk/Ollee
- Place2Be: advice and tips from educational psychologists plus a wealth of creative ideas – www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus
- Relate: relationship support – www.relate.org.uk
- Kooth: an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people – www.kooth.com
- Childline: telephone and online support – www.childline.org.uk
- Refuge: support for victims of domestic abuse – www.refuge.org.uk

Home learning on our website

We have added a new home learning tab on our website opening page.

Click the image below to be taken directly to the page.

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IN THIS SECTION

there is a reason for every behaviour.

Collaborative
Motivation
Prepared
Resilience
Creativity
Curiosity

Positive Behaviour For Learning

I can be anything I want if I can just believe in me

Home Learning

In preparation for any remote learning that may be needed during the year. Click the following link:

Remote Learning 2020-2021

ARP EYFS (Tapestry) Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

Remote Learning Research EEF **Remote Learning Policy**

Message from Miss Ede

This weekend, if you are lucky enough to have a garden, then either get your raincoat on and head into it or snuggle up and watch from your window and take part in the RSPB Birdwatch!

Visit the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds website www.rspb.org.uk

You spend an hour watching which birds come onto your garden and then send the information into the website. It helps the RSPB understand which birds are declining in numbers and which are thriving.



Year 2 Home Learning

As part of the Year 2 topic on Kenya the children made Maasai necklaces. Alexandra and Benjamin in 2K made these necklaces at home using pasta.



Alexandra 2K



Benjamin 2K

Reading Hyperlinks

Click a link to be taken to a brilliant reading resource:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgkw2hv>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-Kindle-Store-Childrens-eBooks/zqbs/digital-text/155009011/ref=zg_bs?encoding=UTF8&tf=1

[Free Kid's eBooks and NOOK Books | Barnes & Noble® \(barnesandnoble.com\)](#)

[Simple Search \(childrenslibrary.org\)](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

[Books in Children's Literature \(sorted by popularity\) - Project Gutenberg](#)

[About this Collection | Children's Book Selections | Digital Collections | Library of Congress \(loc.gov\)](#)

[Words to the Wise: Aesop's Fables Interactive Book | Read.gov - Library of Congress](#)

[Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home - Phonics Bloom](#)

[Reading games and stories with Roy the zebra](#)

[Reading Games • Free Online Games at PrimaryGames](#)

[Free Online Reading Games | Education.com](#)

[Reading Games | PBS KIDS](#)

[Reading Games | Free Educational Computer Reading Games for Elementary Students | RoomRecess.com](#)

Unions provide stationery packs for Barking, Dagenham and Havering children

Barking & Dagenham **Post**



The Barking, Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council has agreed to purchase and deliver stationery packs to schools in the two boroughs. - Credit: Brian Lawless/PA

The Barking, Dagenham and Havering Trades Union Council (BDHTUC) has agreed to buy and deliver stationery packs to schoolchildren across the two boroughs.

BDHTUC secretary Susan Aitouaziz calls the initiative "a massive commitment from the unions in the name of social solidarity".

With each pack costing £3, Susan is urging local unions to help reach an initial target of £1,800 (for the first 600 packs).

The first donation of £250 has already been made by a Retired Members' branch of Unite, whose treasurer Tony Briscoe is also the BDHTUC president.

He and his fellow officers – some of whom are in their eighties and nineties - are firmly behind this gesture.

He said: "They agree that it is vital to make sure the next generation is educated to the best possible standard. It looks like schools could be closed at least until Easter, so most children are being taught over the internet.

"It is difficult enough for families to make ends meet. Even if their children have adequate internet access, the parents cannot always afford the extra equipment needed to do their home studies, such as pens, pencils, rulers etc."

Each pack includes a zip wallet, exercise book, scrapbook, pencil, pen, rubber, ruler, plastic sharpener, colouring pencils and glue stick. It's hoped that deliveries can start early next month, with Susan confirming the first 100 packs have already been ordered.

Headteachers are being contacted to identify the pupils most in need.

Tony's branch donation will cover more than 80 packs, and while it was the first to come in, the BDHTUC is edging closer to that £1,800 target.

Similar schemes are being led by the National Education Union (NEU) in its districts, with Susan of the view that educational inequality is driving the need: "Those inequalities, and how they affect our children, are more obvious than ever before."

She - as a teacher at Dagenham's **Hunters Hall Primary School** for 30 years - sees this first hand.

Welcoming contributions from branches and individuals, Susan advises that donations can be sent to the Coop Bank A/C No. 59020028 Sort Code No. 089004 Ref: HCL/union branch.

For further information on the campaign, or on cheque donations, contact BDHTUC@hotmail.com.