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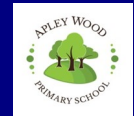
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APLEY NEWS

I hope that you have all had a happy and healthy Easter break. I am delighted to inform you that our member of staff has now been discharged from hospital and is continuing her recovery at home. Thank you for all the messages of support we received.

Home learning activities will begin again on Monday 20th April. Please be assured that the Apley team are working extremely hard to find different ways to support you, and new ways to set interesting work for the children to try at home. Staff are looking at a range of activities they can set, free websites to signpost you to, as well as using the existing online platforms we have: my maths, purple mash, TT rockstars, accelerated reader. However, we are mindful that home learning is not all about being sat at a table, completing worksheets and are trying to strike a balance between providing formal and practical learning activities whilst not overwhelming families. We are aware that many of you are experiencing challenges of your own, including having to work from home yourselves. Please check the website regularly, all learning links on the website can be accessed from the home page: click news, classes and then the year group.

Thank you to everyone who has sent photographs in for the website or newsletter, we are really enjoying seeing them and are proud of the efforts everyone is making at home. You can send your photographs to the class teachers for the website and to sharon.smith2@taw.org.uk or A2190@taw.org.uk for the newsletter. I look forward to seeing more.

We miss everyone and hope to be able to get back to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. Please take care and stay healthy.

Mrs Smith- Headteacher

Spreading Happiness

We have had some wonderful photos sent in over the Easter break. They are absolutely super and we wanted to share them once again with you all in a special edition newsletter. Keep them coming as they really have made people smile and we have had some wonderful comments from many of our of readers. Share your activities, achievements, ideas and smiles, and brighten someone else's day. Many thanks and stay safe everyone. **Sharon.**



There are some fabulous resources being made available across the Web. Take a look at this link for some great ideas, super spring projects to entertain at home, with lots of resources and virtual tours for all to enjoy: <https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/>

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Free School Meals Update

Thank you for your patience with regards to the FSM vouchers which will be emailed to you in due course.

The whole country has been experiencing issues with the Edenred site that the government has designated schools to use for the FSM voucher provision and distribution.

We are working hard to get the Easter holiday vouchers to you as well as vouchers for week beginning 20th April so please keep an eye on your emails.

The eCodes will be coming to you via email to cover the following weeks cost of your child's/children's lunch, a total of £15 per child. This will continue on a weekly basis until such time that the school is open for all pupils.

Please make sure that if you have changed your email address recently that we have your new one on the system by emailing A2190@taw.org.uk. Many Thanks.

Online Safety

There are many new apps available such as 'Houseparty' and 'zoom' which enable you to keep in contact with others. Please do check out any new apps, or be aware of youtube content your child may be accessing. We do want your child to be safe online at home. These websites are useful:

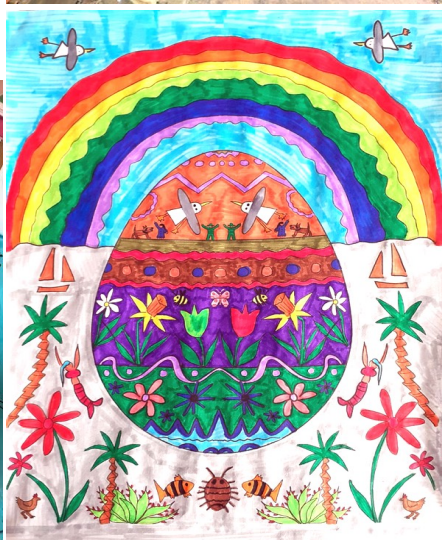
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Be aware that there have been some scams circulating about applying for money from the government, and one of these is a Free School Meal scams. Please be careful.



Think Ninja

Attached with this weeks newsletter is some information regarding a new, freely available, app that you may be interested in for you and your children. Designed to help children and young people cope with the challenges they face with current every day life.

FREELY AVAILABLE

This week our ThinkNinja app (already available through some NHS trusts), has been made universally and freely available to children and young people (aged between 10 and 18) for the duration of the crisis. The app has been developed using evidence based cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) concepts and skills, navigated and explained by a digital avatar called 'WiseNinja'.

A new coronavirus section of the app offers focused support on virus-specific issues young people may be experiencing, directing them to existing content to help manage and understand their feelings.



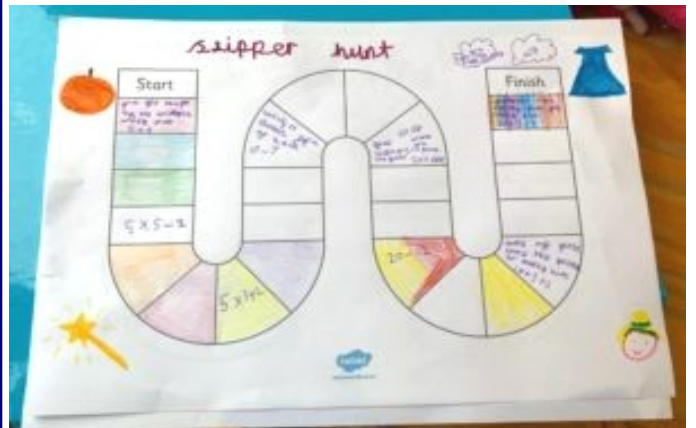
thinkNinja

Helping young people in a crisis

1. Fears relating to the virus
2. Isolation struggles - how to stay connected to family & friends
3. Worries about personal health and health of family members
4. Mental strength
5. Coping techniques to use during the crisis
6. Plus many other helpful tips



Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play



Emotional Support

The support group BEAM are offering telephone consultations. If you would like to speak to someone, please send an email to AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk and one of their trained Wellbeing Practitioners will contact you to discuss what help you need and look at the best time to call you.

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