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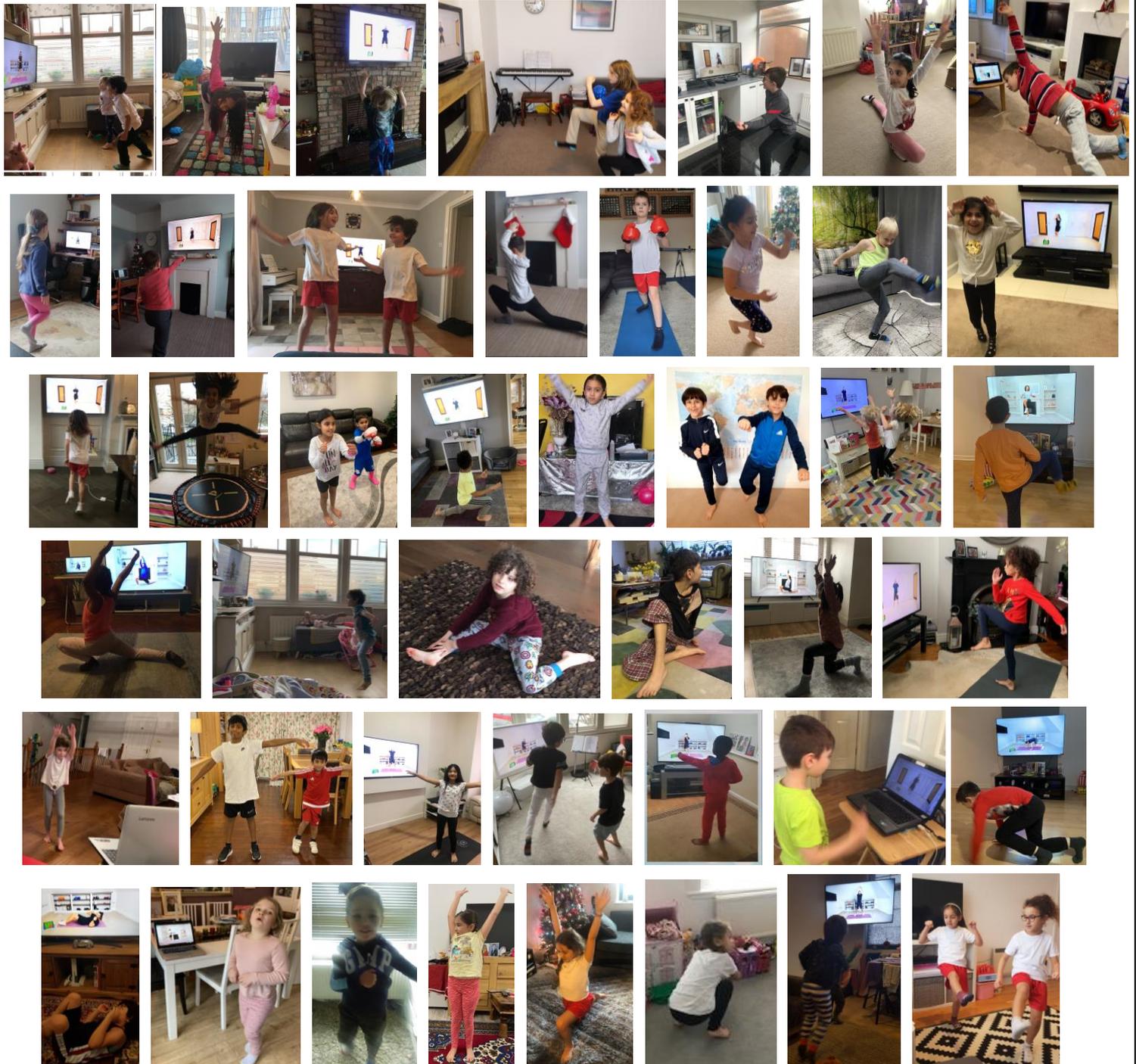
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## Devices for Home Learning

If you are struggling to have everybody in your household with a device to work on, it may be worth knowing that there seems to be a way to access Google Classroom through the Xbox and Playstation. There is information at the end of this email. This could be helpful to families who are struggling with sharing devices.

## Physical Exercise

The Joe Wicks morning PE lessons are on the TV on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9am. Thank you for all of the exercise with Joe Wicks pictures that have been sent to me. Here are some of the children doing their exercise:



The Daily Mile organisation have sent me a fun January exercise bingo card. This is about doing 15 minutes of exercise a day over the month of January. The idea is that when you do a session you cross it off on the bingo board. When you have a full house – you send me a picture of the completed bingo card and I send back a certificate. The Bingo card is attached to this newsletter. I have awarded the first certificate this week to Maddie (and her mum!) in Year 4 – well done.

### **We Are Reading To..... Project**

This week we would like to ask pupils to share pictures of themselves reading to someone. This way they are sharing their love of reading with others. We would like children to send in photographs of themselves reading to a sibling, a pet, a parent - maybe even a grandparent or other relative via Zoom. Please email these pictures to me at [head@hollypark.barnetmail.net](mailto:head@hollypark.barnetmail.net) by Thursday next week. Reading to someone else is such a lovely thing to do.



### **Engagement With Online Learning**

The Barnet Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs) have been in touch with all schools across the borough and asked us to let them know the names of families who are not engaging with online learning – so that the EWO can follow this up and contact families directly as during this lockdown the DFE really want every child to be engaging and accessing learning during the closure. At Holly Park we want to support our families and hence teachers, TAs and other staff are calling families to ensure everyone has access and knows what to do and gets any help they need. We have given out 9 laptops this week to families who are struggling with devices and have invited pupils in to school where there is no device and no internet. If you are still struggling with a device please message Mrs Thomas on [sthomas@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:sthomas@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk) I have asked class teachers to give me the names of families not engaging with the learning – e.g NOT posting work back on Google Classroom. We will be sending extra messages to these families next week. If there is no response or improvement with engaging with the online learning –these names will have to be passed on to the Barnet EWO. Please be assured that this will not be families who are doing the best they can - where the odd piece of work is missing or who have had the odd day off work. This is for persistently and consistently not doing the work on a regular basis.

### **Google Meets**

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January – each child from Year 1 to Y6 who are at home doing home learning will have a weekly Google meet session for 20-30 mins with their class teacher (provided the teacher is well) Reception will begin Google Meets the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The class will be divided in to 3 groups of 10, The teacher will give each child a time slot and an invite to join the meet. This will be the same as when we did it in the summer term when they said goodbye to their old class teacher. The slot will stay at the same time each week for ease. The aim is to just have a social experience – keeping some face to face contact. There may be some simple Circle time/PHSE activity. The teacher will also use it to ask the children how they are finding the work etc to assess how it's going. There are some guidelines about behaviour and expectations for a Google meet at the end of this newsletter. Any children who cannot behave on a Google Meet will be asked to leave. The groups of ten are a mix of pupils from the class (just as we would do in school) and not based on friendships. Friendship meet ups can be done by parents outside school time. Children in the Key Worker HUB will not be involved in this as they are getting social interaction in school.

### **KS2 Reading During Lockdown**

As we now know that the current lockdown will be for an extended period of time until at least February half term - it is necessary for teachers to be aware of how pupils are progressing with their reading and to ensure children are reading daily. With this in mind, we are going to formalise reading in KS2 for the duration of lockdown. Every pupil in KS2 is expected to read for a minimum of 30 minutes each day and we are now asking that you (or they) record this. Every **Monday** (beginning the 11<sup>th</sup>) Class teachers will provide a Reading Diary on Google Classroom for pupils to complete throughout the week. It needs to be submitted (or a photo should you wish to print and fill it in by hand) back on to Google Classroom every **Friday**. Your child simply needs to fill in what they have read and for how long. If they wish, they can add details of what they read, a brief summary or even a prediction for what may happen next. Below, is a link to a YouTube video Ms Sampson has recorded, explaining how you may fill in the diary and upload to Google Classroom, if you are unsure. <https://youtu.be/6DvMXwaNCuA>

If you are running out of ideas for reading books then the list of our Reading Challenge book lists are available on our school website. It would be good to keep the reading challenge going as much as possible. You can also continue filling in the reading log for the challenge at home. Children can bring in completed Reading Challenge logs when they return to school and badges will still be awarded.

We can highly recommend the LoveReading4Kids website ( <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>). It is free to register for this site. Not only does it provide ideas for books to read but there are a multitude of free downloadable extracts too - fiction, non-fiction and poetry. If you are running out of reading material then this really is an excellent resource.

### **Postcards Sent Home**

This week Miss Michael and I have started our lockdown postcards home again. Each week we choose 2 numbers between 1 and 30 and send two children per class a postcard via email. It is just a small gesture to keep in touch with children over this period of closure.

## Clouds Of Hope

As it is the start of the new year 2021 we wanted the children to think positively about the year ahead and to focus on happier times ahead. We asked them to think about their dreams and hopes for the year ahead – 2021. It is good to be reflective. It is good to have hopes and dreams. Here are some of their hopes and dreams:



## Headteacher Awards

I have asked all of the teachers to nominate two pupils per class each week who are doing great work on Google classroom and making a great effort. I will then email the certificates home. The first ones have been sent home via email this week.



# Google Meet Guidelines

## I. Pupil conduct and expectations

- The school will ensure that pupils are aware of the Acceptable Use Agreement – Pupils. This is contained in the admission pack which parents sign as they join the school.
- Pupils will be reminded that they should take part in live online lessons in an appropriate setting, e.g. a quiet space with a neutral background. Any devices should be used in communal areas of your home e.g. in your lounge or kitchen, **but not in bedrooms.**
- Pupils should attend sessions each week and be on time
- Pupils should have their cameras on at all times
- Pupils must wear suitable clothing.
- Pupils will be reminded not to record live online lessons on their devices. Screenshots or sharing of any footage is strictly forbidden.
- Pupils will be reminded not to speak during live online lessons unless they are prompted to do so or have a question about the lesson.
- Pupils will be reminded to adhere to the school's Behaviour Policy at all times during live online sessions, as they would during a normal school day.
- The school will ensure that any pupils who breach the code of conduct will be removed from online sessions and parents contacted.
- Pupils must keep their microphones muted during live video meet ups, until invited to unmute and speak by their teacher.
- A chat function will not be in use and the children should not attempt to write anything in chat.
- Any unacceptable behaviour during a live video meet up will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy. Unacceptable behaviour may result in a child being asked to leave a meet up immediately.
- Pupils must leave the live video meet up immediately on being instructed to do so by their teacher at the end of the session.

## Parent/ Carer Expectations:

- Parents will be provided with a copy of the school Blended Learning Policy and the Live Online Session Home school Policy
- Parents will make sure their child attends the session and is punctual for all live sessions
- Parents/ carers must stay in the room with their child for the duration of the session but should NOT be seen on the screen by other children.
- Parents/ carers must ensure that their child wears suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household who may pass by the screen.
- Language used by anybody in the household must be appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Parents/careers will not use Google Classroom to contact a member of staff and will instead use the school office email address.
- Parents/ carers should refrain from interacting with the session. If you have any questions or queries about online sessions or online learning in general, please contact the school office by phone or by emailing [office@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:office@hollypark.barnet.sch.uk)
- Parents/careers should contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (Maria Michael) if they have any safeguarding concerns.



# NEW YEAR BINGO

## START 2021 WITH THE DAILY MILE BINGO

Do The Daily Mile — 15 minutes of walking, jogging or running from front door to front door.  
Start 2021 with The Daily Mile and keep your children happy and healthy. See how many boxes you can tick off on the Bingo sheet and download a certificate for your children to keep. Good luck!

<p>Do The Daily Mile — nice and easy!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do 10 Daily Miles</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile three days in a row</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Count how many laps you do on your Daily Mile</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>MONDAY Do the Daily Mile on a Monday</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile in the afternoon</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile in the morning</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sprint to finish your Daily Mile — run like Bolt!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Have a chat Find out something new about your running buddy</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Run a different route</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do your Daily Mile without stopping — jog or run the whole time</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Beat your lap record again</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Beat your lap record — you can do it!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>FRIDAY Do the Daily Mile on a Friday</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Beat your lap record — one last time!</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Do The Daily Mile five days in a row</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

How many can you tick off?

Four corners

Four in a row

Full house!



# Using Google Classroom on PS4 or XBOX

## PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:  
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'  
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.