

BPA Newsletter 05.02.2021



As another week draws to a close, I wanted to write and thank our entire school community for your wonderful messages of support. My staff team are working exceptionally hard, and your words of assurance and support mean a great deal. We know how difficult our pupils are finding this period and this is the same across the whole school community.

We are immensely proud of the 400 welfare calls we have conducted, please read some of our wonderful feedback - it just is heart-warming

Stay safe this weekend and keep up our national effort to contain this virus, that way we can all return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you Miss Brown

I just wanted to pass on a message from a parent

'Dad is so pleased and grateful for the help he has received from Leanne. She had made extra effort to send him his vouchers by post and then, when she had managed to print off his exemption certificate, he was so relieved. He has been very anxious about shopping and was getting very worked up telling me about previous experiences, he wasn't confident approaching the doctor, as suggested, so was chuffed to bits that she has helped.'

Parent feedback

'The boys are so motivated everyday it is harder to get them to stop than to start'

'Those voice note are simply amazing! The boys love them. Thank you'

'Thank you Mrs Lamb, It is definitely working better for her this way! It really helps being able to see you. I suppose it helps her understand that we are not making it up that she has to use Google Classroom for school at the moment ;). Thank you so very much again.'

'I just wanted to highlight and say thank you for the support we received yesterday. As a child who is usually very active and thrives on social interaction she has really been struggling with lock down, like many of us it has impacted on her far more than the first time round. It all came to a head yesterday when she had what I can only describe as a panic attack whilst trying to do her math work. I tried to reassure her that her teachers would be understanding if she needed the afternoon off from her school work. I told her I would put a message on google classroom about the situation which I did and within half an hour of putting the message up I'd not only had a response on google classroom but Mrs Sarchet had called to speak to her directly and offer reassurance. We were so overwhelmed with this support, I am aware that friends with children in other schools aren't getting any welfare calls at all, possibly seen as not a concern due to stable family and financial positions. Whilst the challenges are obviously different that does not mean our children are not being affected by this situation. I just wanted to highlight how impressed I was with the response and how much we appreciate the hard work of all the staff at Bramley Park Academy who are doing such an amazing job in such challenging circumstances. I have of course already thanked them but wanted to bring it to your attention as well'

Dear Carrie and all the staff at BPA

We are writing to you as 2 key workers trying to home-school 3 children of different ages and key stages. We know this is an extremely difficult time for everyone at the moment and the circumstances we find ourselves in mean taking on a whole new way of life. After speaking to a great deal of friends with children in other schools, we just wanted to say how incredibly proud we are to be a part of BPA. Nobody that we have spoken to has the support and reassurances from their schools that we do. We have constant contact with staff via google classrooms and welfare calls checking in on us all, not just the children. Any issues/ problems with work on google classrooms is addressed immediately meaning our boys can carry on with their work knowing they have the support of their teachers. The range and quality of work provided is phenomenal and I for one feel like our children are getting the exact same content of work they would be if they were sat in the classroom. The variety of work giving them time away from the screen as well ensures they have fun, exciting activities to do as well and can pick and choose the order in which they do their work giving them the independence and opportunities to manage their days in a way that suits them.

Thank you ALL for being the very best in such difficult times.

Key dates:

8th + 9th February - Virtual parents evening

12th February - No Google Classroom, full school closure for Wellspring Academy staff training.

12th February - School closes for February Holidays.

Staff have delivered over 104 home learning devices

Staff make over 356 welfare calls per week

Staff have delivered over 80 food parcels in addition to the FSM vouchers

Staff have made over 88 home visits to date.

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge Thank You to our BPA team!!!!!!

Thank You



Friday 12th February

School will be closed to everyone for staff training.

Take this time to take a day off from home learning and have fun

Indoor activities:

- Go on a treasure hunt
- Build a den
- Bake a cake



If its not too cold, get your adult to take you out for a bike ride, go on your scooter, go for a walk or you could make a wish and hope it snows, so you can build a snowman



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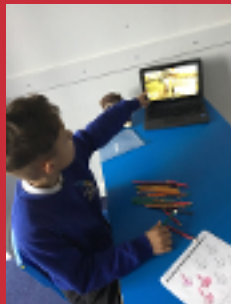
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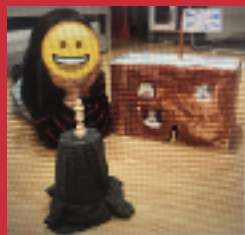
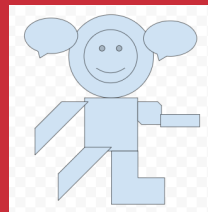
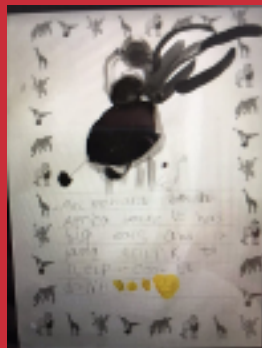
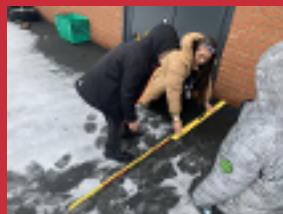
Dear Diary,

I can't even believe that tomorrow is VE day. The excitement is overwhelming, almost paralysing! I feel so much happier now that we don't have to live in hiding anymore. It's amazing that we can live normally without any more war, without the fear that the deafening and bellowing sirens will soon sound and we will be rushing into our steel tin cans for protection. I am so grateful that my mum didn't give up on helping people and me.

The sweet, long-awaited smell of freedom, celebration and victory is waiting through the crowded streets of London. Evacuees are returning from the countryside as thundering cheers for the heroes of battle echo around my ears, the sound is comforting, no it is elating. Aromas of sweet, freshly baked scones wait through the air and as it does my mouth begins to water at the thought of when I can finally devour one.

Anyway, my mum wants me to go to sleep before the big party!

Catch up later
Ava xxx



8 WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN STRUGGLING DURING LOCKDOWN

- Know how to spot the signs**
If you notice your child is becoming withdrawn, that there's been a change in sleeping or eating habits, if they seem to lack confidence or get upset, it might be a sign they're struggling.
- Talk to your child**
If you spot signs your child might be struggling, it's important to talk to them. Keep talking and trying to communicate in any way you can - hugging, listening to them, looking them.
- Create structure and routine**
Try introducing a new routine that includes fun things you're doing during the week. This can help to create a feeling of stability, which can reduce anxiety.
- Give children a sense of control through information**
Look online with your children to find useful information and resources that help children feel they have control.

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- Keep children learning**
Using fun and creative ways to learn helps to develop confidence and build resilience. Opportunities will support your child's development.
- Limit screen time and mix up activities**
As much as screen time is important, it's important to have other activities and mix up the routine. Screen time can be used to support your child's learning and well-being.
- Help your child manage stress**
If you spot signs your child might be struggling, it's important to talk to them. Keep talking and trying to communicate in any way you can - hugging, listening to them, looking them, etc.
- Expressing feelings doesn't have to be face-to-face**
Children might find it easier to write or draw their feelings down on paper than to talk to someone. Encourage them to write or draw their feelings down on paper and then talk to someone about them.

Safer Internet Day 2021 - Tuesday 9th February

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

With many more children spending time online, either for schoolwork or to communicate with family or friends it is important they understand the reliability of the internet and learn how to know if information is trustworthy. As part of this day the children will be completing several activities relating to safer use of the internet and as a school, we will also provide information for parents on how to ensure your child is safe in all areas of the digital world. For more information please see <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>.



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