

School 'Lockdown' Newsletter Thursday 7th May 2020







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Place a table and chair(s) outside your house on the pavement or front garden Make your own 'picnic food and have a few drinks. Keeping to the 2 metre rule



See overleaf for more information about VE day...



Our congratulations go to Mrs Tayeb who has had a beautiful baby boy. Sahil was born at 3.20am on Sunday 26th April, and both mother and baby are doing well.



Learning at Home

As you all know, all our teachers are making the most of Class Dojo to share learning, and communicate with children and parents during this lockdown period. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have fully embraced this, and are making the most of this excellent resource to keep in touch with their child's class teacher. We know that many of you are juggling lots of things at home during this time, and recognise that supporting your child's school work can be difficult - we really appreciate all your efforts.

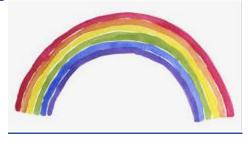
We have been very impressed with the work that we have seen so far. Uploading work is a really important step, as it helps the teachers to check that your child understands the tasks set, and gives the opportunity to provide feedback and plan further work. If you have not yet shown us the work your child has been doing, then please upload it as soon as you can so that we can enjoy seeing and celebrating all their hard work.

It's also lovely to see all the pictures and videos of how pupils are spending their time at home – you really do make us smile, so thank you for sharing these with us \odot

Staff continue to work incredibly hard to ensure all children are working on appropriate tasks. As always, if you're not sure about what to do, or if you have any questions or concerns about learning or your child, then please message your child's teacher (via Class Dojo).

We recognise that for some families, the online learning tasks can be particularly challenging (if there is a lack of, or limited, access to a computer or tablet). In light of this, we have dropped off a number of learning packs (which are year group specific) at pupils' houses. Please message your class teacher or contact the school office (phone or email) if you would like a pack delivering.

Please continue with the excellent efforts made so far in supporting your child's learning at home.



Stay Safe and Healthy.

Tomorrow, Friday, 8th May, is officially a bank holiday and, this year, it is also the 75th anniversary of VE Day. After five years of war, on the 8th May 1945, Britain and the allied forces accepted Germany's surrender. The Victory in Europe Day effectively heralded the end of World War II and sparked a mass celebration across nations with huge crowds of people taking to the streets cheering. Bolton Library and Museum Service is helping people, through their online activities, explore what it was like for people during World War II and how they celebrated VE Day. Now, 75 years on, we are in lockdown in a war against Covid-19 but we have celebration tips suitable for people of all ages to mark VE Day. You'll be able to discover more about World War II art in the museum's collection, look at the fashions of the time, get interesting recipes and add details of your Bolton military ancestors to the virtual memorial 'Bolton Remembers'.

Everyone is invited to become part of Bolton's evolving history by joining in the Covid-19 Documentary Project, where people, **especially children**, can send in their journal/diary entries or pictures of their lockdown experience so that in years to come, future generations can see what our lives were like. If you take part in the documentary project, do make sure you keep a look out for special future events. This project is inspired by the Mass Observation Archive of 1937 and 1940, which saw a team of observers, led by an anthropologist called Tom Harrisson, study all aspects of life in Bolton. This study ranged from shopping at the open market, to spectators at a Bolton Wanderers' match, to discover what children's views were about their hobbies/games and how they saw each other and the adults around them.

Talent shines in times of adversity so someone in your family may be the next Anne Frank or Samuel Pepys! Therefore, Bolton is asking everyone to capture what happens in their house on Friday 8th May 2020. Details are to be posted on the Bolton Libraries and Museums' social media channels about what's happening during the rest of the week! Deputy Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Martyn Cox said: "It may be tempting to celebrate VE Day as they did after the war and party in the streets, but our war against Covid-19 continues and we must celebrate safely and maintain social distancing. Bolton Libraries and Museums have put together a wide range of online resources to help celebrate the day, so tune in to their social media channels to find some great ways to enjoy it."

Remember, public buildings may be closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak but you can still access free eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines with the At Home with Bolton Library and Museum Services. If you're not a member you can join online at www.boltonlams.co.uk/ Bolton Library and Museum Services provides themed online activities focussing on art, health and reading. There are also images, videos, quizzes and interactive posts and resources to help with home-schooling.

Did You Know?

Each week, during lockdown, we will interview one of our staff members or governors, so you can get to know them a little better. This week, it's the turn of Miss Nicola Burgess, our Chair of Governors...

Q1. What do you do when you're not being our Chair of Governors?

I have two jobs: I work as a teaching assistant in a local special school and I tutor teaching assistant apprentices for Bolton college. I enjoy spending my free time with my family and friends. I like going out for a meal, to the cinema, going for walks or just meeting up for a coffee and a catch up.

Q2. What's the best thing about being a Governor at our school?

I have always felt very privileged to be a governor at a school where there is clear dedication and passion for the whole school community from staff, pupils and parents. There is a real sense of community at Ladybridge and I am very proud to be part of it.

Q3. Tell us one thing that is unusual/unique about you.

When I was a pupil at Ladybridge in Year 6, I won the first swimming trophy for 'Girl Swimmer of the Year.' I came third in backstroke at the town's sports gala.

Useful Information
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There is lots of Government guidance and help available here... www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19

The latest NHS guidance is available here... www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19