



Headteacher's Blog

Wednesday 29th April 2020.



Dear Parents/ Carers and Friends of Whittingham Primary School,
As we are mid way through another school week I would like to share with you some useful news, fun photos and winners of the Manners Transport Colouring Competition.

Take care, with very best wishes.
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Manners Transport Colouring Competition

Thank you to Manners Transport for suggesting and sponsoring the prizes for this competition. Ella W 1st place, Ryan W 2nd place and Charlie D 3rd place. Well done to everyone who entered.

Northumberland Schools Sumdog Maths Competition

It's the last day today. On the class leaderboard at the moment; Year 4 are in 6th place and Year 6 are in 10th place. Individual scores in the top ten is Josh who is in 4th place. Well done to everyone who entered.

Staying Safe Online.

A great resource to help parents keep children safe while they are on line.



Mental Health and Well being

We all know about the importance of keeping well physically and emotionally. As a Thrive School I will continue to send these activities out by email should you wish to use them.



Welcome to Thinkuknow

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

Are you...



Home activity packs

This page has been created to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. Each fortnight, we will be releasing new home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety at a time when they will spending more time online at home.



New - #OnlineSafetyAtHome activity packs!

To help parents and carers during COVID-19, we're releasing activity packs with simple 15 minute activities you can do with your child to support their online safety home.



Thrive activities useful for parents of children up to 11 years old - week six

Parents and carers can support and acknowledge children's emerging values and morals and individual ways of doing things. Parents can teach children the significance of rules and regulations and support them to develop their negotiation skills. Children enjoy sharing their opinions and using their skills. We have put together some daily activities to support social and emotional development through the arts, play and creativity.

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| Monday | Set down as a family and allow the children to make up the rules for house for 2 days - you must then all agree to stick to them! |
| Tuesday | If you were two deadly 60 animals that merged into one, which two would you be? What would they look like and what would you call it? Post your new species in our Facebook group. |
| Wednesday | Create a song or a rap to your favourite tune in support of all the frontline workers, we would love to hear it. |
| Thursday | Create a word cloud with all the feelings you have during this time in isolation. |
| Friday | Try some breathing activities to help you feel calm. |
| Saturday | Write a poem to called "Life in Lockdown". Have a look at this link for inspiration. We would love to see them! |
| Sunday | Write a letter to your future self, talk about how you helped your family or neighbours, the feelings you had at this time and what you wanted to be the first thing you did when isolation is lifted. |

Top Tips:

- ✓ Draw up a routine of what you are doing and when.
- ✓ Keep cardboard boxes or clean recycling objects to use for arts later.
- ✓ The emphasis is to be alongside and have fun, even if they do not win the game or things don't quite go to plan.