



Weekly News



Mayfield Primary School, Lytham St Annes

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'Valuing Every Achievement'

We would like to thank **Darlin's Bakery and Sandwich Shop** who have been supporting our school with items at this time of lockdown. This is an extremely kind gesture and much appreciated. We would encourage all those in the area to support them as they support us.

DAILY JACKANORY ON MAYFIELD TV YOUTUBE MONDAY-FRIDAY @ 10.40
NEW STORY 'THE TWITS' BEGINS NEXT WEEK

FREE 'BOOK A WEEK' PROVISION

Oak National Academy have teamed up with the Literacy Trust so every week a children's author will provide a free book and videos for the children to read. The first week has featured Jacqueline Wilson with a new book to follow each week from here. The link is: <https://library.thenational.academy/>

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATES & WEEKLY FAQs

As usual, we have provided some updates and next steps in our provision and provided generic responses to some frequently occurring questions via Purple Mash in addition to offering personalised responses. Please see the **latest YouTube briefing** for further information.

NEXT EVOLUTION IN OUR PROVISION

1. Phonics is now being set as a 2do on purple mash daily.

Our facebook live route has been an excellent starting point, as planned, but the team have been working into the evenings over the last two weeks to test the effectiveness of embedding live films on Purple Mash. We are now ready to do this and take the next step forward. The facebook route has served its purpose, now we move onwards to the next step in phonics provision. Thanks to all staff who have developed this next stage in our remote teaching.

2. Teachers are extending their handy hint videos into longer explanations, guidance and input.

Miss Haythornthwaite and the team have been trialling ways to add further input to planned work to develop the 'handy hint' idea. We are comfortable we now have this working well and this has been introduced during the last few days. I am really pleased that we have taken this forward and we will continue to look at further enhancements from here.

3. THE INTRODUCTION OF LIVE WEEKLY CLASS SOCIAL WELL-BEING CONTACT TIME.

Zoom links and invites will be shared on the class blog page on Purple Mash before the scheduled meeting.

We have designed a 'well-being chat and get together' time with classes and their teacher in a weekly slot from next week onwards. We are going to use Zoom for this - so watch out for your invite. This is not a lesson - it is about touching base. So we have used a different platform for this as it is for a different purpose. **Initially KS2 teachers (KSI & EYFS have live phonics contact so this kind of session will follow later for them.)** will be able to meet their classes face-to-face, ask them how they are, answer questions, maybe have a fun quiz, touch base about their current thoughts etc... in place of one of the sessions on their day. We have tested this process this week and are ready for roll-out next week.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SUCCESS OF ANYTHING IS DEPENDENT UPON INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND SPEED AND WE DO NOT CONTROL THIS. WE WILL MEASURE HOW THIS GOES AND THEN TAKE IT FROM THERE AS WE SPREAD THIS ACROSS THE REST OF SCHOOL.

DAYS AND TIMES

MONDAY 2.00: Mr McCabe's Class

TUESDAY 2.00: Mr Baer's Class

WEDNESDAY 2.00: Mrs Hinchliffe & Mrs Czarnecka's Class

THURSDAY 1.00: Mr Taylor's Class

THURSDAY 2.00: Mrs McLintock's Class

FRIDAY 1.00: Mrs Duerden & Mr Jolley's Classes FRIDAY 2.00: Mrs Gaskell's Class

NOW PTO FOR OUR GENERAL Q&A SECTION COMPILED BY OUR REMOTE LEARNING MANAGER.



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Where can I access the Mayfield Phonics sessions?

Over the past few weeks, we have been looking at the next step in delivering phonics to our children. We have now devised a clear path on purple mash and the Mayfield phonics sessions will now be set as a 2do daily for the children.

Where can I find the Jackanory stories?

Mr Denton's Jackanory Storytime can be watched daily on our new Mayfield TV YouTube channel; important messages for parents can also be found here.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxUhSXkPLstL0jIGtP3g8qA>

Will I be able to see my friends?

Starting next week, teachers will be holding weekly zoom calls with the children in their class. This will be at the same time slot every week. We felt that the children would be missing out on vital social time and so these zoom calls will allow for the children to see each other, talk, and interact. The zoom calls will not involve live teaching, but will be a live face-to-face session between the class and teacher. We will start next week in KS2 and then develop the offer from there. KS1 and EYFS currently have the live phonics so we have focused upon KS2 as the trial area for this.

How do I access the input from my class teacher?

The class teachers have developed regularly film input for subjects and topics that require it. These are uploaded onto purple mash – either on the class blog or set as a 2do along side the work that goes with the input.

What are 'helpful hints'?

'Helpful Hints' are videos uploaded daily by the class teacher to give you tips and advice on the work set. Keep an eye on your yellow work folder as these will be uploaded throughout the day.

What do I do if I need help or need to ask a question?

If it a work or lesson related question, then use the class blogs to communicate with your class teacher.

If it a purple mash technical/admin/log in question then please contact the remote learning manager, Miss Haythornthwaite on: mhaythornthwaite@mayfield.lancs.sch.uk