

To the whole school community, we hope that everyone is well and staying safe during this challenging and difficult time. We are missing everyone hugely and look forward to the time that we can write to you letting you know that school will be opening.

Safeguarding our children and families is still at the very top of our school agenda. We are very grateful to the staff who have already been supporting some of our families through regular contact, providing advice and the delivery of much needed food and vouchers. If you have any concerns whatsoever or need someone to talk to please contact us through our support@bowesprimaryelt.org email address. There are also a number of documents on the Bowes website that you may find useful for yourself and your families. These can be found in the Extras tab, within the Home Learning Packs page.

Next week, every teacher will be ringing their families to find out how everyone is managing at home. This will be a quick check-in to see how the children are and how they are getting on with their home learning. Teachers will also like to speak to your child during this call.

As mentioned previously, we will be sending out your child's annual report slightly earlier this year. These will be going out to parents on Friday 5th June.

Thank you again to all the staff who have been in to school supporting families of key workers over recent weeks, including over the two week Easter break. This provision is continuing and we have joined with Grange Park Primary School to run a joint hub provision on the Grange Park site. This is being led and managed by staff from both Bowes and Grange Park.

Thank you to all the parents who have been in contact with us to offer various types of support to the whole school community. It is lovely to know that the community is highly valued and people are willing to go out of their way to support others who may be in need.

Friends of Bowes

Thank you to both of our Friends of Bowes PTAs for continuing their fantastic work within our school communities. The artwork on the Bowes railings is going strong and is looking great, so please keep these coming! We hear Nessa is certainly a hit with her updates on the FOBNS Facebook page!

Art Project details:

Children (and grown ups too!) are invited to draw, on A4 paper which will then be laminated and displayed on the school railings. You can draw a picture of ANYTHING. Rainbows are welcome, as are self-portraits, friends portraits, teacher portraits, flowers, teddies, pets in lockdown, mums in lockdown, hands being washed, zoom chat sketches – anything at all is good and use plenty of colour!

Pictures can be delivered to 84 Ollerton Road to a post box outside or emailed to friendsofbowes@gmail.com. Please add your child's name and class in the bottom right hand corner.



Home Learning

This week we emailed all parents regarding the launch of Google Classrooms to support learning at home.

Just a reminder:

- The Year 6 Google Classroom will go live on Monday 27th April. Emails and passwords have been sent out to Year 6 parents this week.
- A third Home Learning Pack for all children from Nursery to Year 5 will be available to download from the Bowes website from Monday 27th April. This will be the final pack before we go live with the Google Classrooms (Years 1 -5).
- Google Classrooms for Years 1 to 5 will go live on Monday 4th May. Emails and passwords to access the Google Classroom will be sent out to parents in Years 1 - 5 next week.
- We will continue to provide weekly Home Learning Packs to Nursery and Reception which can be downloaded from the Bowes website. Please keep uploading learning to your Look@Me accounts so that the EYFS team can see what your children are busy doing at home.

This is going to be a very new way of working for all of us and is likely to have some teething problems, so please bear with us during its setup up and use. We look forward to launching this new way of working and will keep it under review as we seek to explore manageable, safe and secure ways of developing closer communication between us.

Music News

Keep Singing!

For those of you who are missing Singing Assemblies and music, you can continue to sing and experience its benefits. 'Sing Up' has launched a new 'Sing at Home' area which features a 'Song of the Week' and supporting resources. It contains a bank of songs for all age groups with songs in many different styles.

This week's song, 'One Moment, One People' is a beautiful, catchy, empowering anthem about working together and making positive connections with each other.

www.singup.org/singupathome/song-of-the-week

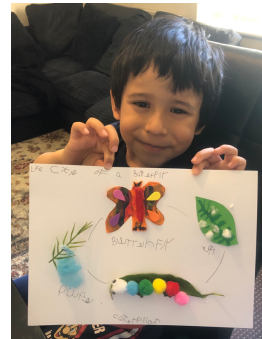
Enfield Stands Together

We have attached to this newsletter a Coronavirus update from Enfield Council. This also includes information for Enfield residents who may need further support (e.g. food parcels, medication collection or a friendly call). Please have a read through.

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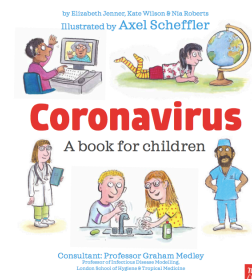
Please remember to keep visiting the Home Learning Packs page on the Bowes website. This is regularly updated with the Home Learning Packs, useful websites and resources. We have also launched a 'Showcase' page and welcome photos of any creations that you may wish to share with the school community.

Thank you to the parents who have sent through work already.



Coronavirus – A book for children

The Bowes website also has a copy of a book that you may wish to download and share with your children. It might help to answer some of the questions they may have. The book can be found in the 'Extras' tab within the Home Learning Packs section.



Food Bank Support

As a school we do have links with the Food Bank in Muswell Hill, so please do contact us as at support@bowesprimaryelt.org, if at any time you are struggling with food supplies. We will then be able to refer you and start the process.





Cllr.Nesil.Caliskan@enfield.gov.uk

Dear Enfield Resident,

Enfield is on the front line of tackling coronavirus - our biggest national emergency since the Second World War. Our way of life has changed completely in the last few weeks as the country deals with the crisis.

The Government has announced a nationwide lockdown, which instructs people to stay at home and only go outside for food, health reasons or work – where it cannot be done from home.

All non-essential shops and community spaces have been closed. Following government advice, Enfield Council has also had to close a number of our face-to-face contact points to contain the coronavirus outbreak and to keep our residents and staff safe during this time. For up-to-date information about Enfield Council services, visit www.enfield.gov.uk/covid19

The parks and open spaces in our borough currently remain open, although we have cordoned off play areas and outdoor gym equipment. Residents should follow strict social distancing guidance.

It is crucial that we all keep two metres away from other people and wash our hands regularly.

I want to assure you that everyone at Enfield Council is doing everything we can to protect you and your loved ones. Together we will get through this and make sure everyone who needs help - especially the elderly and people with underlying health conditions - receive it.

We are working with residents and for residents, alongside the NHS, our fantastic community groups and our Enfield businesses. Our **Enfield Stands Together campaign ensures we have community resilience**. We are recruiting volunteers and identifying our most at-risk residents. If you need assistance whilst you are self-isolating, please let us know. This leaflet outlines a number of ways you can ask for help.

Please protect yourself, your family, friends and our community by following the Government's advice to stay indoors. This will delay the spread of coronavirus and give our dedicated NHS staff and care-workers the time to care for those with COVID-19.

STAY HOME AND SAVE LIVES

Best wishes,

Councillor Nesil Caliskan
Leader of Enfield Council

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Enfield Stands Together

We are prioritising support for those residents who are unable to rely on family or trusted friends for adequate practical support.

- Do you need food? We can deliver a basic food parcel to you.
- Do you need your medication collected from your local pharmacy?
- Are you feeling lonely? Would you like a weekly friendly telephone call?

If you answer yes to any of the above questions and you are unable to get support from family or trusted friends, you can get support from Enfield Stands Together.

You can request help through our online form, find out about volunteering and get more information about our community support scheme, Enfield Stands Together, at www.enfield.gov.uk/EST

If you don't have online access, please ring us on **0203 821 1966**. Lines are open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm, and Saturday to Sunday 10am to 2pm.

Enfield Council is working with the NHS to ensure that residents on the NHS shielding list and those who are most vulnerable receive the support they need.

We have also set up an Enfield Stands Together fundraising page and all funds raised will go directly towards the cost of food and essential supplies for Enfield residents. To make a donation please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/enfield-stands-together

Further information about coronavirus, Enfield Council service changes and our support for businesses can be found at www.enfield.gov.uk/covid19

Please note: We will contact you before we do any necessary visits to your home. Make sure you stay safe and ask for identification from anyone knocking on your door.

