

Penguin Pals News

Valley Invicta Primary School at Kings Hill



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Dear Parents / Carers

1st June 2020

We hope you are all safe and well. Thank you for everything you are doing to support your children during this time. All of the children in Penguin Class have shown huge resilience in managing the strange and uncertain situation we are currently in.

We are now looking to the future and our partial re-opening on 1st June. Following the letter from Dr Ekins, Mrs Guthrie and Mrs Walls have spoken to each of you and create a bespoke part-time timetable that will then be reviewed after the first 2 weeks.

We will be forming social bubbles within the school so this will mean that Penguin Class will not integrate into their mainstream class. However, their educational needs will be met within the Penguin Class, following similar learning to their peers.

Mrs Walls will send out visual timetables and individual social stories prior to 1st June.

Sensory Circuits/Unwind

Mrs Smith and Mrs Hall will continue to be uploading videos onto Dojo for you to join in with Sensory Circuits and Yoga/Mindfulness activities from their Unwind programme.

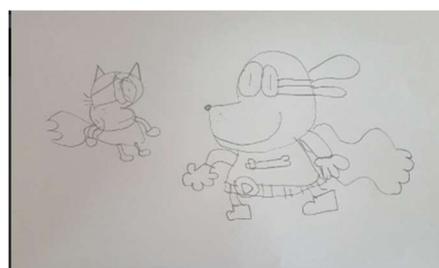
Be sure to upload videos and pictures of you joining in.

Daily Challenges

Thank you to those who took part in our Daily Challenges. As we start returning to school, these Daily Challenges will now be uploaded on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

These will continue to have a more practical focus or be based around special interests and SEN needs.

We actively encourage participation and sharing of these activities for anyone who is interested.



Video Chat and Phone Calls

Mrs Smith and Mrs Walls have enjoyed having video chats and phone calls with many of the Penguin Class.

As SRP staff are returning back to school full-time, we will no longer be able to offer weekly video calls. For those remaining at home, please do keep in contact by calling the school or emailing.



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Make It Sessions

Thank you to Mrs Smith, Samuel and Lexi who joined Mrs Walls' baking a-long session. Everyone successfully made chocolate chip cakes and they tasted delicious. Samuel even added the addition of buttercream frosting to his creations.

Mrs Smith will now upload Art activity videos onto Dojo for those of you remaining at home to join in with. These activities will also be happening for those who are at school too.

Transition

We know that many of you will be anxious about transitioning to new year group or to a new school. Although this may not follow the usual process, there will be transition activities and resources provided to prepare the children for next academic year.

Useful links

Here are some useful links that may help with understanding of Covid-19 and preparation for returning to school.

<https://nationalautismassociation.org/covid-19-resources-for-families/>

<https://littlepuddins.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf>

Penguin Pals Project

It has been suggested that we complete a whole class project that we can then put all together when we return to school. This will be continuing next term and those attending school will do some work on this.

Here is a reminder of our project:

As we are named Penguin Class, we would love you all to choose a breed of Penguin and do some research about them. Then you can present the information in whatever way you find most interesting. This could be an art project, a PowerPoint presentation, a video or a poster. The project will be a longer term activity so please take your time.

Do share what you discover and your work as it progresses.



Goodbyes

It is with excitement and sadness that we will be saying goodbye to a few of our Penguins.

Jasper will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. He will be going on his next school journey at Broomhill Bank Secondary School.

We will also be saying goodbye to Benjamin as he and his family will be moving to Stockton.

Jacob is also leaving us to start his learning journey at home.

We will miss them all so much but wish them the best of luck for the future!