

Holbrook School News



12th June 2020

Back to school!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Since the national lockdown was introduced and the school closed to the majority of pupils, I have been really impressed how my team have switched their focus to provide excellent learning opportunities online and how lots of pupils have risen to the challenge of home learning.

However, myself and my team have been working hard to get pupils back into school and do what we have spent years training to do, teach children face to face in the classroom. Our recent OFSTED report showed that as a school we are GOOD at doing this and we are keen to use our skills to give the children in our care the best education possible.

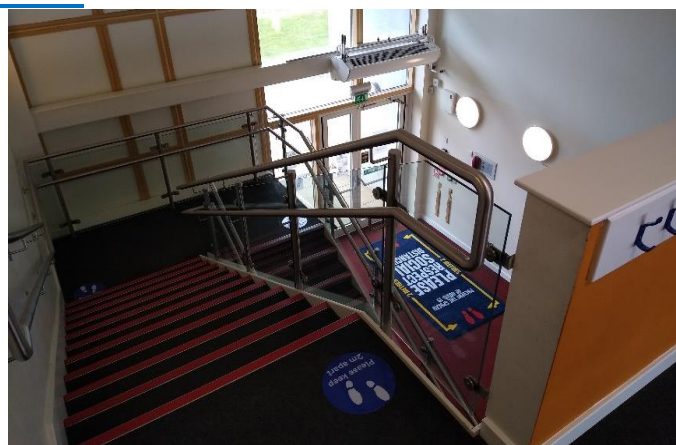
I am delighted to say that the Local Authority reviewed our detailed risk assessment and is happy that we are as safe as we can be to start to reopen the school to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. You will have received a text message informing you of what day to attend and a link to see the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risks of COVID-19 for pupils and staff.

As much as we would love to have the whole class back in school, this isn't possible if we wish to maintain social distancing. Therefore, having children back in small groups of about 8 pupils – bubbles - means that we are maintaining social distancing, not compromising safety but, it means that pupils can only attend one day a week. Online learning will continue for the children on the days that they are not in school. Although children will only be in school one day a week, we feel that this day will be very valuable to the children, they will be able to change their reading books, talk with their teacher face to face and see some of their friends, all positive for their mental health. During this day at school, there will be a lot of focus on PSHE and supporting children with transition to their next phase of education.

From the work we have done on mental health this year and the workshops parents attended, we all know it can be difficult to talk and share concerns with close family. Talking to other people we trust like teachers and friends therefore, can be really important. So if your child has the chance to return to school, even for one day a week, please think carefully about what is best for your child.

Although from the pictures you will see at the back of the newsletter, school won't be quite the same at the moment, I look forward to seeing some of you back at school this week, and look forward to when other pupils can return as well. Until then, stay safe by observing good social distancing and keep washing your hands well.

Best Wishes



Weekly Challenge

Be mindful of your BEST!

- *Be active... Aim for 60mins of exercise a day*
 - *Eat healthily... Remember your five a day*
 - *Sleep well*
 - *Take time for you...*
- Be healthy inside and out!*

Challenge 18 – Build a den!

This week the task your task is to build a den. It could be inside or outside. You don't need much more than a few bamboo canes a table or a sheet to make a great den.



If you can get your hands on some interesting (and free!) materials you can have hours of fun. Once you have a den what could you do in your secret space? Read a book, have a feast or just hide away from your brother or sister! Here are a few websites to give you some ideas.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/no-4-build-a-den>

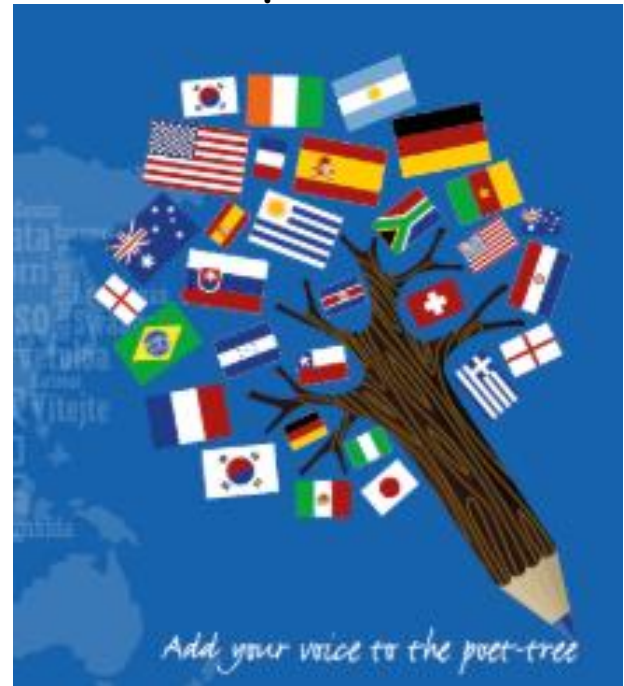
<https://www.edenproject.com/learn/for-everyone/how-to-build-your-own-den>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/tech/ikea-forts-dens-designs-lockdown-entertainment-a4444781.html>

If you do join in this week's challenge, email in a picture of your den please share them to challenge@holbrookprimary.com any entries that impress Mr Connolly could make the Virtual BEST assembly or our social media feeds and then you might get a new special Challenge badge and certificate.

Get den building!

Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition.



Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition is a multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages currently spoken in schools across the UK. This is an exciting competition that all children from Reception to Year 6 can enter!

Mother Tongue entries will be in two parts: the first part is the poem. This can be an original, creative piece, or a poem or song that is 'remembered' - i.e. something in your first language that you recall, or that has been told to you by a relative. This can be in any language but English.

The second part should be a short explanation of the inspiration behind the piece, where it comes from, or why it is important to the person submitting it.

If you are interested in entering the competition or have any questions, please contact Miss Chacko (contactyear5@holbrook.coventry.sch.uk)



Keep checking the school blogs and our Facebook page for more about how the school works for pupils in their working bubbles.