

The Pinner Park Poet



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Happy Birthday Internet!

Tomorrow is the anniversary of a world-changing event. On April 30, 1993, computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee released the source code for the world's first web browser and editor.

Originally called Mesh, the browser that he dubbed WorldWideWeb became the first royalty-free, easy-to-use means of browsing the emerging information network that developed into the internet as we know it today.



Berners-Lee's invention had revolutionised information-sharing and, in doing so, has dramatically altered the way that human beings communicate. The internet's rise has been the greatest expansion in information access in human history, and has facilitated a spread of knowledge, ideas and social movements that was unthinkable previously.

Never has the Internet been more important to schools, children and families than now. Isn't it amazing that we can stay connected, keep learning, and be entertained with the support of this amazing invention?

We hope, of course, that we will be able to communicate in a less 'remote' fashion soon. But we must follow the Government's guidance and rules to keep everyone safe at this time.

So...in the meantime, it's a remote 'High Five' from me, and a shout of 'Happy Birthday' to the World Wide Web!

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher

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This Week's Challenge – My Best Work Gallery – Deadline Tomorrow!

This week we want you to share some of your learning with us, and we'll share it with everyone else in an online gallery!

You may have some 'animal' work, linked to our weekly learning project, or some majestic maths, a perfect poem, some remarkable writing, or amazing art. Send in a picture of your wonderful work to share@pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk

You can put your first name and your year group on your work, but no surnames please. We will place the pictures on our school website, so please can parents send the image to us so that we know we have your permission to do so.



The deadline for the photos to be sent by email is: 6pm, Thursday 30 April

Benefit-Related Free School Meals - UPDATE



Please accept our apologies for the delay in getting the vouchers to you.

We now have everyone's supermarket choices and we have placed the order. I received an email from the supplier and they have said that the emails and texts should be sent out this afternoon or this evening.

If any family has difficulty in accessing the voucher, please let us know. We can email it to you from our school email, or we can print it for you if you would prefer.

Today's voucher will cover a three-week period: last week, this week and next week. The voucher will be for £45 per child.

We have had a few enquiries from parents whose children may be eligible for a benefit-related free school meal.

To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals, and hence whether the school would receive additional funding, please fill in the details requested on the [Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#). If you would prefer, we can check eligibility on your behalf. Please ask our school office team if you would like us to run the check for you.

A Certificate of Eligibility is available through [the website](#) for any child eligible for a free school meal that is attending a school in England. The Certificate of Eligibility should be shared with school.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who usually have a free school meal will only receive a voucher if they qualify through the benefits-related eligibility, which can be checked [here](#).

Home Learning – Week 4 Learning Project – ‘Animals’



We're so pleased that everyone is making such a good effort with the home learning.

We know that it is not easy to teach children at home – many members of our staff team are discovering this too!

The weekly projects have a good range of activities which can be used flexibly during the week – working around your working pattern, availability of tech devices, your child's learning style and so on. Please don't become anxious or stressed about this – simply do your best!

Our latest 'Learning Projects' (Week 4) are now [available online](#). The theme for this week is 'Animals'.

[White Rose Maths](#) and [BBC Bitesize](#) have a new set of daily lessons for this week. Many parents are finding these really useful. If your child is in Year 1 or Reception, they can now take part in [daily phonics sessions](#) too.

Instrumental Lessons with Harrow Music Service

If your child learns an instrument at school with a teacher from the Harrow Music Service, then we have an update for you.

Harrow Music Service has set up some remote 'lessons' using an online learning platform called 'Charanga Yumu'. We cannot replicate a live lesson, given that the children learn in groups, but it is hoped that the weekly progressive lessons follow as closely as possible to their normal small-group lesson, for children to follow at home.



Starting today, the Pinner Park office team will be making contact with the parents of all our instrumental students to give the individual log in details for the learning platform. We will also send out some general information by School Ping and/or email.

We hope you enjoy your lessons!

Pinner Park Online



We now have 26 videos on our channel, 6,900 views and 100 subscribers.

You can see our videos here:

<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/pinner-park-online>

Don't miss another video! [Subscribe to our YouTube channel here](#).

Alternatives to Online Learning

We are conscious that not everyone has access to the internet, computing devices or printers at home. If you would prefer to use paper resources, we can recommend the following resources. Sadly, you will have to order and pay for these – but they may be a ‘life saver’ to some families!



Power Maths Home Edition

Power Maths is a mathematics scheme which closely follows the White Rose Maths approach. The publisher has produced some special home editions for use during lockdown. There are 40 lessons in each book, so this will be plenty for 8 weeks' worth of maths. This could be used as an alternative to the White Rose Online maths, or as a supplement. You can order the books here:

<https://resources.whiterosemaths.com/product-category/power-maths/parent-school-order/>

CGP Books

CGP books are written in a student-friendly style and closely match the curriculum. There is a wide range of books, so make sure you look at the books which are appropriate for your child's year group. We would suggest you use some of the practice books – we wouldn't want children to be sitting and doing tests!

You can order the books here: <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/studying-from-home-during-coronavirus>.

Daily Phonics Lessons for Reception and Year 1

From this week, a daily phonics lesson for children in Reception and Year 1 is available by clicking on [Letters and Sounds for home and school](#). These lessons are funded and approved by the department for education. All lessons are introduced by celebrities, including children's TV presenters, which adds an exciting addition to the lessons.

There are three sets of daily lessons to choose from and we suggest your child starts with one set of lessons most suitable to their year group. If you're not sure which lessons your child should watch or your child finds the lessons too difficult, then please contact your child's teachers by sending an email to the year group email address.

New phonics lessons will be uploaded every day, Monday to Friday, at the times below. After upload, each lesson will then be available to watch at any time during the summer term. They are YouTube based so can be watched on any device.

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| 10.00am | Reception | For children who can confidently blend and read words such as 'fish' 'chat' and 'rain'. |
| 10:30am | Year 1 | For children who can confidently blend and read words such as 'stamp' 'chair' and 'green'. |
| 11.00am | Learning to blend | For children in Reception and Year 1 who need extra practice sounding and reading words such as 'tap' 'cap' 'mat' 'pat'. |

After watching each lesson, we encourage you to read aloud to your child and, if your child has reading books from school, listen to your child read. More information about phonics and how to help your child can be found in the [video guide](#) as well as on the [phonics page of our school website](#).

Support for Parents

Free advice and support for families is available from Harrow's Children's Centres. Take a look at these flyers – further information here: <https://www.facebook.com/harrowcc>

1:1 Appointment only advice sessions available

Do you need some support, advice and guidance?

We can offer some top tips for:

Challenging behaviour
Toilet learning
Routines
Weaning
Sleep routines
Sibling rivalry
Home schooling

And many more

FREE SUPPORT ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Appointments will be done either by Zoom video or a telephone call

When?

20 minute time slots available every

Monday: 1 – 3pm

Wednesday: 9.30 – 11.30am

NEW DAY ADDED - Thursday: 9.30 – 11am

How to book a time slot?

Send an inbox Facebook message with your full name, contact number and e-mail address, a practitioner will be in touch to book you in.



FREE - Oral Health support and advice on the phone



Top tips on when to start brushing

Top tips on when how to start brushing

Top tips on how to encourage brushing



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To arrange a telephone appointment send a Facebook inbox message including the following info -

Oral health advice – your name, the age of your child & your contact number

