



Franklin Times

23rd March 2020

Dear Franklinites

Friday was an emotional day for us all, as we bid farewell for an unspecified length of time, but fear not, the Franklin Times will continue as a community forum, rolling off the presses each Monday morning to jumpstart our 'Community Classrooms', this is what we are naming our home learning offer.

If you are engaging with our website-based learning, please ensure you have read through the e-safety guidance in the link below:

<https://arkfranklinprimary.org/page-strips/staying-safe-online>

Here are the direct links to each year group's community classroom:

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Just a reminder, all KS1 and 2 children have their passwords to access Purplemash for their computing, while KS2 have also got passwords for Read Theory and Times Table Rockstars.

Audible kids is offering free access at the moment, so listen to lots of stories at home.

For any support with home learning or any other matter please contact us via info@arkfranklinprimary.org. The school office will not be open to visitors for the duration of Franklin's closure, but we will be available remotely, that is, via email and telephone.

Each week, class teachers, or a member of Franklin's leadership team will call children at home for a catch up.

WE DO HAVE A SMALL NUMBER OF CHILDREN ONSITE DAILY ENABLING KEY WORKERS TO CONTINUE THEIR ROLES AND HELP US THROUGH THIS UNPRECEDENTED TIME. JUST TO REMIND YOU, THIS PROVISION IS FOR PARENTS WHO ARE CRITICAL TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE, AND THUS THEIR CHILDREN CANNOT SAFELY BE LOOKED AFTER AT HOME. WE REALLY MUST INSIST THAT YOU DO NOT ACCESS THIS PROVISION UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AS WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS AND SAVE LIVES.

On a lighter note, here is an email I received last week from Drama Queens:

I am writing because I feel compelled to tell you what a great job you and your great team have done and are doing at Ark Franklin.

This will not be news to you!

However, teaching at your school this term has been really rewarding. The children are well behaved and well mannered. At the same time, they are bright, lively and cooperative. What an achievement!

We have taught in quite a few local schools over the last 10 years and yours is certainly a cut above the rest. The whole atmosphere is one of calm productivity.

Manchester class had their adventure day last week, here are a couple of pictures for you to enjoy.





Another idea for inclusion is a regular quiz with a prize for winners, and/or an agony aunt section...(tongue-in-cheek, of course). If any of our journalist/author parents out there would like a weekly column, do get in touch with me; we are all going to need some entertainment in the coming months, and who knows, perhaps we can make a collection and publish it once this is all over.

Headteacher's thought for the week:

"We are waves of the same sea,
Leaves of the same tree,
Flowers of the same garden."



Our own eco-warriors



The next generation of Greta Thunbergs were out in force on Chamberlayne Road last week: Go Lilla Buche.

You are in our thoughts everyday.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Principal of Ark Franklin

In upcoming editions of the Franklin Times I plan to include contributions from Franklin's families, can you please send through any pictures and ideas of yourselves engaged in great activities with your children, to supplement home learning for all. Also, as our cookbook will now be delayed, perhaps we could have a larder recipe of the week for all to try, a picture of the finished product along with the recipe would be wonderful. These should be sent to me on j.ryan@arkfranklinprimary.org