

Dear Parents/Carers

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and the weather that came with it. It certainly was different this year but I hope you found ways to celebrate at home.

Over the Easter break we got our allocation list for September starters, we are so excited for them to start with us and be part of the Brading team, although some have been with us for a while already in our Early Years. Mrs Lacey has been working hard to get packs ready for the children alongside Miss Lerner, thank you to you both.

Teachers have been sending me the pictures of work and activities that the children got up to over the holidays, we have all enjoyed seeing how you are getting on in these unprecedented times. I have had reports from some teachers to say there are families they have not had much contact with – can I please ask that you drop them a quick email or contact the school office during school hours just to check in and let us know that all is okay? Remember we are here to support you in any way that we can.

I'm sure lots of you have been involved in the weekly Clap for our Carers which takes place every Thursday at 8pm. It's a lovely way of celebrating the amazing work that all key workers are doing for our country during the covid-19 outbreak. I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of Brading Primary to the doctors and nurses, education staff, public transport workers, waste collection services, postal workers, supermarket staff and all others who are supporting the UK during these times. I have also seen many windows that have rainbow pictures displayed in them as messages of hope; if your child has not done one and would like to I have included a nice template that they can decorate and display.

At the moment it is unclear when schools will reopen, but we will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible. I really am looking forward to getting stuck back into Brading life once things return to normal, but for now enjoy this extra time with your families and remember to stay safe.

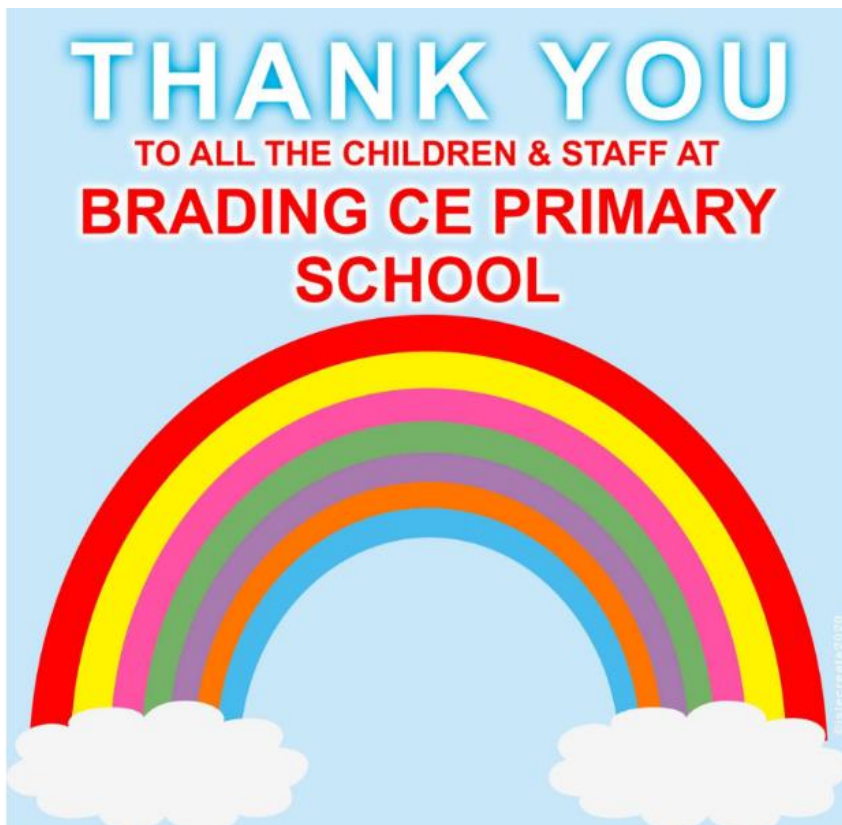
Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Gilbert.

Mrs Attwell found a fantastic link for children to be able to make their own time capsule at home, if your child would like to give it a go please use the link below:

<https://s3.letsembark.ca/long-creations/2020-COVID-19-Time-Capsule-Metric.pdf>

Ellyse created her own rainbow outside her house to support the key workers – well done Ellyse!





Stay Safe  
be STRONG

#chasetherainbow



Some activities that children have been getting up to at home during the Easter holidays....

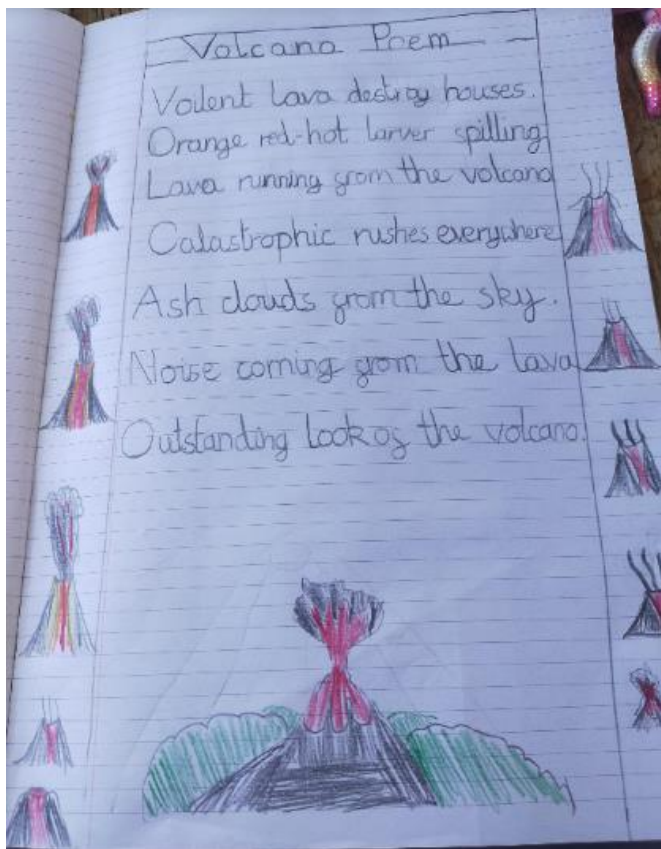


Dexter and Maddox noticed two robins had been visiting their garden frequently, so made their bird feeders for the garden.



Ethan and Abbie have had a busy Easter helping mum with the new arrivals!





Annabelle worked hard on her volcano poem – well done Annabelle!



Olivia did some lovely paintings over the Easter break.





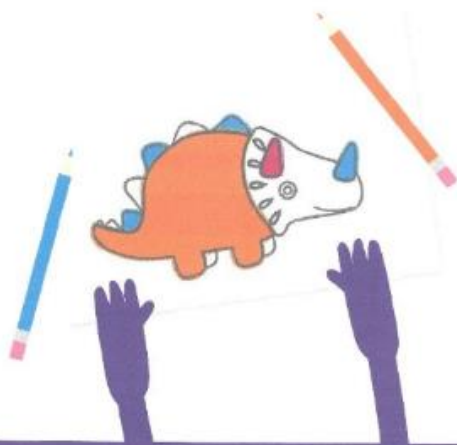
Some mindful activities you can do at home provided by the Crossley Company

#### Activity A

### Opposites

Draw an animal with the hand you normally write with.

Now try drawing it again with your other hand. It's a bit more tricky isn't it?



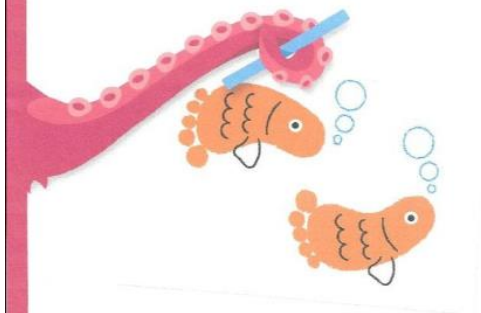
#### Activity F

### Fishy feet

Place your foot on a piece of paper.

Draw around your foot with a pencil or crayon.

Use the shape of your foot to design and create a funky fish – use your toes as the tail fin!



#### Activity G

### Jar of joy

Find an empty jam jar and decorate it. Every day, put a positive word that starts with the first letter of your name into the jar.

For example, if your name is Jake you could use "joyful", "jolly", or "jazzy".



#### Activity J

### Soapy bubbles

Pull up your sleeves and fill your sink with lovely warm water and some soap.

Rub your hands together. Do soapy bubbles appear?

Now, wash it all away till the water runs clear.



**Message to year 6 parents:**

If your child is due to start at Medina College this September, and you haven't received any correspondence from them, they have provided it below...



Parent/Carer

Our ref: MPB/DPE/THE

6<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I really hope this letter finds you well during this very uncertain time. As I know you will be fully aware, over recent weeks our Government has taken steps that are simply unprecedented in the history of this country. The decision to close all schools, except to a minority of students, is an essential part of the fight against the spread of Covid-19.

I fully understand you may have concerns and questions about how the closure of schools will impact upon your son/daughter's transition from their primary school to Medina College. I would, therefore, like to reassure you the transition process is a priority for me at this time, and I will be working with my colleagues across both primary and secondary schools to come up with a new transition package. As soon as I can give you the details of this I will write to you again.

We very much look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to our Medina College community and will ensure their transition is as smooth as it can be for them to feel safe and secure in their new surroundings.

Yours sincerely

Jo Tuck  
Primary Transition Lead



Butterfly Rainbow 2020, Damien Hirst



Just a quick news sheet to let you know what's happening at NCC presently

**A personal message from the NCC team** "We hope you are all well, keeping safe and looking after each another, in both your digital and real life communities. Its not easy for people at the moment, we understand this. Chris, Frankie, Alison, Gina, Hannah and Katy are all good. We are currently working from home and will continue to respond to all your emails via our regular work addresses, that is - (firstname)@thenewcarnivalcompany.com - so please keep in touch with us and we are here to help out where we can and answer all your questions."

#### Latest on our Main Events, sadly

**All Along the Riverbank, Saturday 2 May: cancelled**

We are exploring other ways to create an outdoor, fun, participatory countryside event for you in the Autumn. It may have to be on-line, but we certainly hope not.

**Isle of Wight Mardi Gras, Saturday 27 June: cancelled**

The theme **The Story of Carnival** is postponed to June 26 2021, including the IOW carnival heritage project 'A rather bewildering spectacle'. We will re-boot this later in the year, picking up where we left off, so no tears please!



Flashback to Mardi Gras 2019

#### And our New Projects, gladly

**Virtual Carnival Club** started this week and runs every Tuesday at 10am through to end of June. If you miss any session, you can do catch up here:

<https://www.thenewcarnivalcompany.com/virtual/>

The Club comprises 10 weekly workshops, led by our creative team, designed for families with younger children stuck at home. Costume, music, and dance, it's all here. Make your own carnival, in your own front room, and we are planning a massive online LIVE share and celebration on Tues 23 June at 10am.



Arts Award is a national scheme led by Trinity College, London, aimed at young people aged 5 yrs. to 25 yrs.

Katy is running a **Bronze Award** with Isle of Wight College for 16-25yrs interested in the performance/character side of carnival. Includes mask making, storytelling and acting/monologue techniques. Email Katy (as above) for more.

Hannah is running a **Discover Award** for Virtual Carnival Club, to accompany our weekly workshop schedule.

Easy, fun, family friendly tasks to do at home. Small £5 registration fee. Island residents only. Email Hannah for more info, or go directly to Eventbrite to join now!

<https://www.thenewcarnivalcompany.com/virtual/arts-award>



#### The Let Loose parade.

We don't know when this will happen - but be prepared to jump to the call!

Let Loose is a pop-up parade, wear what you made at home, dance your socks off, we will be

issuing full joining info when we have a date! Watch this space!

**Stay safe, be happy, see you soon!**



Under 'normal' circumstances we expect that many of you would be starting up your carnival clubs straight after Easter hols, getting ready for the Mardi Gras parade. So we want to give everyone the opportunity to join in carnival costume making and dancing from home, or from school if parents are key workers. And, in due course, come out on to the streets with us for a Let Loose Parade when the time is right!

Here is the link to our new Virtual Carnival Club micro site

<https://www.thenewcarnivalcompany.com/virtual/>

For ease of use, it can of course be accessed via our main site [www.thenewcarnivalcompany.com](http://www.thenewcarnivalcompany.com) by clicking on the red banner and also via a new Facebook page where we will invite teachers, parents and carers to post and share their creations. That link is here

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/597425577519093/> . It's a private group, only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

So, please feel free to now share with your Mardi Gras people and their families and encourage them to take part. The first workshop starts Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am via the micro site (short YouTube videos). There will be 10 weekly sessions in all – all viewable later too - leading to a Virtual Carnival finale at home on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.



The Isle of Wight's police District Commander has written an open letter to Island residents, following the Government's announcement that lockdown will continue for at least the next three weeks.

Hampshire Constabulary's Sarah Jackson has thanked everyone who is continuing to follow Government guidelines regarding social distancing measures.

She has also reiterated the importance of everyone playing their part to help to stop the spread of COVID-19, protecting our NHS and saving lives.

The letter reads:

***Dear fellow Island resident,***

***I wanted to write to you following the government announcement on Friday evening that the lockdown will be continuing for a further 3 weeks.***

***Firstly, I really want to thank everyone who is following the government guidelines which I am pleased to say is the vast majority of people. We all have a part to play in preventing the spread of the virus so it is crucial we all***

- ***Stay at home***
- ***Protect the NHS***
- ***Save Lives***

***If you are asking yourself why this is so important – well it is really clear that you can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms and we must limit our contact with others to stop the spread of the virus. Sadly this does include not meeting up with others, even friends or family.***

***So the things you can leave your home for are as follows: –***

- ***shopping for necessities***
- ***exercise***
- ***any medical need and***
- ***travelling to and from work but only where you cannot work from home***

***The policing role as well as working in partnership with a whole host of other agencies through the Local Resilience Forum in response to this, is ensuring everyone is doing all they can to stop that spread of the disease in line with those government directions. We are very clear that we police by consent in the country and that is something we cherish and so our approach to gaining compliance is to Engage with the public about their reasons for being out and about; Explain the government guidelines and how what they are doing does/does not fit with those; Encourage them to comply and return home. Only where this is unsuccessful or there have been numerous breaches will we use our Enforcement powers.***

***Whilst we have had occasion to use our enforcement powers on the Island, they have been relatively small in number and I am pleased to say that the vast majority of people have responded positively to our engagement.***

***For those following Isle of Wight Police Facebook page you will have seen the patrol work we have been doing and the updates we have been giving not only on Coronavirus related work but also on normal policing work. We have a great following already and the feedback is overwhelmingly positive about the connection we are making with the community – you do not need a Facebook account to follow us.***

***We are carrying out patrols across the Island, ensuring that locations where people could gather are regularly monitored and speaking with people who are there. I would urge people to exercise common sense when it comes to contacting us. If there was a mass gathering, we would want to know about it can be dealt with. Where possible, we are asking these are reported online via our website. <http://mymsg.eu/8vm9> by clicking on the 'Tell us about' button.***



**Unfortunately we have seen assaults on officers during this time, most recently four officers were coughed at and the man spat inside a police van. I am pleased to say that has been jailed for six months as a result. Assaults on any key workers are totally unacceptable and will be dealt with robustly.**

**Throughout this time I can assure you that normal policing business continues and we are out on patrol keeping the community safe. We have seen an overall decrease in crime during recent weeks, but I would want to remind people to ensure they are being vigilant and ensuring doors and windows are locked, as are car doors, and that CCTV is working at places like businesses.**

**We have lots of crime prevention advice on our website: <http://mymsg.eu/8vmc>**

**Sadly, there have been reports across the country of fraudsters taking advantage of this situation, with reports of telephone scams or phishing emails. We are working with government partners to ensure the public have the information they need so that they are not caught out by opportunistic people. There is lots of good information on scams, which is regularly updated, on the Action Fraud website: <http://mymsg.eu/8vma>**

**One area of crime that research suggested will see an increase is domestic abuse. We are closely monitoring this as protecting vulnerable people and preventing harm remain our priorities, and responding to domestic abuse is, and always will be, part of our core operational response. It's vital people know that they can still call 999 if they are in danger and we will respond – we are still here. The support services for victims are still available, just being delivered differently. Information on those services can be found at <http://mymsg.eu/8vmb>**

**It's also crucial that as well as victims knowing there is support for them, anyone who is abusing someone or who feels they might can also get support as well and there are groups available for them to contact as well.**

**For the most vulnerable residents there is a help line set up by the Isle of Wight Council on 01983 823600 where people, who do not have a local network of support, can seek support.**

**Finally, I appreciate that the announcement of a further 3 weeks of the lockdown is difficult for many people, for many reasons. I completely understand the desire to see family friends, but I would re-iterate that we must all do our part so please stay at home, protect our NHS and save lives.**

**Yours faithfully**

**Sarah Jackson  
District Commander  
Isle of Wight**