

BROADWALK BUZZ

Welcome

Wow! What a half term it has been. Broadwalk has been busy running both onsite and remote education provisions to keep all our pupils on track with their education and wellbeing. Staff have been busy coming up with new ways to keep your children engaged in their learning including video teaching, interactive forms and collaborative online whiteboards.

We want to say thank you to all our parents, who continue to put in every effort they can to support both their children and the school during this period.

Government Advice

As always, we will try to keep you as up to date as possible with regards to schools and the National Lockdown. The key point of the latest update is the following:

“In the week of 22 February the Government will publish a plan for taking the country out of lockdown. Our aim will be to set out a gradual and phased approach towards easing the restrictions in a sustainable way. Re-opening schools will be the national priority in this plan. We will give schools, colleges, parents and young people a minimum of two weeks’ notice ahead of any return to school or college. This means pupils and students will return to on-site education from 8 March at the earliest.”

As has been the case throughout Lockdown, children of key workers and those categorised as vulnerable are welcome to attend school – discussions should be had with your nominated pastoral staff member prior to returning to school for information and expectations to be passed over.

Government advice is updated regularly and can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Learning from home

Since our return after the Christmas break, we have developed and evolved the way we offer remote education for those that are accessing learning from home. We have joined the world of video making, and while we are not exactly famous YouTube stars yet, teachers at Broadwalk have been learning new skills and inventive ways to keep your children not only learning and making progress but having fun while doing so.

We are following government guidance and offering 5 hours of education a day – three of which are teacher led and 2 of which are independent learning and/or enrichment. We have chosen to use pre-recorded videos as we understand that many families are finding it difficult at this time due to work commitments, having more than one child at home or simply the fact we are in another lockdown so being available at timetabled times just is not possible; by using pre-recorded lessons, you can fit them in at a time in the day that best suits the family as a whole. If your child is not present for a timetabled lesson you will receive a phone call from our support staff to make sure everything is ok and to offer any help needed.

The curriculum and lessons are exactly the same as what your child would be doing in school and are tailored so that they can reach the individual outcomes set for them at the beginning of term. Where necessary we have loaned devices, and all of our resources are laptop, tablet and smartphone accessible. Staff have also been delivering any hard copies of supporting resources on a Friday afternoon along with any art, PE or food technology equipment that may be needed as part of our enrichment offer – more about this on the next page.

The response to our most recent parent feedback survey was full of praise highlighting the effort and commitment of all staff at Broadwalk in helping you and your children continue with their education while still taking into account their mental health and wellbeing.

We want to say a huge thank you to you for your continued effort and support.



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As always, the staff at Broadwalk is never afraid to get stuck in and make fools of themselves for a good cause – this time we dressed to express and carried out a staff Tik Tok dance to Jerusalem – you can see the full video on our Facebook page.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in different activities including a live assembly to raise awareness of mental health among young people. Wellbeing activities and enrichment have proven a positive way to engage pupils and some of their amazing work is on this page.



The week was 'Children's Mental Health Week' - what are you doing this weekend that helps you to relax and forget the stress of Lockdown life?

Kenny: I am going to have a night off from cooking tonight and get a HUGE Chinese takeaway and the tomorrow I will go for a long run to feel better about eating the takeaway. Sunday is PS4 day so Assassins Creed Valhalla I will see you then :)

L: I am going to sleep all day on Sunday and Saturday. STANDARD :)

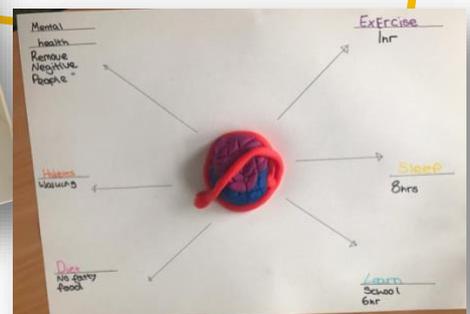
J: Im going to play football with my dad and brother, probably take my sister's dog for a walk. Then, I'll be on my playstation to play Fifa & Crew

A: I am going to go out on my motor bike with my dad this weekend .

Ms Barry: After reading Kenny's ideas, I may do the same regarding a takeaway!

But not the running? :)

Z: I'm going to my dad's to help my gran and grandad, that earns me a bit of money and then watching tv on disney+ and then playing



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Enrichment

As well as following their planned curriculum, our child now has access, through Teams, to an ever-expanding number of activities that are there to help with more physical and mental wellbeing. Two of the activities on offer so far are:



PE with Ian – a weekly personal challenge and something for the whole family to join in with. This week was ‘Sally up, Sally down’ planks and a ping pong ball game (balls provided)

Home cooking with Adam – a weekly parcel with enough ingredients delivered to your door to feed the family, so you can take part in one of Adam’s fantastic food lessons

Pasta Bake

Equipment

- Saucepan
- Colander
- Sharp knife
- Mixing spoon
- Teaspoon
- Foil tray
- Oven



Learning Links

BBC Bitesize – the BBC are offering daily lessons for all age groups on their website and through the TV channel.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak Academy – many subjects with interactive work that you get instantly marked.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Useful Links:

Support for Parents & Carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Children’s Mental Health and Wellbeing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Kooth - A new **FREE** online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people is now available in Salford.

www.kooth.com

Broadwalk Facebook - Good for keeping up to date with information relating to school but also for sharing thought, ideas and pupil work.

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