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Greenway NEWS



PSHE & RS&HE policies Thank you to the Parent Forum for co-ordinating all the parents comments about these policies. Both policies have been approved by the Governing Body and are now on the school website (Policies section).

The policies include appendices that show the curriculum map of the Jigsaw programme including the age and stage language that is used during the teaching of the programme at school, so that you can support your child at home.



Fence works

St Thomas More are installing a perimeter fence around their



school grounds. This will mean that the fence will cut across the school grounds separating both schools.

There will be a gate in the fence that will be open in the morning and after school so that once the current restrictions are lifted access can be maintained through both schools. There will be some disruption over the next few weeks.

Please note that the Greenway side gate off the Gilbert Way alleyway will remain closed.

Competition – could you design a new logo for Dacorum’s Mini Police?

Officers who run Dacorum’s Mini Police programme are calling on young artists to design a new logo for the scheme during lockdown.

Prior to the pandemic, officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams regularly delivered the programme to Year 5 children in primary schools across the borough.

The eight-week scheme gives youngsters the opportunity to learn about community safety in a fun way, as they explore topics such as bullying, anti-social behaviour and internet safety.

The competition is open to primary-aged school children, and the closing date is **Friday 19 February**. Please either scan or take a high-resolution photo of your child’s entry and email it to DacorumMiniPolice@herts.pnn.police.uk.



BBC Home learning

While primary and secondary schools are closed to most pupils, the BBC is broadcasting lessons and programmes on BBC Two and CBBC - as well as on iPlayer, with extra content online.

On **TV**, there are three hours of primary school programming on CBBC between 09:00 and 12.00 every weekday.

The Bitesize Daily lessons on TV feature a different subject each day across the week, including maths, English, science and French as well as other popular shows like Horrible Histories.

Red Button - the Bitesize Daily lessons will also be shown on the Red Button service on TV. All episodes will be available on catch-up, via iPlayer.

Customers using BT Mobile, EE, and Plusnet Mobile will be able to use BBC Bitesize content from the end of January without eating into their data allowance.



Tree Nursery

We have been invited to create a tree nursery in our school grounds. The project run by the Earth Restoration Service will send us 50 native British tree saplings to plant in the school grounds. Watch this space for more details!



Museums and leading artists are inviting the British public to take part in what they hope will be the biggest art exhibition ever mounted.

The Great Big Art Exhibition, launched by Sir Antony Gormley, are asking people to make an artwork at home and put in their window or garden to celebrate creativity while all museums and galleries are closed.

Every two weeks, a different artist will choose a subject for the public to respond to in what the organisers hope will be a rolling nationwide exhibition, ending on 30 April.

To get your free activity pack go to:
<https://firstsite.uk/>



Free school meal - vouchers

The Government have announced that Food vouchers are going to be made available for children in receipt of free school meals during the current lockdown and half term holiday.

Families who do not qualify for free school meals but are worried about their finances or having enough food this winter can contact **HertsHelp**, email **info@hertshelp.net**, call **0300 123 4044** or visit **www.hertshelp.net**

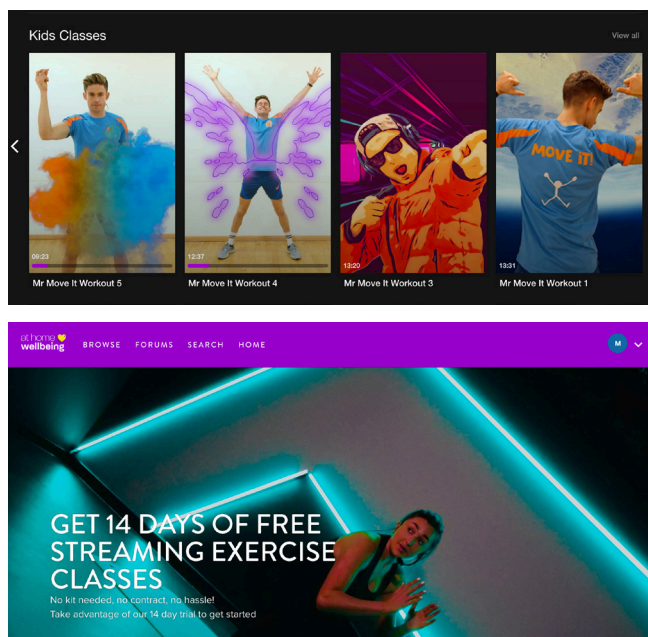
at home wellbeing

FREE trial for everyone!

It's important to keep everyone active during the current lockdown. It's not only adults who benefit from exercise - children see huge benefits as well, including, reducing anxiety and lowering stress levels, building confidence both within themselves and in their relationships with others, increasing brain function, improving sleep and strengthening their immunity.

At Home Wellbeing has a fabulous kids range of *make 'em smile* classes from Mr Move It (guaranteed to burn off excess energy and calories) and from Yogi Naomi (calming them through mindful adventures)!

All classes are specifically designed for home spaces, with either no or minimal support equipment. There are lots of great Adult classes too, including HIIT, Pilates and Dance Fit as well as mindfulness and Yoga.



To sign up for your 14 day free trial visit:
www.athomewellbeing.vhx.tv

Please note that after the 14 day trial the monthly fee is £5.99 which you can cancel at any time.

Online Safety

As your children are spending more time online at the moment we thought we would reminder every-one of the online safety advice:

- **Internet matters** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online.
- **London Grid for Learning** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online.
- **Net-aware** - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC.
- **Parent info** - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online.
- **Thinkuknow** - advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online.
- **UK Safer Internet Centre** - advice for parents and carers'.

Don't forget!



The next Parent Forum meeting is on February 4th at 8pm. We would like your feedback on the remote learning that we are currently delivering, so please let your PF rep know if you have any comments.

A big Thank You

Huge thanks to everyone that supported the GSA and the Berkhamsted Rotary Club Santa Sleigh back in December. It has raised a massive £900.00 in donations to the GSA!

We are very grateful to you all.

