



SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

School closure... What school closure?

At Diamond Hall Junior Academy, a school closure did not mean we relinquished our responsibilities, our efforts or changed our values. It meant we worked just as hard - if not harder - to ensure our pupils were able to learn, whether at home or in school!

I am so appreciative and proud of the resilience and commitment the staff and the children and their families have shown towards home learning. As a team, we have produced some impressive pieces of work; developed our marvellous mathematical reasoning; and shared memorable experiences with one another.

Each week, our engagement and participation in remote learning increased. This is no mean feat and would not have

been possible without the hard work of our school community - not forgetting our amazing teachers and school staff! Staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure learning could take place in school and at home and our school's high standards were maintained.

Finally, I'd like to celebrate our return to school albeit short as it was towards the end of term. Pupils have come back with positive attitudes; beaming smiles; a desire to learn - just what we want to see. It's lovely to see and hear them all back in school.

We would like to wish you all a well-deserved rest over Easter break and look forward to a brilliant summer term!

Mrs F Hoare
Headteacher



Safer Internet Day

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This year, our pupils celebrated the 18th global Safer Internet Day.

Using the theme of 'together for a better internet', our children considered and discussed a variety of ways to make the internet safer.

While working remotely, our children produced some fantastic work, from factfiles and posters to acrostic poems and gaming guides!



World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is always a favourite amongst our children and although things were a little different this year, the pupils of Diamond Hall loved celebrating all things books and reading.

Despite most pupils working remotely at home, everyone came together virtually to celebrate their favourite stories and book characters by getting into costume.

From Harry Potter to Little Red Riding Hood, we saw them all! It was a great day of creative fun for everyone as the children engaged

in a range of activities including finding unusual reading spots, creating character profiles and making marvellous masks.

Our children continue to impress us with their creative talents and we were happy to see them enjoy yet another World Book Day!

IMPORTANT DATES *for your diary*

26 MAR - Easter holidays

12 APR - Return to school

02 MAY - Mayday bank holiday

28 MAY - Half term begins

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Easter acrostics

By Kai

Easter is coming.
After the sun,
Soon will come,
The new Spring,
Eggs are hatched,
Rise Lord Jesus.



Year 6 shout out!

After reading their class novel, Polar Bear Explorer's Club, Year 6 made their own cool creatures!

Our children created reports on their made up animals and included hand-drawn and digital images.

Their work was so impressive that even author of Polar Bear Explorer's Club, Alex Bell, had to send us a message via Twitter to say a big well done to Year 6 and let them know how wonderful their work was!



Joke corner

Did you hear about the man who had an infestation of Easter treats?

He had to call an eggs-terminator!



Letters of love

With loneliness on the rise, our children got involved in a community project with the help of Luke's Centre, Pallion.

Children picked up their pens, pencils and glitter and got to work creating some lovely cards for isolated residents in the SR4 area.

Luke's Centre, Pallion, were overwhelmed by the flood of beautiful cards designed by our children and were touched by the caring messages inside. The centre said: "It is heart-warming to read all the wonderful, uplifting messages and there are clearly a lot of talented artists at Diamond Hall Junior Academy!"

The cards were given out as part of 'hug in a box' care packages, put together by Luke's Centre.

Many local residents were absolutely thrilled to receive their messages!



Thoughts from our staff and pupils

Easter is a time where we consider new beginnings. We asked our staff and pupils what they had missed the most while being away from school and what they are most looking forward to when restrictions are lifted. Here's what they had to say...

"I've missed going to the Stadium of Light on a Saturday afternoon. Although we're still in League 1 I've missed cheering on the lads every week and I'm certainly going to miss the trip to Wembley!"
- Mrs Taylor

"I have missed seeing the children's faces and that lightbulb moment when the learning clicks! I can't wait to get together with friends and family again and catch up on missed celebrations!"
- Mr Guthrie

"I have missed familiar faces and inquisitive minds and I am looking forward to having a classroom full of scientists, mathematicians, artists and writers" - Mr Calvert

"I missed my friends because school is where I see them most. I look forward to seeing my cousins and family and I would like to go to a fancy restaurant when they are open!"
- Farjan

"I have missed seeing my class, and being in our learning environment. While we have enjoyed our online learning, it will be lovely to be able to be together to explore our new topics. I am also looking forward to day trips and seeing friends and family when restrictions are lifted." - Ms Laydon

"I missed my friends and teacher who would normally have been at school. It's great to be back together learning in the classroom!"
- Brooke

Fun Fridays

During remote learning, our children had a brilliant time taking part in 'fun Fridays' which had a different theme each week.

The pupils of Diamond Hall were given a range of fun tasks centred around the weekly topic to complete at home.

As part of rainforest week, children made their own dens around their homes, created origami birds and typed up fact files on rainforests around the world.

For 'space' week our pupils imagined they were up in space and wrote postcards to their family members! They also picked up their pens and pencils to create some artwork that was truly out of this world!

