



# Hillcroft Primary School

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**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**



A huge thank you to all the children, and of course parents, for the wonderful videos you have made for the staff! It is so nice to see you all! We really appreciate the amazing effort it must have taken to contact everyone and put the clips together. We thoroughly enjoyed watching them, there weren't many dry eyes! We all miss the children and the extended school community and we look forward to the time we can all be together again and get back to some sort of normality. In the meantime, please keep safe and remember the Government guidelines.

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

### TT Rockstars Update

Last week saw Staff vs Pupils in a high scoring, nail-baiting battle. The pupils took an early lead but eventually it was the staff who won, with Betty Flowers a.k.a. Mrs Cornwell leading the way for the staff team. She scored an amazing 21,897 correct answers!

The Pupils did brilliantly and the staff all had late nights as they tried to make up the daily deficit. Leopold Nicks a.k.a. James Parish certainly tried his best, scoring a massive 32,177 correct answers over the 5 day tournament, but it was not meant to be. Thank you so much for supporting this event and to all those children and staff who took part. It really was a fun week and I look forward to future battles.

**TEACHERS**

**STUDENTS**

**112,502**

**102,710**

Towards the end of last week there were a couple of glitches on the TT Rockstar system. For anyone experiencing problems with their Studio scores, please don't worry. Bruno, from TT Rockstars headquarters has reassured me that the system suffered some glitches towards the end of last week. Any "un-naturally fast speeds" were detected and some scores were then changed. This was in preparation for a Guinness World Record event. Mrs Page and Mrs Gear both had their studio scores effected, and we were just as worried as you. Luckily, the TT Rockstars tech team are great at responding and put our minds at rest.



Over the next couple of weeks I am going to focus a little more on Numbots. This is run by the same team as TT Rockstars and the username and password you will need to use is identical.

It is particularly good for working on number bonds, addition and subtraction. It uses a range of visual representations to support this and is great for all ages. There is no competitive element. If you want to you can try and get 3 stars on each level and earn coins to customise your own robot.

Please do take a look if you haven't already. Children in KS1 and KS2 should all have passwords. If you have a child in Reception who would like to try this out, please email Mrs Gear from **Monday** and she will get back to you with a password and further details.

If you have any password queries, Mrs Gear can help at [c.gear@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:c.gear@hillcroftschoo.org).

### Chelsea FC Foundation Free Virtual Breakfast and After School Clubs

Chelsea FC Foundation have launched weekly virtual Breakfast and After School Clubs, a new unique experience that brings their coaches directly to you with special videos from their Foundation coaches available on a daily basis for you to access and take part in whenever and wherever you can.

Breakfast clubs will include bite size nutritional information followed by a fun exercise video to start your day.

After school clubs will include football sessions for all ages and abilities delivered by our foundation coaches.

No space? No problem. The sessions are specially designed for the home. All you will need is a device with the internet to watch the videos.

All sessions are available **FREE of charge**, to book visit [www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk) or email [community.enquiries@chelseafc.com](mailto:community.enquiries@chelseafc.com).

Chelsea FC Foundation Virtual After School Club (Monday & Wednesday)

Course Code: 06-02-HO-1

Chelsea FC Foundation Virtual Breakfast Club (Tuesday & Thursday)

Course Code: 05-02-HO-1

### French Lessons

If you would like your child/children to learn French from home, Muriel Edwards – who normally runs the French club at school – is running online classes through Zoom.

There will be a new 6-week programme, starting the week beginning 1st June for any year groups – children are grouped according to age on Tuesdays and Thursdays lunchtimes. All printable resources are emailed in advance and online games and songs can be found on her website for children to practice during the week. Younger children need to be supervised – many adults love learning with their children.

The cost is £24 for the 6 weeks. Newcomers are welcome to a free trial session. For details email Muriel at: [muriellamb@fiscal.co.uk](mailto:muriellamb@fiscal.co.uk).

## Year 4 Topic— Misty Mountain Sierra



Lenny



Juliet



Finlay



Harrison



Cake pops made by Layla — showing the layers of the earth's crust

## Art inspired by Artists Jen Aranyi and Vicki Rawlins



Poppy



Hannah



Bailey



Caitlin



Sienna



Year 5 were asked to create a design for a tin can:

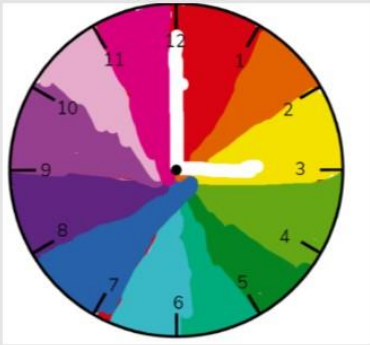


Designed by Jasmine

Designed by Ben



## More examples of your fabulous Home Learning



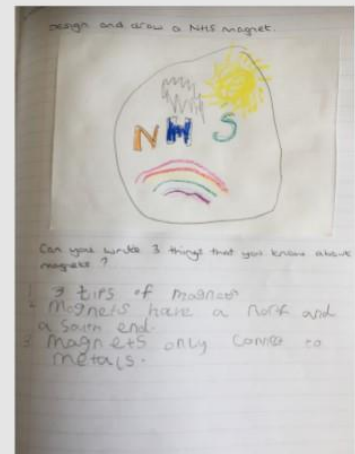
Elina



James



Olivia



Phoebe



and art celebrating the NHS





FOUNDATION

## Mental Health Awareness Week 18th-24th May 2020

**FREE DAILY  
SESSIONS WILL  
FOCUS ON THE 5  
WAYS TO  
WELLBEING:**



### KEEP LEARNING

Learning new things can be exciting and help to improve your confidence and self-esteem.



### TAKE NOTICE

Reflecting upon ourselves and others is really important to achieve positive mental health.



### GIVE

Giving creates a sense of purpose, self-worth and creates positive feelings



### BE ACTIVE

Physical activity can help improve self-esteem.



### CONNECT

Helping you create a sense of belonging & share positive experiences

Chelsea FC Foundation are offering free sessions to schools as part of our campaign in support of Mental Health Awareness Week 2020.

Supported by Chelsea FC Men's team captain Cesar Azpilicueta, we have created fun and exciting workbooks as well as physical activity packs to highlight the importance of physical and mental health.

Schools who sign up to be involved in this initiative will receive a free workbook and physical activity pack. Please be aware that these resources are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To register interest in participating in the week-long initiative and for more information, please email your relevant Chelsea FC Foundation contact, or: [foundation.education@chelseafc.com](mailto:foundation.education@chelseafc.com) by Thursday 14th May 2020.



### Reminder - Handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>