

Hello to all our Grangetown Families, we really hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

We hope you have enjoyed your learning packs this week and are using the class emails to show your work to your teachers. All the teachers are so happy to be hearing from you. Remember if you need any support with any of the work, then the class emails, Seesaw (Y2 + Y6) or Tapestry (Reception and Nursery) are there for you to use to contact your child's class teacher. We are all missing you in school and are hoping to see you soon. Stay safe!

We've had a lot of entries to our Newsletter which is fantastic! Thank you so much for contributing! If you can't see your entry in this edition of the newsletter don't worry, we will be keeping it safe for next week's Grangetown Times!

STAY SAFE, WE MISS YOU!

What has been happening this week?

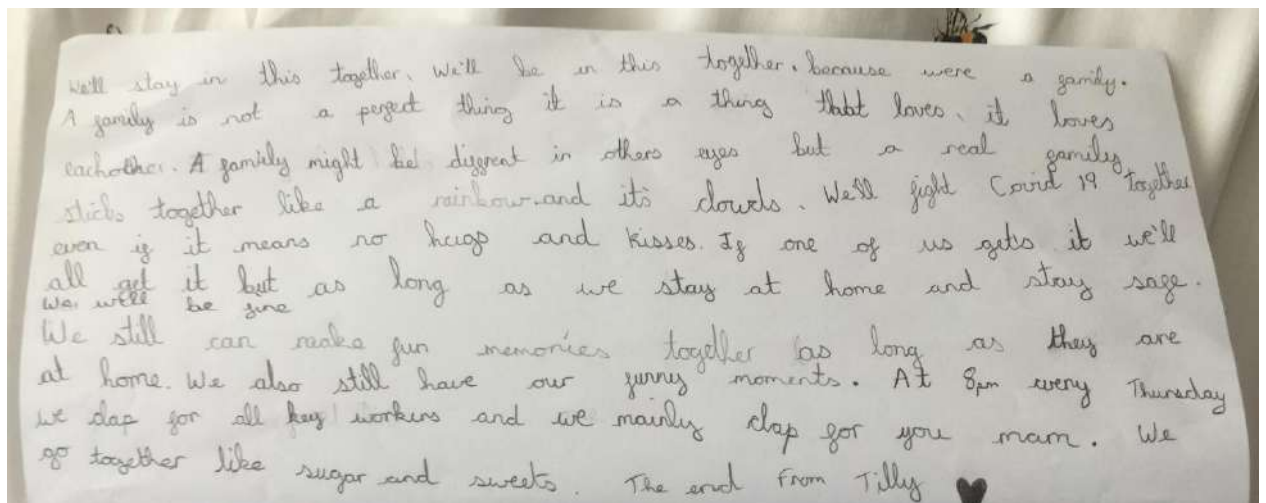
This week we celebrated VE day! VE day celebrated victory in Europe during the second world war. Lots of you had your own VE day celebrations at home, even having to be socially distant! We loved seeing all your photos from your at home celebrations! The homemade decorations, the cakes and all the treats looked wonderful!



Online Learning!

We hope you've been enjoying the online learning that is available on our Virtual School Page. Remember these are ideas to support you at home and are not intended to add any extra pressure.

A fantastic poem written and sent to us by Tilly in year 3! What wonderful words Tilly!





Family Time.

Some of you have been using this time to spend some quality time with your families! It has been fantastic to see the photos of you with your households enjoying the time. Lily Mae from our 2-year-old Flying Start Nursery has been spending more time with her mammy, daddy and baby sister –her mammy tells us she has been missing her friends and teachers at school.

We've also seen that Jack from year 6 has been feeding birds and trying to grow some carrots with his family, Jack even used a tortilla press to make some tortillas! How amazing!



A lot of you have been joining in with Joe Wicks in the mornings, even some of the teachers have been! But you've been getting up to lots of great different types of exercise too. Mia-Louise from our 2-year-old Flying Start Nursery has been walking to her local beach with her family, and their dog Sandy. Mia's Mam says she has fallen over a few times in the sea and has been very wet indeed, but she just gets up, smiles, and giggles and runs straight back in again! That sounds so much fun! Mason in year one has been playing lots of football in his garden and working out with some weights at home too! Well done for keeping active!

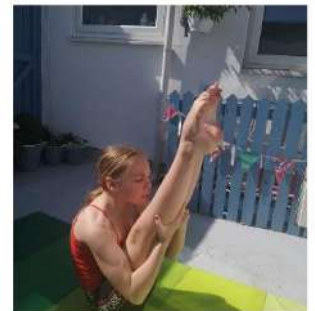


Daniel (in year 3/4), Jake (in year 4) and Thomas (in Reception) have been using their spare time to learn more about their costal area and get outside. They've discovered lots of birds and animals that live near the coast, hopefully they can tell us all about them when we get back to school. They've even been playing with each other in the sea! So lovely to see boys!



Jack from year 6 has been playing badminton and practicing some archery! What a fun way to stay active!

We've also got some amazing photos of some of Grangetown's gymnasts practicing their moves during their time at home, here is Evie and Ellie, both in year 5 showing their fantastic work!

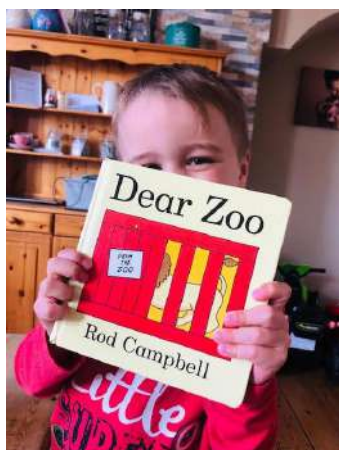


Reading.

We love reading in school and have been missing reading with you all, so have loved seeing all the books you're getting stuck into at home. Brandon from Nursery has been loving 'Dear Zoo' and even visited a 'virtual zoo' after reading the book!

Jack in year 6 has been reading the Silver Sword with his Grandma over the phone every morning! Such a good idea.

What books are you reading at the moment? Which have been your favourites? There are lot of stories online on Grangetown's virtual learning pages!





Creative!

Being creative is so much fun and so many of you have been showing your creative talents! Brandon from Nursey has been drawing his favourite animal, can you see what it is? Ethan, who is also in Nursery, has been getting very creative with some cardboard boxes! He's made them into a boat, a bus, and a dinosaur!



Bethany from Year 3/4 has been busy with a new hobby! She's been making friendship bracelets! This is a great idea; Bethany is missing her friends so much and cannot wait to see them all when it's safe.

Libby in year 5 has got really creative and is making a Mayan pot from clay! What a fantastic idea.

Jack from year 6 has also been getting creative with some window pens! He's been writing Easter messages on the windows and sketching in his book. What a creative bunch the Grangetown family are!



By the children:

Some of the children from Grangetown have become reporters and have written in with some great additions to our Newsletter!

Sam from year 5 is very passionate about dinosaurs and has written a small report on the subject for the newsletter after finding a very interesting rock!

Bella in year 2, Riley from year 2 and his sister Sophie in Year 5 have used their typing skills to write to us to tell us how they are getting on at home!

Baryonix

THE ROCKING BOWL
By Sam Moghaddam Y5.
For the GPS Newsletter.

A BARYONIX head has been found on Hendon beach!(the beach next to GPS!!!) I really want to share a good story with you so I chose this one because it is the best I've got So as usual, I was walking on Hendon beach looking for fossils and rocks When suddenly I saw a rock that looked like a crocodile head, So I took it home to analyse it and I found out it could be a baryonix skull or even mummified head!

A Nodosaur mummy!

I don't know if it actually is a Baryonix head, But that doesn't mean that it isn't a Baryonix head! :)

Baryonix Facts!

Length: 7.5-10m
Age: 145-125 million years ago
Weight: 1.2-1.7 tons
Name meaning: heavy claw
Eats: Iguanodon and Scheenstia
Fun fact: Baryonix was a close relative of Spinosaurus.

"I do work on Mondays to Thursdays 10.30 until 2.00. I have learnt maths works and I love maths. My mam tried year 3 maths with me which was a little bit hard but I tried very hard and enjoyed carrying the numbers for the sums. I miss my friends especially Sam and Mrs Roberts." - Riley

"I miss Niah soooooo much. I have learnt all my topic work about the Mayans. I miss everyone so much, I am bored. I tried life hacks. My handwriting has improved a lot. I haven't gone crazy yet. Rose and Emma and I have been video chatting each other." - Sophie

My new hobbies are stop frame animation, cooking and cycling, because it's so sunny to cycle. My handwriting is getting better too. Me and my dad can make little movies with an app called stop motion studio. I made a photo book off special photos. I've been on Sumdog to practice my maths. It's Bob's birthday on Friday the 15th. We have scrabble to know my letters. We make lots off cookies we can deliver some to you, peanut butter are the best type. By Bella xxxxxxx



LET'S Celebrate

Nursery: Brandon!

For fantastic improvement with pencil grip and control of the last 6 weeks.

Year RKB: Dwayne!

For his attitude to learning! He has also been getting very creative and completing lots of science experiments. He looks like he has had lots of fun!

Year RHC: Fabian!

For making a huge effort with all of the online learning and worked really hard with his phonics this week.

Year 1AB: Evan!

For working so hard with his learning packs and sending lots of his work into school. Evan has even tackled the extension tasks that were set for him! Miss Barnett is so proud!

Year 2NR: Mary Anne

For trying something new, Mary Anne has started learning the Russian alphabet!

Year 2DC: Jayden!

For his enthusiasm toward his work at home! He has really impressed Mrs Dolan and Miss Charlton!

Year 3VS: Tilly!

For her fantastic poem that she sent into school. Miss Stell absolutely loved it.

Year 3/4LM: Connor!

For impressing Mrs Millican with his work that he has been completing while at home. She especially enjoyed reading his non-chronological report about a Harpy Eagle which linked to our topic. Well done!

Year 4KM: Eva!

For writing Miss Muldowney a delightful letter about their class being a family and working together to live in a better and safer environment. It was beautifully presented, clear and concise and it made Miss Muldowney smile!

Year 5MB: Libby!

For showing her creative skills when producing a Mayan pot.

Year 6SH: Alfie!

For completing all his learning tasks well and uploading them all for everyone to see. Miss Hunter also loved the extra work he has been doing and the photos of the fun activities.

Year 6AM: Lexi-Grace!

For completing all tasks with the same care and effort she shows in school. When Mrs McLoughlin suggested extension activities, Lexi-Grace has completed them! Her work has been a joy to see.

GPS Weekly Challenge:

This week our challenge is going to be taking a photo. The Duchess of Cambridge is working with the National Portrait gallery to create a photographic record of how we have dealt with our Lockdown. We are all being invited to submit our own photos which responds to one of the following titles: 'Helpers and Heroes', 'Your New Normal' or 'Acts of Kindness'. The 100 shortlisted images will be put into a virtual exhibition. But we will have our own Grangetown Virtual exhibition! So, use a phone or a camera and see if you can take a photo to fit in one of those categories. Get them emailed into us by **Wednesday** – we will choose a winner or two to feature in next week's newsletter and we will create a virtual exhibition of the entries for our Facebook page.

If you want to find out more about the project and entering yourself then you can read about it here: <https://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/>

