



# Paganel Newsletter

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We are already at the end of January, with lockdown it feels a long time since the New Year! I hope the children have enjoyed some snow play earlier in the week. It has been great to see some of your pictures of what the children have been up to.

A massive thank you to all parents that are supporting and working with their children at home. I know it can be challenging. My two boys are certainly finding it tough not to be at school and socialising with their friends. Every bit that you do with them is great but don't worry if you can't do it all, if you need help please email the year group email and staff will work with you.

Unfortunately it looks as if this lockdown will carry on for a while yet so we need to be kind to ourselves and survive the situation as best as we can.

As said previously the aim of the newsletters this half term will be to celebrate learning that is happening both remotely and in school. If your child has done really well at home please either send an email to your year group email or tweet it so we can celebrate together.

Keep safe, keep strong and please contact school if there is anything you feel we can help you with.

*Mrs Gingell*

## Here are some more ways we can connect with people right now and make some more memories

- Ask if you can video call your friend
- Watch a film together online
- Bake together
- Send cards and letters
- Paint rocks and hide round your neighbourhood or park
- Decorate your windows
- Do lego online together
- Virtual sleepover – build your dens, get some snacks and watch the same film together



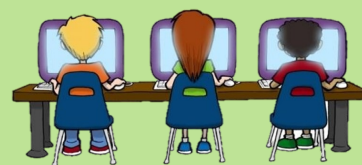
**There may be ways that you can make these part of your daily routine**

## Staying safe online

It has come to our attention that a number of children are currently engaging in the inappropriate use of social media outside of school on phones and other devices. This has included the sending of messages as part of group chats and the use of some unkind and unpleasant language.

Please remember that the legal age for accessing most social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Tik-Tok is 13 years old. If your child is accessing these platforms or has access to other messaging services such as WhatsApp, please ensure that they are closely monitored at all times and that devices are being used responsibly.

These times are hard enough and this has caused some families distress, please talk to your children about the appropriate use of social media.



Olivia, Khloe, Adam, Ayat, Mouctar, Aisha have all earned certificates for fantastic home learning last week. Kyrone received star of the week in school last week.

A shout out to the children in Early years who are doing lots of phonics at home with Ruth & Rosie.

In Year 6 Aiden, and Alfie have produced some super Maths work.

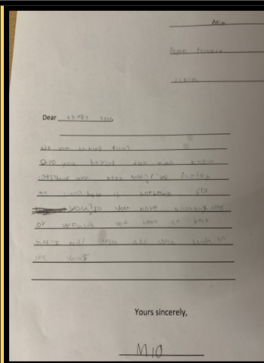
Crina wrote some fantastic English work based upon the Lady of Shallot including a range of figurative sentences:

*As morning turned to evening, she peered down at the local citizens - who were completing their daily quests in order to feed their families - while she was trapped in a plain, derelict tower weaving all day long. There was a young, delighted couple; they were lately wed with beaming smiles on their faces.*

**SHOUT OUTS**



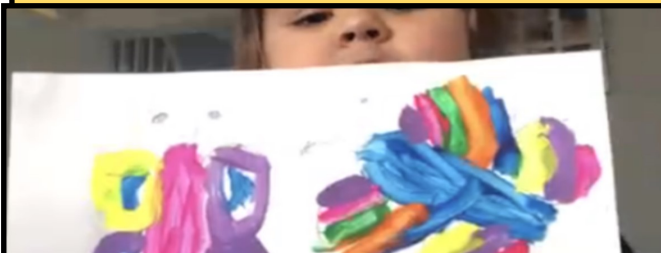
Year 4 have been working in English on prepositions. Ryley has written sentences to describe where the animals are positioned in the picture. Well done you have really engaged in this work.



Mia in year 1 wrote a letter to a character in the book they are reading, The Jolly Pocket Postman.



Some of year 1 have been learning in the snow.



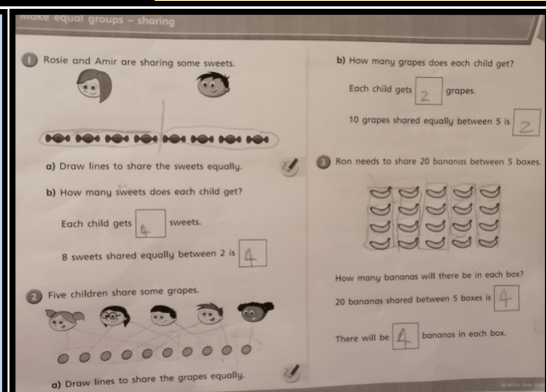
Georgia in year 1 completed her maths homework to an astounding quality last week. She was also inspired by the story of the very hungry caterpillar and decided to make her very own butterfly.



Year 3 have been looking at money. In the pictures we were looking at ways we could make an amount using a different amount of coins.



The 4, 5, 6 bubble have been making paper mache volcanoes to combine our art, science and geography knowledge and skills and working together as a team! Eruptions happening on Friday!



This week, Year 2 have been focusing on division - making equal groups by sharing. Asiah has been working really hard at home and is showing superb division understanding. Great work, Asiah!

## Times Tables Rock Stars

It has been great to see so many families engaging with online maths learning since we moved to remote learning. Times Tables Rock Stars, and now NumBots, are a great way to engage children in the four operations of maths (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), whilst playing games and having fun. At Paganel, we

recommend that all children are engaging in either Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots, for at least 30 minutes a day. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are having any issues logging on to either platform. Attached to this email is a helpful parent guide to Times Tables Rock Stars, showing different ways in which to engage your children, or follow link [here](#).

Last week's TTRS Champions were Class 6B, answering over 25000 questions, and Mihnea, who answered over 9000 questions!



## Bug Club

We have seen a real increase in the number of children accessing Bug Club and reading - keep it up Paganel!

The classes who have read the most books are: KS1 - 2A, KS2 - 5B

Well done 2A and 5B - a new book is heading to your book corner soon - can anyone catch them up I wonder?



The two children who have read the most books are: KS1 – George, KS2 - Amina . Well done George and Amina - your prizes are on their way to you and we are all really proud of you!



Look at how happy Aseel was to receive her voucher and certificate last week.

Who will be next?

Don't forget that as well as Bug Club there are lots of other online reading resources, including:

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Welcome to the Virtual School Library, brought you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.. Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is children's mental health week. During this difficult time, we are all spending lots more time on screens, but it is important to look after our children's mental health too. Keeping them fit and active is really important and finding some time for some screen free activities will help too - please see our list for some ideas!

Remember as well, that in order to support your children, it is important to take care of yourself - please see the attachment for further guidance and advice. This is a very challenging time and if you are struggling it is more important than ever to reach out and seek support. Below are some organisations that may be able to help:

[Looking After Your Mental Health](#)

[Wellbeing Workout](#)