

UNDERHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Lunch menu: More delicious home cooking

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TAKE CARE AND KEEP SAFE

We hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well during this difficult time.

We thank you again for your continued support and really do appreciate all you are doing. We would just like to remind everyone that even though the school may currently be closed to all but a few, we are all still working away in the background.

We will continue to support your children with their learning and you can still contact us at the school by emailing office@underhill.barnetmail.net and we will come back to you.

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

As we said in last week's newsletter we understand that many of our family's financial circumstances are going to change during the Coronavirus outbreak. If this does happen to you we want to ensure that you are able to access Free School meals for your child (in Reception through to Year 6) as soon as possible. Please complete the online secure form at <https://forms.gle/JkwJkCd5jixHrFwt5> if you would like us to check for you. Whilst the school is closed this entitlement will be in the form of a £15 supermarket voucher sent to you every week for each child that is eligible.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have

an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have been confirmed as being entitled to free school meals you will be enrolled onto the Government's voucher scheme. This will mean that you will be emailed an eCode which you can redeem for a supermarket voucher to use when you shop. This will be £15 per child.

Please can we ask parents who are already on this scheme to ensure that they redeem the vouchers. If you cannot find the email that has been sent to you please check your junk email folder.

YOU CAN HELP THE NHS BY HELPING THIS SEWING GROUP

If you can help we have had this request from one of our parents:

I'm in a local group sewing for the NHS and key workers. It's a national roll out and we have formed our own local group.

We have had huge requests for:

Ear savers (so the elastic of the face mask goes around the button not the ears)

Hair bands, same as ear savers but the added padding if wearing a visor.

Bags to take home scrubs in for washing - especially for the paramedics who don't always



have the option to leave their soiled uniform in the hospital.

We are in need of:

- Buttons approx 2p size
- Elastic
- Ribbon and thick string to use as drawstring (no wool) - needs to withstand a 60 wash.
- More sewers. No need for professionals, a machine would be helpful but not essential. Ask your parents and grandparents, might especially suit someone who has to self isolate due to age. All information we can give and also materials.

We can drop off and collect locally and everything is left outside.

Please message if you can help
Phone number 07974 653 656

Thank you.

OUR HOME SCHOOL GALLERY

We have more amazing work that your children have been doing at home. We would like to share some of them with you:

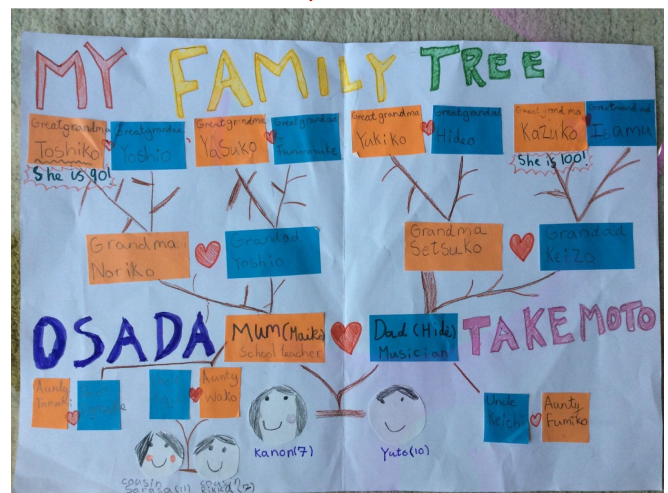
Hayden Year 6 and Harper Year 3 A lovely picture



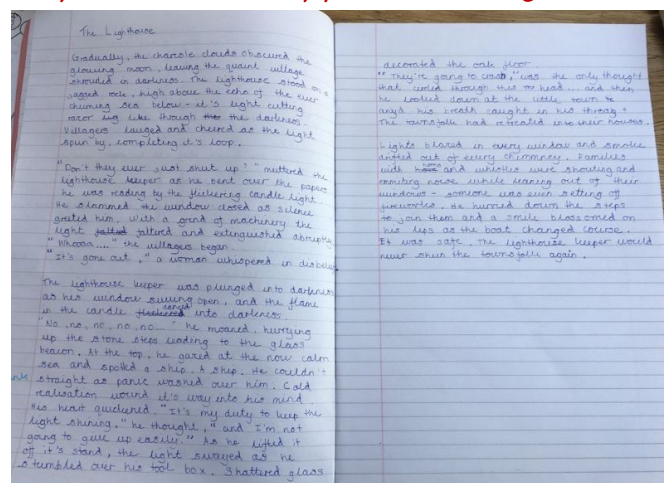
Mahreen Year 4 -A beautiful picture



Kanon Year 3 -A family tree



Nerys Year 6 -A lovely piece of writing



Dexter Year 3 - A family portrait



Oscar Year 6 - This amazing model



A FAQ for Seesaw... Unsure how to add any photos or videos? Just go into the inbox and click on the small add symbol on the left hand side (+) then click on upload.

HELP AND SUPPORT

If you or someone you know is in need of urgent help and support at this time the London Borough of Barnet are asking you to Email: COVID19support@barnet.gov.uk.

If you are struggling to put food on the table and need help from a foodbank there are a few simple steps you would need to follow, the most important step is to get a foodbank voucher.

If you google food banks in Barnet they will be able to provide the most appropriate

help/advice for your circumstances as they work with local agencies.

Citizens Advice Barnet may also be able to help on 0300 456 8365 or

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

If you are concerned about elderly family members in Barnet try contacting

Age UK Barnet who are supporting an increasing number of older people and their relatives helping with:

- Food shopping
- Home delivered meals
- Admin tasks including setting up prescriptions delivered to the door

Email info@ageukbarnet.org.uk or phone 020 8203 5040.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates to be confirmed when school re-opens

Whilst the Children Centre is not open for Groups due to COVID-19 if any families need support or advice

For weaning Advice or breastfeeding support email: info@underhill.barnetmail.net

For Locality Housing Support please email us on info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net

ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) will be an online course for this term, if anyone is interested please email info@underhill.barnetmail.net before Thursday 30th April 2020.

NSPCC support

For your information, the NSPCC has created a number of resources to support carers and parents during this difficult time. Topics include:-



- Talking to a child worried about coronavirus.
- Parents working from home.
- Children staying home alone.
- Lockdown and separated carers and parents.
- How to cope with tantrums and other difficult behaviour.

The advice can be found on the NSPCC website here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Citizens Advice Barnet help available during Coronavirus (Covid -19) Pandemic
<https://barnetcab.org.uk/>

We would like you to know what we at Citizens Advice Barnet are doing during the current situation, so that you can pass this onto your community if they need our help. We realise that there is a great deal of uncertainty around employment, benefits, debt and other issues at the moment and want to reassure you that we are still able to offer our advice to anyone who lives, works or studies in Barnet.

While we have had to suspend all our face to face services until further notice, we are still offering the same advice services as before, over the phone and by e-mail.

Although our offices remain closed, our staff and volunteers are now home working. Advice appointments are now by telephone and you can rest assured that we have the right systems in place to do this effectively.

Our service is free, confidential, impartial and independent. For advice, please complete the online form [here](#), or telephone our Helpline on 0300 456 8365.

We have dedicated coronavirus advice webpages [here](#) and these are constantly kept up to date as new things are announced by the government.

If you need help claiming Universal Credit call us on 0800 1448 444

We can help you apply to the EU Settlement Scheme - [click here for further information](#)

