



The West Green Bi-Weekly

West Green Primary School's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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"Children Come First"

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Dear West Green Family,

What a strange first couple of weeks of school this has been. This is certainly not the start to 2021 that we had envisioned but we understand the importance of protecting our families, community and vital health services. The school will be closed **until the February half term**, in line with national lockdown restrictions and we will update you whenever further guidance is issued.

I hope you are all adjusting to the stay-at-home and social distancing rules that are now in place under Tier 5 Lockdown. I understand that this continues to be a very difficult time for our families and community. This newsletter includes some top tips that might help with home learning as well as information about services that are available during the school closure. Below you will find links or attached information that aims to support you and your family.

Thank you for your cooperation, adaptability and resilience in what has been a challenging start for all. We are working hard to support our families to access online learning and to assist your individual needs. We are very proud of the response of the whole school community this week! Thank you so much for your kind words of support by phone and email.



THANK YOU STAFF!

A huge thank you must go out to all of our staff who have done a phenomenal job getting the children at home and in school learning. With very little notice our staff jumped to an online system, providing all the children with brilliant and engaging remote learning. Staff only started using Google Classroom this year, so it is as new to staff as it is to families. I am proud to say staff have risen to the challenge exceptionally well offering a fantastic level of support that the vast majority of our families are engaging with. Well done team West Green!

Free School Meal Vouchers

You may have heard in the news that the government is now going to support schools in providing Free School Meals vouchers. You should have received a text message from school prompting you to fill in a Google Form. **We must know your preferred shop before we are able to order your vouchers so you must complete the form.** Vouchers will usually be sent to you by email – in lockdown one we sent them this way as well. In previous lockdowns the voucher site has been overwhelmed by demand so please be patient with us as it does take time to order the vouchers, and for them to arrive before we are able to send them to you.

Whole School Assembly- Tuesday 19th January at 1:30

We are going to **try** – and I must emphasise the word try! – to have a whole school celebration assembly online. This will be our first time trying to host a Google Meet of this size so we will certainly require your patience! **Please join using only ONE device per family.** The link will be posted in Google Classroom. If you are unable to join us due to technical issues please don't worry! We will learn from this assembly and try again the following week ☺



Google Classroom

TOP TIPS FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Missing the Library?

We are trying our best to organise a safe way for you to access our school library so we can keep the children reading. A little bit of reading everyday goes a long way! But until then...

Did you know that most of the books you have at home are likely on AR? This means you can quiz on them!

Run out of books? Here are some sites that are offering stories. Some you can read yourself, others are read aloud. These will probably be on AR too!

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

<https://www.getepic.com> – this links with AR!

<https://www.raz-kids.com> – this one requires a free trial

https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/productOverview.html?b2bSite=6489&browseltemId=500221&fromPage=1 – this is BorrowBox – it is run through the local library. More info can be found here:
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/libraries/ebooks-and-audiobooks>

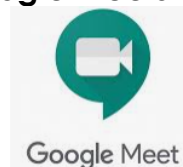
Need Supplies?

If you don't have everything you need at home please get in touch with us at school. We know that sometimes using some pencil and paper – especially for working out – can be much easier. If you need any of these bits just give us a ring at school and we can help and arrange a safe pick up.

Remember to Take Breaks!

Learning at home is just not the same! It takes a lot of hard work and patience. So please remember to take breaks and spend some time celebrating all your hard work!

Google Meets Help



A lot of the support we offer in school is around getting on our Google Meets. For many staff these are our favourite times of the day! **It is SO lovely to see everyone!**

The meet link is **ONLY** visible at the meeting times. The teachers remove it when they aren't using it.

If it's not working you could:

- 1) Make sure you are signed in with your child's account. Sometimes you need to sign out of ALL accounts and sign back in.
- 2) If you are on a tablet or phone get the Google Meets App – this will help!
- 3) Make sure your device has the most updated software. If you haven't done the most recent update Google Meets might not work.

Turning in Work

Have you seen our videos about how to turn in work on Google Classroom?

There is one in English and one in Turkish:

How to Turn in Work on GC -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnXnjYZkbNo&t=191s>

How to Log on and Turn in Work (Turkish Version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuCbmw9e4Lc&t=35s>

Remember you can also add a photo of any work you complete with pen and paper. Above the Turn it In button you will see an option that says **+Add or Create**

What Can We Help With?

If there is something specific that you are finding difficult? Or is there something you're just not sure how to do? Chances are others are thinking the same!

Let us know and we can help! We can make a help guide or even a video.

Home Learning Stars!

A special home learning star goes out this week to all of our parents/carers doing their best to support the children at home. Learning at home isn't easy! Thank you for your patience, support and resilience as you master Google Classroom with your children. You are doing an amazing job! If you need any support with getting set up, or wish to ask a question, make a suggestion or give feedback, please contact us at school by calling or emailing admin@westgreen.haringey.sch.uk and we will do our best to help.

Well done to all of our stars this week. Your teachers were SO impressed with your work and how well you've adapted to your Google Classroom. Keep up the great work! ☺

Class	Star
Red Class	Erin
Orange Class	Ismail
Yellow Class	Pearl
Green Class	Melina
Blue Class	Chelsey
Indigo Class	Dimitar
Violet Class	Erdem

Need Help?

If you're in need of some assistance please reach out and we can help! We can be contacted on the school phone or you can email us at admin@westgreen.haringey.sch.uk If we can't offer a solution ourselves we may know of a service that can help!

The Felix project should resume their weekly food deliveries next week. As always you will be invited to come along and help yourself. Please remember to bring a bag, and to socially distance.

In the meantime here are some things that might be helpful! These services can be accessed via Haringey Connected Communities. <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/community/connected-communities> They also have a telephone line that is open Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm at: 020 8489 4431

Haringey, Here to Help



Are you finding it hard to afford essentials?
If you have a child under 4 or are an expectant mother, you may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers to help buy fruit, veg, milk & baby formula.

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Struggling to pay your rent?
You could be eligible for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)
If you are on Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and there is a shortfall between the rent you pay and the amount you receive towards housing costs we could help cover the difference.

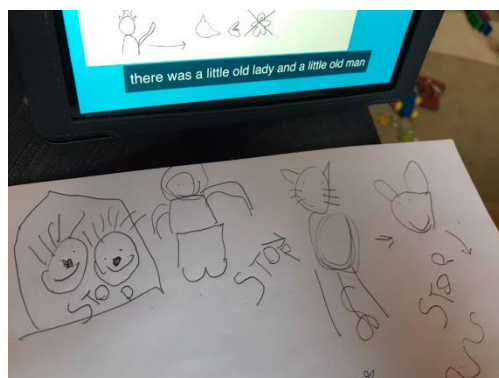
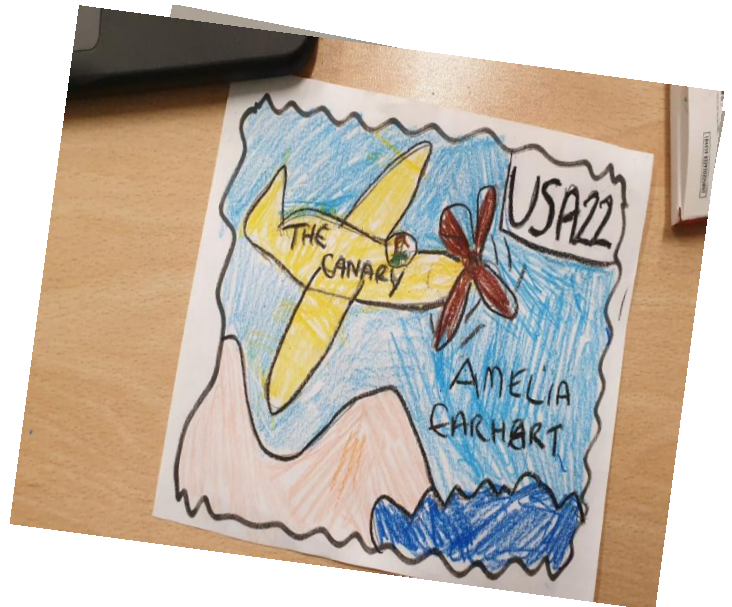
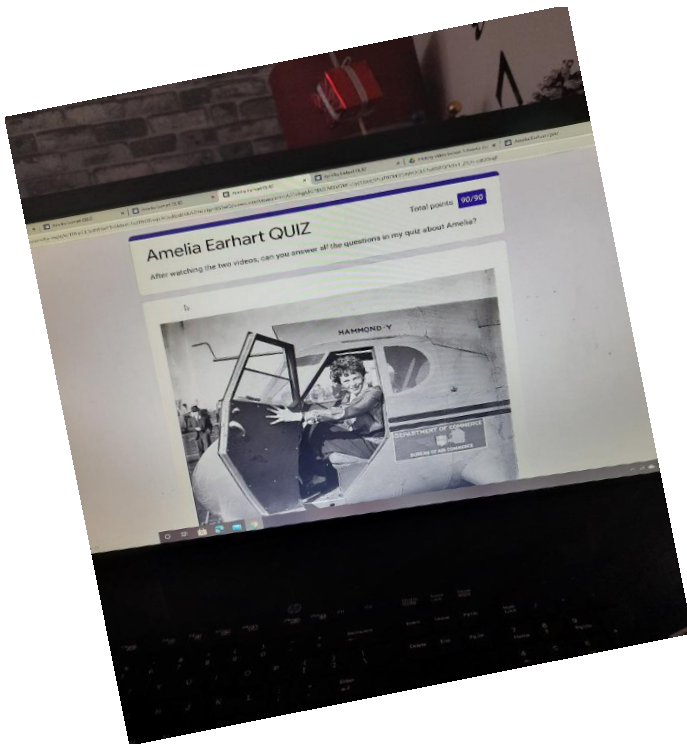
Looking for ways to pay it forward?

When times are tough it can be hard to know how to help others who may need it! If you are in a position to help our community here are some suggestions.

- 1) Support the Haringey Digital Divide page. This fund will help to get laptops to children who need them in Haringey. <https://youtu.be/Ki4cUHUcoBA> - can you spot our pupils? ☺
- 2) Supporting the Felix Project: they accept donations and are always looking for new volunteers. The support they have provided for both our school and the local community prior to lockdown and during lockdown has been phenomenal. <https://thefelixproject.org/>

Check Out our Online Learning!

Here's some of the amazing work the children have done this week. The quality of their work online has been exceptional. Go West Green!



Who were the Ancient Greeks?

The Ancient Greeks were people from a very long time ago, around the 8th century BC. The Greeks called themselves, "Hellenes" since their land was named "Hellas", their land name was given from the Romans. Ancient Greece had a warm, dry climate, as Greece does today, which apparently helps with sickness. They lived by trading, farming, and fishing. When they started to do trading more often, they realised there was no one else to trade with, so they started to build more villages/cities so they could get more things. Greece's main exports were olive oil, wine, pottery, and metalwork/tools. They also built boats so they could ship items instead of walking to the villages. When the Ancient Greeks started farming, they actually farmed quite a lot of crops for food, including wheat, barley, grapes, fruits trees, and vegetables. Their diet was indeed very healthy and they would mainly farm to feed their families. However, they also found very clever ways to fish that had never been used before. The Greeks believed that Gods and Goddesses controlled every aspect of life so were very superstitious!

Explore the objects on your table and record your answers by putting YES or a cross (X) in each column.

Material name	Can you squash it?	Can you bend it?	Can you twist it?	Can you stretch it?
Plastic bottle	✓	✓	✓	✗
pencil	✗	✗	✗	✗
paper	✗	✗	✗	✗
Straw	✓	✓	✓	✗
playdough	✓	✓	✓	✓
towel	✓	✓	✓	✗
sponge	✓	✓	✓	✓
ruler	✗	✗	✗	✗
sock	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elastic band or hairband	✓	✓	✓	✓

- I am a great piano player.
- I know how to draw difficult things without the instructions.
- I am a good singer.
- I am a great reader.
- I am a great actor.
- I am honest.
- I am very kind.
- I am playful.
- I make people laugh and I have a good sense of humour.
- I am brave.
- I am very attractive.
- I am very helpful.
- I am a positive thinker.
- I am a good listener.
- I am a great team-worker.
- I am very organised.



The Alps are wonderful because you can play with the snow at the top of the Alps.

I will always remember the beautiful view I saw when I looked from the inside of a cable car.

If you visit, you will see lots of ibex hopping like frogs on the mountains.

I loved how beautiful the view looked like.

You should go here too because you can go hiking on any mountain you want and you can live near the mountains in a hotel whenever you like.

