



Keir Hardie Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we come to the end of week 4, we have settled into a good routine, however we really miss having our whole school community together and looking forward to when we can be together again. We are still as busy as ever behind the scenes and appreciate your many positive comments and kind thoughts. We are currently balancing lots of different demands on our time and resources, please bear with us, our staff are all working extremely hard either in school or providing the remote learning from home.

Remote Learning

Thank you for your positive feedback on the remote learning. We appreciate that home schooling can be stressful, whatever your circumstances. We are always looking for proportionate and manageable ways to improve our offer, we are continually reviewing our remote provision to meet the needs of all our pupils. Please continue to share ideas and ask for support by contacting the school. I am very proud of the commitment and resilience of the Keir Hardie staff, they have transitioned to live streaming lessons and supporting pupils online seamlessly.

Please use the school website to support your child with their home learning, we have a wide range of very useful websites and free resources to support learning. (Please [click here](#)).

Reminders: Please establish a good routine for your child and ensure your child logs onto the google classroom at 9.00 am. Registers will now be taken between 9-9.30 am and at 1.00 pm for the afternoon sessions. In order to support your child's mental health and wellbeing ensure that your child logs off after 3:00 pm to minimise screen time.

Pupils should be dressed correctly (no nightwear please), sat in a suitable space for learning and should not be eating on the call.

A Parent Survey will be sent out to capture your feedback.

Remote Learning Attendance

It is wonderful to celebrate our on line attendance, from 68% week 1 to 92% last week, thank you to parents, for supporting your child and enabling the school achieve this amazing attendance and engagement on the google classroom. Lets keep up this up!

Parents Support / Training

We welcomed our parents to workshops based on feedback from our survey conducted in December. Last week Ms Singh held two Google classroom training sessions to support parents. We will be organising more sessions next week.

This week, Mrs Gamar held phonics training sessions for parents of pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2.

Thank you to all the parent / carers who were able to participate in the sessions.

Children's Mental Health Week

From 1-5th February 2021, we are taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week. This year's theme is Express Yourself. There are opportunities throughout the week to help children (and adults) to explore the different ways that we can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas. We hope that by learning how to communicate their feelings, pupils will be better placed to create a culture where talking about mental health and emotional well-being is normalised.

To shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health and raising important awareness, on 3rd February the school will take part in the Place2Be Dress to Express Day.

There are lots of resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website that you can use with your child at home; including activity ideas, tips for parents and carers, and an online assembly which will be available from Monday 1st February.

Visit childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk to find out more.

More advice and support from parents can be found on: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

Remember parents, please reach out to the school if you need support and we can signpost you to the relevant agencies.

World of Work Week

Next week, beginning Monday 1st February, Keir Hardie will be participating in Work Week 2021.

Each year group will learn about the jobs and roles in a variety of different job sectors, meeting and learning from the people within those professions.

Half Term Update

The DfE announced this week that schools will close as usual over February half-term (**Monday 15th—Friday 19th February**) and will not remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

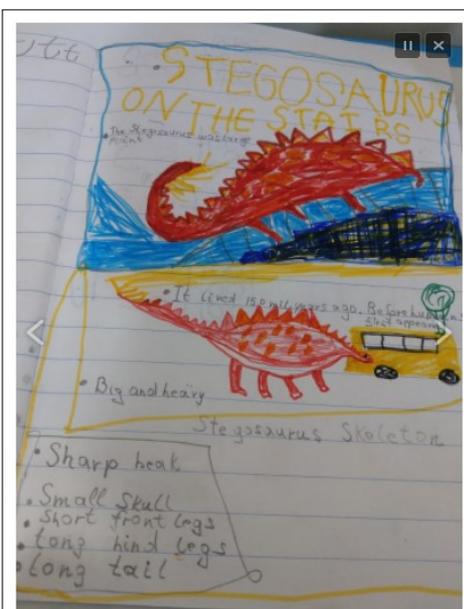
You will also have seen the announcement that schools will not reopen immediately after the February half-term, and that the current lockdown will continue until at least the 8th March.

Intervention Learning Sessions

The school has started organising some intervention sessions as extra support in learning. We want to make sure that we minimise pupil's learning gaps. If you have received a ParentMail indicating that your child should attend an intervention, please ensure that they do. The sessions will always be in the afternoon and are short, sharp, sessions that will help to accelerate your child's learning. Links will be posted daily with times of the session. Please check the google Classroom to ensure your child does not miss this vital support.

MAGIC Remote Learning

Whether working on laptops, desktops, tablets or study books, the pupils of Keir Hardie continue to demonstrate their MAGIC Habits through their learning!



Aaron's description of the stegosaurus using adjectives and his own illustrations.

The deceitful ear stud!

Introduction
The famous deceitful ear stud is one out of many ear studs where you can feel great power. But only the pure are worthy enough to feel this detonating delight. With so much strength in this one microscopic ear stud, you can feel unstoppable.

How it looks.
This detonating ear stud looks beautiful at first glance but don't be deceived! The ear stud is an artificial diamond (a rhinestone) but looks so real. The diamond is an exquisite masterpiece although very tiny it is an amazing sight to see. To describe the rhinestone more, it is a two-dimensional shape that gives off quite a rhombus form.

How to use it!
To use this ear stud, you need to put it on (of course) then the person who has the control of the remote will decide your fate, it will all be in their hands. If they decide to press detonate, a small amount of harmless gasses will flow out of the stud, then you will feel a sudden, sharp pain in your ear and then in the stud, a latch will detach and finally you will explode hence leading to your death. Will your fate be decided...?

The Deceitful Ear Stud – Destiny *Item 3 of 7*

Perimeter- The measure of the outside of a shape.

Perimeter of a Square
The perimeter of this square is 8cm. If someone said that the perimeter of this square is 4cm they would be doing area all the sides.

Rectilinear- Compound shapes made up of rectangles.

This is a rectilinear shape. A compound shape can be made out of other shapes like a triangle too.

Dimensions- Different shapes can be in.

Aaryan has been developing his journaling skills and using correct mathematical vocabulary.

Item 1 of 2

1- Spikes
2- head
3- large animal
herbivore
bony plates

Sanvi skillfully used her sounds to spell some difficult words when learning about stegosauri!

Item 3 of 3

Challenge 2

Find the perimeter of these composite rectilinear shapes (made from two shapes). Remember to work out the missing sides first!

32cm
32cm
32cm

Maths Challenges – Poppi *Item 5 of 7*

Michael made a dinosaur using cones, cuboids and cubes he had found from around the house!

Item 2 of 3