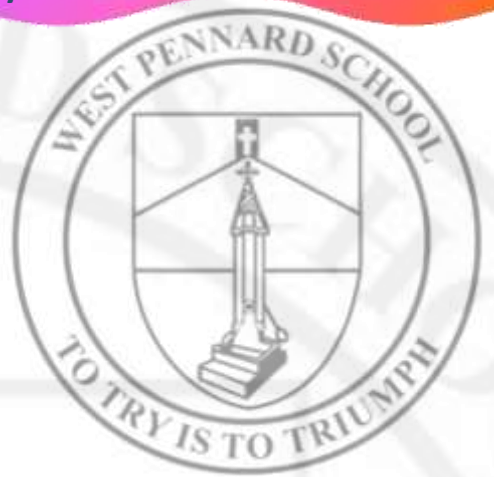


**West Pennard C of E VC Primary**



Hark! A Tor! The KS1 bubble welly walk discovered a strange mound in the distance on Tuesday!

**'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)**

**Heads Up**

I had the pleasure of looking through the Google Classrooms this week to get a flavour of the work being set and also produced. It was great to see the variety of activities available to the children to enable them to continue their learning journeys during these times. Hopefully you have also had the opportunity to engage with some of the resources and recorded PE lessons we shared with you last week. It is greatly important for body and mind to keep active, especially as we spend quite a time in front of devices at the moment. If you missed the link to the PE sessions you can access the resources [here](#).

Although we recognise that social interaction is important as well in order to lift the spirits, we have overheard a few children talking of sleepovers that they have had recently with their friends. Even though children of critical workers are in school together at the moment, they should not be meeting up outside of school in adherence to Government guidance.

In addition to all of the learning that the teachers are directing you to through Google Classroom, I would like to make the time to share books with children across the school. I will try to upload 3-4 retellings each week and try to aim at a variety of

abilities, however, the principle is to enjoy listening to a story and this can be done no matter the difficulty. To view all the videos and watch at your leisure click [here](#).

As always, staff safe and look after yourselves.

Mr Wheat

**Stars in Our Eyes** (Certificates and stickers will be posted)

**Home Learning Stars of the Week**

Year R Martha (Martha had a role play wedding and got married this week following her online lesson on Christian celebrations. May I take the opportunity to congratulate Martha from all of us here at West Pennard and wish her and her intended well for the future)

Year 1 Ayda (for her well thought out recreation of the 6th day in the creation story)

Year 2 Zoe (for such excellent rainforest writing)

Year 3 Antoine (for his enthusiasm, effort and pride taken towards all his home learning activities)

Year 4 Kelcie (for her under the sea art work)

Year 5 - Kobe (for super effort in all tasks completed)

Year 6 Conor (for engaging really well with his class text and Guided Reading)

**Critical Worker Provision Stars of the Week**

Bailey, Emmie



**Tel: 01458 832866**

**Email: westpennardprimary@gmail.com**

**Headteacher Mr T. Wheat**

## Avon and Somerset Police Child Exploitation and Online Grooming Parent Workshop

Following work that Avon and Somerset wish to conduct in the Mendip area and surrounding villages the constabulary wish to offer an online parents session on how to keep children safe during these changing times. The parents workshop will take place on Tuesday 9th February from 18:00—19:00 with Androulla (Andri) Nicolaou (Prevention Officer and Coordinator Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation). To join the meeting using Microsoft Teams follow [this link](#).

## Access to Books!



### Virtual School Library

Free reading and writing activities from your favourite children's authors from the National Literacy Trust.

The Virtual School Library (Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust) was launched on Sunday. Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Oak National Academy link: <https://library.thenational.academy/>

National Literacy Trust link: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

The NLT library was launched in September and there are 22 authors in the back catalogue already.

## Kind Donation

A great many thanks to a parent that wishes to remain anonymous for a donation towards the cost of some additional Chromebooks. We are working hard to help families that need access to devices. Please fill in the google form on the next page if you wish to be considered.

## Out and About (Well, In and Innovative!)

As our daily exercise can be no more than 5 miles from home we thought we would point you in the direction of activities that can be done at home.

### Toucan Box



Haven't heard of ToucanBox yet? Well you're in for a world of fun! Packed full of arts, crafts and a magazine, this little box is full of great surprises, plus it's delivered straight to your door! There is no commitment and boxes cost £8.95 + pp.

### Paper Umbrellas



As all it does is rain at the moment, why not have a go at making paper umbrellas? Click [here](#)

### Virtual Museum



If you're missing your family trip to the museum or zoo, we've got the next best thing. Fire up the computer and take a look at these [virtual tours and webcams](#), there's everything from watching adorable koalas and goats, to wandering around historical sites.

Home Learning Help

We have a number of paid for subscriptions that you can therefore access for free.

Bug Club Phonics (Year R, 1 and 2)



Teach Your Monster to Read (Year R)



Accelerated Reader (Year 2 - Year 6)



Doodle Maths (Year 1 - Year 6)



White Rose Maths Video Lessons (Year R - Year 6)



Google Classroom (Year R - Year 6)



We are working on a few others so watch this space

If you have any access issues with any of the above please message the teachers.

Blue Peter Award

Well done to Sophia for the Blue Peter badge she received for her great poem. See below...

Wavy blue hair. Bluebell eyes

Meet each other every day in disguise.



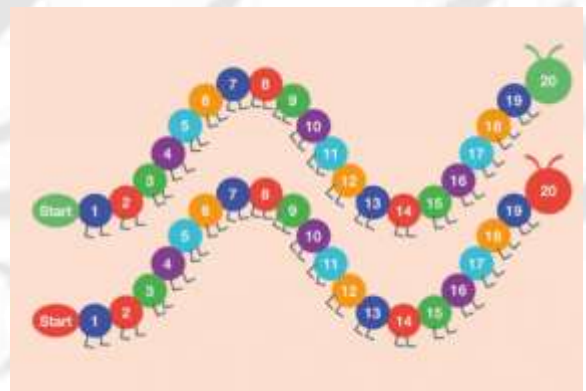
Devices

We are working hard to ensure that all have as good access as possible to devices for home learning purposes. We recognise and totally understand the time, technological and technical pressures of delivering remote learning. We have created a follow up device questionnaire to assess needs. Please fill in the google form below...

<https://forms.gle/NWWYK6Qs8EuMgPhS8>

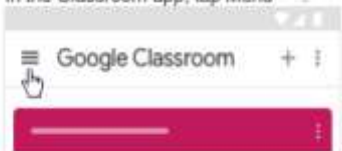




Supporting Younger Children with Maths at Home

Developing an understanding of mathematical concepts when we are young is essential, and children's early mathematical understanding is strongly associated with their later school achievement. Click on the picture below to find out ways you can support them through games etc...



Technical Corner

If you are experiencing conflicts between your google account and that of your child's on an Android device follow these steps to remove your account from their Google Classroom and fix the issue...

1. In the Classroom app, tap Menu 
2. Next to your name and email, tap Down  Manage accounts.
3. Tap Google. 
4. (Optional) Tap your account. 
5. At the top right, tap More  Remove account.
6. To confirm, tap Remove Account.

How to record your screen on an iPad and upload it to Google Classroom (watch until the end for the Google Classroom upload help).

<https://youtu.be/R2kJJzfheYs>

Mindfulness Moment

This week's Magical Creatures Stretchy bendy fun!

<https://youtu.be/GjN4P9OiRrc>

Mrs Robertson

Short Story Competition

**LIONS CLUB OF  
GLASTONBURY AND STREET (CIO)**  
Reg Charity no. 1184134

## Short Story Writing for Fun



No exam, no marking, no grade - just write a story on a subject of your choice. You may win a prize of an Amazon token or book token and you will get a certificate!

Format to be a word document, other text document or a scanned hand-written copy and to include writer's name, age, school and parent/guardian's consent.

The deadline date for entries is 26th February 2021 and they are to be sent to [gandlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:gandlionsclub@gmail.com)

Glastonbury and Street Lions Club reserve the right to use any entry for publicity purposes via printed matter, the press, social media or other methods of communication via the internet. Full acknowledgement will be given to the writer. The judge's decision is final.



Kindness Personified

# HALF-TERM KINDNESS CHALLENGE

15-21 February 2021

Take part in the 52 Lives Kindness Challenge with the chance to win £250 for resources for the school and either a £20 toy, book token or newspaper subscription for your child.

Click here for the [challenge sheet](#)

## Forest School

Next weekend is the great RSPB big garden bird-watch. This is a fantastic opportunity to sit and see which birds visit your gardens. Signing up is free and you receive an information pack to record your sightings as well as a spotting guide.

This week I thought we could make bird feeders to encourage the birds into the garden. There are so many different ways to make bird feeders. The easiest is to buy some bird food and some lard/coconut oil. Spread the lard onto some toilet roll or in a pine cone and then roll in the bird seed. Tie a piece of string on the top and hang up. You can even mix the bird food into the lard and put it into a cookie cutter and leave to harden. Then hang. Another suggestion is to thread plain popcorn on to some garden wire.

Have some fun and feed those birds.

Link to make a bird feeder without shop brought bird food:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/produce-a-pine-cone-feeder/>

RSPB Great garden bird watch link :

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?source-code=BWMITH0230&channel=paidsearch&gclid=CjwKCAiAxp-ABhALEiwAXm6lyUTc2Va0Xchq-YouN4SbOV7iL7xLtmJ-QFcfUx1afjN6Z9zcS7y78hoCZD4QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?source-code=BWMITH0230&channel=paidsearch&gclid=CjwKCAiAxp-ABhALEiwAXm6lyUTc2Va0Xchq-YouN4SbOV7iL7xLtmJ-QFcfUx1afjN6Z9zcS7y78hoCZD4QAvD_BwE)

Mrs Frost

## Quote of the Week

*'At the end of the day be thankful that our blessings are bigger than our problems.'* Anon

## I Don't Like Cricket, I Love It!!!



Every week 1 or 2 pros from Somerset CCC and Western Storm will answer questions (sent in by you and your children) as well as share challenges for the week. You can either email questions to [Scott.chappell@somersetcricketboard.org](mailto:Scott.chappell@somersetcricketboard.org) or tweet your questions to @somersetcb with #scbprochallenge. Questions can either be school questions or individual questions (if they are individual questions please add the child's first name, age and school/cricket club).

## Big Art Project!

As Art and Design Lead in our school, I thought it would be a lovely idea to brighten up our new sensory area with a whole school 'Big Art' display. Despite finding ourselves in yet another lockdown, I thought this would be a super opportunity to display how, as a community, we always unite in these difficult times. Therefore, the theme for this project is, 'Although apart – we are always together' and each child will be tasked with producing a coloured montage of a hand (colour depending on Year group) that is a representation of themselves. These will be 'skillfully' collated to create a school rainbow of hugs. I have attached a template and some ideas to this newsletter for how to decorate your hand. Once completed, if you could please post them back into the school I will add them to the display. Thank you!

Miss Holmes

