Welcome to the start of the Summer Term 2020.

During these unusual and unprecedented times we would like to say, well done and a big thank you to all of our parents, children, teachers and teaching assistants, for how well we are all adapting to this new way of living and learning. It is comforting and inspiring to know that we all belong to such a caring community.

We have all had to adjust very quickly to Home Learning, but by remembering our school values of Respect, Opportunity, Challenge and Creativity everyone has pulled together and are all making a fantastic effort. The Edgebury Pantry has been tireless in supporting families with food parcels and support. Teachers and teaching assistants are now working at Poverest Primary looking after the children of key workers. Please continue to send in pictures of your achievements and examples of your work, keep in touch with your teachers using the blogs that have been set up on the Edgebury website and enjoy the start of the Summer Term!
Our NHS, how and why did it start?

Many of us have clapped and cheered our NHS workers every Thursday since the Lock Down started on 23rd March, but what is the NHS, and how did it all start?

None of us like being unwell or poorly but all of us in the UK, at whatever age, however rich or poor, are guaranteed help and care whenever we need it. The UK is the only country in the World that provides a truly national health system. It is something, that all of us, should be very proud of.

On 5 July 1948, Sylvia Beckingham was admitted to hospital in Manchester to be treated for a liver condition. Doubtless this was a big event in her life; but it was an even bigger event in British history. Sylvia, 13, was the first patient to be treated on the NHS.

The idea of uniting all the country’s hospitals and doctors’ surgeries into one great organisation had been thought of during the Second World War, when the volume of casualties had meant that all health providers and hospitals had very little money left to be able to keep running.

Then, Britain’s 2,700 hospitals were run by charities or councils. The only people entitled to free treatment were those with jobs, but the war, and the lack of funding during the pre-war years, had reduced the system to a point where doctors and nurses were being asked to work almost for nothing.

In 1945, the new Labour government came into power, promising a revolution in health care. Until then, the job of health minister had been a minor one but now it was filled by a very determined politician called Aneurin Bevan. His ambition was to build a health service based on four principles: it was to be free at the point of use, available to everyone who needed it, paid for out of general taxation, and used responsibly.

Although it seemed like a very important and essential idea, there was furious opposition from consultants, doctors, and the Conservative Party. Even other Labour politicians were unsure about how a national health service could work. However, Bevan was relieved and grateful when the country’s biggest local authority, the Labour-led London County Council, offered all its hospitals to start the process of offering equal health care to everyone.

A favourite enemy of Bevan’s idea was the secretary of the British Medical Association, Charles Hill. He did not like the idea of everyone paying more tax to pay for the National Health Service. People were so worried that Hill would stop the NHS and free health care, that they increased its popularity by queuing for ages to make sure that they got to see their doctors. This worked and proved how popular the NHS was to become and still is today.

Bevan wanted all parts of the National Health Service to be totally free to everyone, however, this cost a huge amount of money and in the end, Bevan resigned after the idea of paying for prescriptions was introduced. In 1951, the Labour government was replaced by new Conservative leadership. This included in it’s cabinet, the BMA’s medical lead Charles Hill who had already opposed how the National Health Service was funded. By this time, people were using the National Health Service responsibly and its popularity was such, that the government felt that it had become a national institution that should be supported at all costs. The principle of a free health service for all, paid for out of general taxation, had been won. The people had come to love their free NHS so much that no one could take it away. (By Miss Lane)

Then and now:
Life expectancy: When the NHS was founded in 1948, the life expectancy for men was 66, and for women, 71. Today those figures are 77.2 and 81.5.
Vaccinations: The average child in 1948 would receive just two routine vaccinations: smallpox and diphtheria. By 2008 that list had grown to seven: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, whooping cough, influenza, MMR and meningitis C.
Earlier this year Sapphire Class took part in an exciting reading challenge which involved taking a picture of themselves reading their favourite book. Their pictures had to fall into one of the following categories...

| Caught in the act! | A picture of them reading when they should have been doing something else or reading during an everyday activity. In the car, in the garden, at the supermarket, walking the dog, loading the dishwasher etc...
| Sharing is car- | A photo of themselves sharing a book with someone special – parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, cousins, aunties/uncles, pets...so much choice!
| ing! We love to read and share books! | Extreme Read- | A photo of them reading in a crazy location. Under the bed, up a tree, in a lighthouse, on a boat, in a ski lift, on the London Eye, on an aeroplane...
| ing We can read anywhere! | Laid Back Liter- | A photo of themselves in the most relaxed position/place they could be, chilling out with their favourite book. In a hammock, on the beach, by the radiator, in a sleeping bag, on a comfy cushion...
| ature Reading is relax- | ing! |

It was a tricky task!

Where do you like to read?

Miss Johnson and Mrs Grant were very impressed!

But Sapphire Class were up to the challenge!

We made all of the pictures into a book!
Over the Easter holidays it was my birthday so I ate lots of sweet treats! Something that I hadn’t made before was ‘Rocky Roads’. They were so easy to make and really delicious. Also a great recipe if you don’t have any eggs or flour, or want to use up some old chocolate or dried fruit. The suggested biscuits are Digestives or Rich Teas, however I used a mixture of other odds and ends from my cupboards like Hobnobs and Malted Milks.

**Ingredients:**
- 200g biscuits
- 135g butter or margarine
- 200g dark chocolate (I used milk chocolate and it worked fine)
- 2-3 tbsp golden syrup
- 100g mini marshmallows (or chopped up large ones)
- Icing sugar to dust

**Optional (up to 100g):**
- any dried fruit
- popcorn
- honeycomb
- nuts (if no allergy exists)

**Method:**
1) Grease or line an 18cm square brownie tin with baking paper, (any deep baking tray or dish will do).
2) Put the biscuits in a bag and bash them up small, (mixture of dust and 50p size lumps); I bashed in a bowl with a rolling pin, which worked just as well.
3) In a large saucepan, melt the butter, chocolate and golden syrup on a gentle heat. Stop when all the lumps have gone. (Ensure an adult supervises this.)
4) Allow the mixture to cool.
5) Stir all ingredients together into the chocolatey mixture.
6) Tip into the baking tin or dish.
7) Chill for 2 hours in the fridge until it all hardens.
8) Dust with icing sugar and cut into 12 pieces.

This is a great way to practise using scales and using your maths skills - perhaps you could double up the recipe if you live in a house with lots of you? Or halve it, if you don’t want too much leftover.
I’d love to see pictures of any of you trying your own version.
Well, this isn’t a situation that we thought we would find ourselves in is it? But, here we are and it is important to remember to be kind and understand that everyone is having to adjust to this new way of life.

I thought you might like to see what lockdown looks like in the Simpson household.

I have got two children – well, not really children – my son Alfie is 18 and my daughter Lottie is 17. They are both taller than me and love going out with their friends. So, obviously, they are missing their friends a lot. My job is to be the most annoying Mum on the planet – asking them to do jobs that they sometimes think are unreasonable – like emptying the dishwasher, making their beds and tidying their rooms!! However, they have used this time to perfect their cooking skills and can now both create some lovely dishes such as frittatas, omelettes and macaroni cheese.

My husband Alan is a painter and he has spent most of the lockdown, so far, painting rooms in our house – this is great until our cats and dog decide to run through the not quite dry paint!!

I need structure to my day so am completing Couch to 5K – hopefully I’ll be able to run 5K by the end of lockdown without collapsing!! I have enjoyed pottering in my garden and taking my dog Mabel for walks in our local park and woods – keeping 2m apart from any other people of course!

It has been very strange not seeing everyone but lovely to keep in touch on our class blog. Mrs Saunders and I message each other every day.

Stay Safe and strong everyone – hopefully we will all see each other soon,

Mrs Simpson x
Here are some of the things that you have been getting up to at home...

Whether you’ve been completing tasks set by your teachers or been creating your own projects, it’s great to see how busy you all have been.

Small to Big – A Poem by Max (Obsidian)

The little town of Bedroom
In the county of Upstairs
In the country of House
In the continent of Sandy Ridge
In the planet of Chislehurst
In the galaxy of Kent
In the universe of England
Where the small places need to replace the big!
So, what’s been happening in Year 2 for Topaz and Emerald Classes?

We’ve had some fantastic photos and messages posted on our Year 2 blog this week. Have a look at some of the learning that the children have achieved at home!

**Maths**

Akul and Dilan have used excellent problem solving and reasoning skills to solve these puzzles.

**English**

The children have been enjoying a variety of stories this week and Emily has been telling us about her story writing book. Riley C has also been practising his high frequency words.
Well done Caitlin (Amethyst) for achieving some of the ‘non-riding’ Pony Club badges: Farming and Poisonous plants.

Well done Sienna (Sapphire) for achieving your phonics and spelling certificates.

Key Worker Children at Poverest Primary.

A big thank you to all key workers who are helping us all during this difficult and challenging time. All key worker children in our AFACt schools have their learning hub at Poverest Primary School and by the look of things, everyone is having a good time...
Miss Barron’s Green Fingers!

Over the Easter holidays I planted some seeds in my garden. I am growing leeks, carrots, beetroot, lettuce, spring onions and radishes. The lettuce and radish seeds are quick to germinate and have already started growing. I am remembering to water them every day and am looking forward to eating them! Why don’t you have a go at growing some vegetables, salad or herbs? You don’t need a garden - you could plant some radish seeds or herbs in a small pot on a kitchen windowsill.

Ms D’Arcy’s Flowers!

I love flowers, as you can see from my garden! I have been busy weeding and trimming all my spring bulbs like daffodils, and tulips. I have been planting too, over 100 summer bulbs, some seeds, including radish like Miss Barron, and also strawberry plants so I am hoping my garden will be amazing in August! Maybe you could plant some summer bulbs too?

Miss Lane’s Indoor Garden

Unfortunately I don’t have a garden in London, but I love growing plants. I collected some seeds from tomatoes and grew these tomato plants. Hopefully I can plant them out eventually.

The flowering plants were gifts from my mum and my friend Dee.

Top Tip

Use old food trays to grow seedlings.

Today I’m going to plant some mustard and cress, sunflower seeds and hopefully the seeds that I gathered from bell peppers.

I can’t wait to see how they grow. The lovely weather and clean air is really helping all of nature. Why don’t you have a go?
Dingbats are fun, visual word puzzles from which a well-known phrase or saying has to be identified. Here are a few to challenge you. Can you solve them all? The first one is done for you.

Answers:

- Piggy back ride
- Every cloud has a silver lining
- Beat around the bush
- Heatwave
- Lunch Break
- Three Blind Mice
- Doctor Dolittle
- Forgive and forget
- Dr do
- Give

(7, 5, 3, 7)

Feeling under the weather
This week’s birthday celebrations:

Siena — Topaz class (7)
Harrison— Opal class (8)
Sasha — Peridot class (8)
Anelisa— Amethyst class (10)
Rowan— Diamond class (6)
Sofia— Peridot class (8)
Aurora— Diamond class (6)
Kaya— Moonstone class (5)
Sienna — Citrine class (9)

Nalah— Sunstone class (5)
Taylor— Amethyst class (10)
Lorik— Diamond class (6)
Stanley— Citrine class (9)
Mason— Opal class (8)

Best wishes to you all!

Thank you for all your contributions!

THE EDGEBURY PANTRY

Our Foodbank is currently supporting a number of ever-growing families in our school community.
We are providing weekly food parcels to families.
At our Foodbank there are no judgements made or questions asked.

Do you need a food parcel each Thursday? If so, get in touch!
We are in need of donations to keep this vital resource going the number of families accessing this resource is only going to increase over time.

Donations can be left just inside the entrance to the school on a Thursday between 9am-3pm

Here are some ideas for the sort of foods we collect: cereals, biscuits, dried foods, tinned food, jars, tinned meats, long life milk, pasta, rice, sauces, bottles of juice, tea, coffee, treats for children etc

We are also collecting fresh items. We also collect toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shower gel etc

For more information or to order your weekly food parcel please contact: Leanne Sutton — Leanne.sutton@edgebury.bromley.sch.uk
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