

Milton Abbot Primary School



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

May I begin by celebrating our wonderful parents and wider family who have supported their children this term. We all agree it was not the start to Spring we were expecting, but the way you have met every challenge has been inspirational for our teaching team at school. Indeed, may I then thank our teachers and learning support team for the dedication they have once again shown towards our pupils, providing learning for children in school and those learning remotely; they have produced over 70 teacher presentations each on our Youtube channel, as we wanted our children to regularly see their teachers in action. They have also held daily Zoom registration and Zoom clinics, helping pupils to overcome any specific learning points or misconceptions - teachers also had children Zooming in at 11am just to say hello sometimes or to have a quick chat and an 'I miss you moment'- which always made our day. Bridget has, as ever, kept her humour during these times, often having to think fast on her feet if orders and deliveries are delayed or not quite what she was expecting - we thank her for keeping the kitchen running for our children. Finally, a big thank you and well done to all our children - you've been at your most amazing best and we have all seen super learning uploaded onto our portfolios. To celebrate all your efforts, there follows below a '**Role of Awesome**' with a top learning effort for each child from their teacher. Whatever next term brings, we will keep working together to get through until we can see the other side. My best wishes to you all, better never stops, Mr Luxford.



Remote Learning Snapshots: thank you families, children and teachers – great job!



Role of Awesome: Milton Abbot Children Are All Awesome!

Year 6

Megan	Such a great attitude and hard work with your Maths.
Katie	A great piece of writing for your report – well done.
Jack	Your self-portrait artwork has blown me away this half term.
Talisha	Super writing – your Dragonology report was so detailed.
Abbigail	Well done with all your hard work with your maths.
Henrietta	Your energy and positivity have kept everyone smiling this half term.
Alba	Just loved your 'Invent' write about Space and the pride completing it.
Alex	Excellent listening and actioning advice with your report – Excellent writing.

Year 5

Iyla	So great to see your confidence growing with your Maths
Hester	I just love your enthusiasm for learning. You inspire others.
Matthew	So proud of all your work you have submitted. I am a happy teacher.
Ruby	Such a growth in mathematical confidence.
Charlie	Excellent progress with all our maths putting up your hand lots.
Kian	What a great dragon report and some scary pictures!
Daisy	Amazing learning attitude and really impressed with your maths.
Layla	Such a great learning attitude and improving your readings.
Isabelle	Loved reading your English report work – keep it up.
Brooke	The quality of your home learning work is has amazed me.

Year 4

Freddie	Such a super writer – your English work is amazing!
Xavier	You are becoming quite the Maths whizz - keep up the good work.
Poppie	Great understanding in Maths, your confidence is really growing.
Iris	What a super speller - keep up the great work.
Olivia	Outstanding English work Liv, well done for your hard work.
Bethany	What a Maths whizz, you have completed every star challenge!
Lily	So proud of your perseverance and determination – great job!
Ella	What an artist! Your sculptures have been amazing!

Year 3

Seth	Incredibly neat handwriting, you have worked so hard, well done.
Hamish	Such a super Scientist - you know so much about invertebrates!
Leo	What an awesome and fluent reader, keep up the great work.
Willoughby	Brilliant English work – your reports have been so detailed.
Harry	What a positive learner you are - filled with so much perseverance.
Roamer	Super Maths, your work is showing such improvement.
Korben	Well done for persevering and trying the trickier Maths challenges.
Merryn	What a super reader, great to see you loving so many books.
Amy	You are becoming such a Maths whizz – keep believing you can!
Isabelle	Amazing Art – your koala was excellent!
Jack	What a super Speller – well done for learning such tricky words.
Harry S	Excellent Maths skills, well done for working so hard!

Year 2

Dainton	What a maths whizz! You have smashed the chilli challenges.
Silas	A super artist, your drawings have been fantastic!
Vinnie	Amazing times-tables knowledge – keep it up!
Ronni	A super artist, I have loved your self portrait work!
Harriet	Amazing writing – your Handas surprise story was excellent!
Coen	Super maths! Your work shows your growing confidence!
Henry	Amazing sculpting! Your tractor plant pot was fantastic.
Thorin	A super maths whizz! You have taken on every challenge!

Year 1

Poppy	Some super reading Poppy – keep it up!
Leo	Fantastic maths Leo! You are rocking those chilli challenges!
Lena	Amazing storytelling! Your video of the Fire Giants was excellent!
Iris	Super spellings! You are becoming a whizz with the Set 3 sounds.
Isabella	Amazing phonics! Your spellings are really improving!
Joseph	What a maths whizz! You are always seeking more challenges!
Lochlan	Super maker! From biscuits to snakes to dens!
Freya	Wicked maths! I am so impressed with your determination.
Francesca	Super reading progress, your fluency is sounds great!
George	Amazing writing, you have persevered so hard this term!

Reception

Jack	Fantastic writing and presentation within all your learning activities this half term, great effort Jack! Jack always preserves and loves all his learning.
Edward	Fantastic phonics and maths progress, your spelling has given Miss Stansbury a massive smile, thank you!
Max	Amazing PE and listening skills during the OCRA PE sessions!
Jakob	Wow, your retelling of the three little pigs was wonderful- All your friends loved watching it together!
Joseph F	Your bright smile while out exploring the world around you with Lena and your infectious laugh which makes us all giggle during morning zooms!
Joseph	To hear how happy you look when seeing your friends and Mrs McAngus on zoom!
Darcey	Lots of wonderful winter, icy experiments! From cake baking to frozen flowers... There's lots of fun in your house!
Rose	For great perseverance in your writing and confidence building throughout the term.
Isabelle	Your writing and story telling has blown me away this half term!
Darcy	Lovely manners and kind behaviour towards her friends throughout the school day. I never have to remind Darcy to be polite!
Amore	A super artist, your drawings have been fantastic with lots of clear detail too, so creative!
Tom	Fantastic improvement and focus in phonics and recognising numbers from 0 – 5 confidently! Keep it up Tom!
Tristan	Amazing toys you like to share with us during our morning zooms! Its always nice to see you so happy and smiley!
Jackson	Wicked maths! I have been so impressed with your perseverance in representing numbers in different ways!

Parent survey: We sent a link via Class Dojo to parents completing remote learning with their children inviting feedback on your experience so far. Thank you to all those who have been able to send back their views. We will keep this survey open during half-term and publish results upon our return. We also asked the children who are attending school to complete a Pupil Voice survey.

Talking Learning podcast: The second episode of our 'Talking Learning' podcast is in the can (or the micro SD card), now with added cheesy theme tunes. This is now available on our website, on its dedicated page: [Talking Learning Podcasts - Milton Abbot Primary School](#) . We value this as a great opportunity for pupils to express themselves but it will never replace the way we talk to our children all the time to find out how their learning is going and what we could do to make school even better.



Online safety: There has obviously been great reliance on the internet during this period of restricted attendance. As part of our Relationships and Health Education, as well as our Computing lessons, we teach the children ways of staying safe online. A key resource for this is the 'thinkuknow' materials, which are created for different age groups and can be accessed via this link: [Parents homepage \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk). At school, we suggest to the children that the internet is like the beach – it can be a great place to explore and play but you have to be aware of certain dangers and respect the safety rules. The Government have released this document this week: www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online

Screen-free days: as a teaching team we have been mindful of the amount of screen time your child will be experiencing through remote learning and are considering how we can include more 'screen-free' days as part of a balanced curriculum.

Our School Website: Just a reminder that we are updating our school website all the time and our Covid-19 information page has lots of links including to 'Emotional support and wellbeing' advice and activities via this link: [Remote Learning - Milton Abbot Primary School](#)

Emotional support and wellbeing

We know that restricted school attendance will present numerous challenges and will require new routines and high levels of resilience at times. We will be providing daily opportunities for you and your child to interact with school and access support. However, please contact the school if you need support - even if you just need someone talk to or listen to you. Call us.

In our Remote Learning Launch assembly, Mr Luxford described how the children can **H.E.L.P** at home, meaning:

H is for being helpful at home

E is for exercising daily, even in short bursts

L is for learning, get a little bit better each day

P is for remaining positive!

We hope the advice sheets below are helpful:



Social media: You can follow Mr Luxford on Twitter via [@AbbotHead](#) for a Head's Eye view of the world. If I get to 30 followers I pledge £50 to CLIC Sergent. Or you can follow Milton Abbot on Facebook [@miltonabbotschoolandpreschool](#). Thank you.

Safeguarding: Everyone has a duty to safeguard children and protect them from harm. Please visit our school website for advice on a wide range of safeguarding issues. The details of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub can be found below.

If you are concerned that a child is being abused please call

0345 155 1071

or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk.

Professionals should complete the [MASH contact form](#).

If it's an **emergency** call [999](#)