



Round up: Issue 04

Secondary

Welcome to our school newsletter where this week we are asking you, **'How are you getting on with home learning?'** We have really enjoyed hearing about the many activities you have been getting up to and, although many of you have found it a little bit strange, you have clearly risen to the challenge!

Do keep sharing everything that you have been doing and, next week, we will look forward to hearing what you have been cooking and eating with our new theme of **'Food, Glorious Food!'** We bet you and your schools are having lots of fun and being incredibly creative. Don't forget, you can share everything you are doing by emailing contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please ask your parent/carer to share with us any pictures (attach the picture as a jpeg to your email) and a few words on what you've been up to during the current times and we'll do our best to put them in the next edition. You can email your contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk but please do so by 5pm each Tuesday. Any pictures sent over will only be used in the newsletter but photos are stored for two years and then deleted.

Abbeyfield School, Chippenham

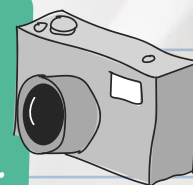
Ella has been revising about mitosis and the cell cycle. She has cleverly replicated the cell division with pancakes! Can you see what is happening?



What's happening with our learning?



Spring is well and truly underway and children have been developing their photography skills as part of their home learning. These beautiful pictures were sent in by students at Abbeyfield.





Jokes

What kind of plates do they use in space?

Punchline: Flying saucers!

What did the quilt say to the bed?

Punchline: I've got you covered!

What did one toilet say to the other toilet?

Punchline: You look flushed!

Challenge

Weekend Challenge -

can you climb the height of Big Ben using the stairs in your house? A total of 632 steps up (49 times up your stairs if you have a standard 13 steps!)

I wonder how long it will take you??



'I have found home learning very difficult and whilst I am driven to do the work, I struggle to recognise what I've truly achieved. I think the worst part is that there isn't the same support and communication that can really aid motivation.

The best thing? Probably being able to stick to my own structure and I am in control of the time I spend on subjects. I can start really early and finish some days before 3pm and if I feel I need to spend more time on maths one day for example, I can do that to no detriment to my other subjects.'

- Tamasin



Joe Wicks!

Many of us have been having lots of fun exercising with Joe Wicks!

Follow [this link](#) to find out more



Students attending Abbeyfield School on Friday 17th April used items from the PE cupboard to create a huge rainbow. Can you pick out what items they have used?

Riddles

- 1 Although this thing has a spine,
It doesn't have a face.
Although it is not clothing,
It gets stored in a case.
- 2 I get filled with water,
But I'm not a shower.
It's in me you would put
A beautiful flower
- 3 I'm something that is often round,
But I'm not a pizza base.
I have hands but don't have fingers,
And have numbers on my face.

Are you watching this exciting BBC2 team race series where five teams travel across Central and South America?

How could the teams improve their chances of winning the race by speaking Spanish?

Can you try speaking the language they should use during the programme?

¡Hola!

(oh-lah)
Hello!

Gracias

(Gr-ah-see-ass)
Thank you

¿Dónde están los servicios?(Don-day

ess-tan loss sir-vee-see-os)
Where are the services (toilets?)

¿Dónde está la estación de tren? (Don-

day ess-tah lah ess-tah-see-on day tren)
Where is the train station?

¿Dónde está la estación de autobús?

(Don-day ess-tah lah ess-tah-see-on day ow-toe-boos)
Where is the bus station?

Dos billetes, por favour

(Doss bee-yet-tes, pour fa-vor)
Two tickets, please.

¿Cuánto cuesta?

(Cwan-toe cwess-tah)
How much?

¿Tienes.....?

(Tee-en-es.....?)
Do you have?

Quiero.....

(key-air-oh)
I want.....

You can find these phrases and learn more Spanish (or other languages) on [Duolingo](#)



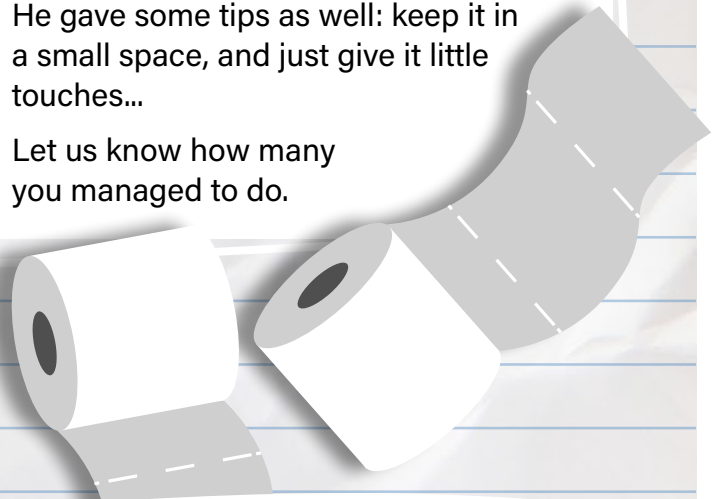
Kya from Abbeyfield has been developing her cooking skills as part of home learning and showing her thanks to the NHS! What a fantastic rainbow cake.



Home learning allows you to take charge of the timetable. Regular breaks are important. George at Abbeyfield in Chippenham has been practising his 'keepy uppies' with a toilet roll. He managed 15 on his first try. Can you beat that?

He gave some tips as well: keep it in a small space, and just give it little touches...

Let us know how many you managed to do.



For those of you who are in year 11, we appreciate these are difficult times and all that you had expected to happen during your final year in secondary school has changed. We are pleased to provide you with some clarity on what is going to happen with regards to GCSE grades.

- The GCSE grade the students will receive this year in each of their subjects, called the calculated grade, will be based on three key pieces of information:
 - A predicted grade provided by subject teachers.
 - The order, by performance, of the students within each grade. A rank order of all the students in the year group for each subject.
 - Some historical data: the performance of the school in the past and also the students' KS2 SATs scores.
- The predictions will be fair, objective and true. Teachers will be predicting the most likely grade the student would have achieved if they had sat the exams.

Teachers will use a range of evidence to form their predictions including mock grades, homework and class work performance. Some students may be worried that their mock exam grade was much lower than a grade they are capable of. Please be assured that teachers understand that mock grades are always lower than the final outcomes and will predict accordingly. In addition, these predicted grades will go through a rigorous checking process at the school before they are submitted to Ofqual, in order to ensure all students are awarded a true and fair grade.

- Students and parents are not allowed to communicate with teachers regarding the predicted grades. Teachers are not allowed to share the prediction they make under any circumstances.
- The results will be released in August although we have not had final confirmation for the results date.

Good luck, we know you will all do really well.

Confidential Support

A new service of FREE and confidential support for ALL in Wiltshire aged 11 – 25 has been launched by a local charity called 'Young Melksham'. It is tough coping with lockdown and many of you may be finding it hard. Please don't think you are alone as this is one of many places you can go to for support.

Depressed • Lonely • Afraid
• Angry • Not Coping
Free and **confidential** support for young people aged 11-25

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Good Luck!

Riddles Answers

1 a book 2 a vase 3 a clock

Next week...

Next week we our topic is **'Food, Glorious Food'** so please let us know what you get up to by emailing events@wiltshire.gov.uk