

# The Broad Oak Post



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## Phase 3

Hello everyone!

We hope that you enjoyed the first edition of The Broad Oak Post! We hope that you had chance to switch off your screens a little over half-term and took some time to do the things you love.

Since we returned after the Whit holiday we have been busy welcoming more children back into school whilst keeping in touch with all of you working from home. We have really enjoyed receiving your photos and updates to show us what you've been doing at home. It helps us all feel connected so please keep it up.

This week we have another exciting competition for you. It's a new game of 'Guess Who'. Each member of the team has chosen to hide behind an object you might identify them from? Don't forget to email us with your guesses and we will publish the answers in the next newsletter! We also have another 'Invention Corner' challenge for you to have a go at.

We hope you are taking care remembering, 'Stay Home, Stay Safe and Save Lives'.

## Phase 3 Team

### Did you know you can email your teacher?



As you can imagine they are incredibly busy setting work, coming into school to support the children of the critical workers as well as home schooling their own children, but they do want to hear from you. If you haven't emailed your teacher, they would love to hear from you, even if it is just a 'hello, everything is going well'. Just email [broadoak@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:broadoak@sthelens.org.uk) and make sure you include your name and class so that your teacher will get it! Teachers will email back once per week.

### Contact with families



It's been lovely getting the chance to speak to you and your families over the last 2 weeks. We will continue checking in. Should you need to contact staff, please call us on

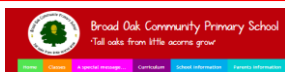
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## Keeping Active

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Try your football skills</b>  How many kick ups can you do without dropping the ball?	<b>Let's have a dance party</b>  Freeze dance- Everyone to have a good boogie and when your DJ stops the music, you all freeze.	<b>Balloon volleyball</b>  Tie a piece of string from a chair to another chair, on the other side of the room. Use a balloon as the ball; try kicking it over the net for a change.	<b>Book worm workout</b>  Pick a book that has a word that is often repeated, eg: 'hat.' Every time, your adult reads the word out loud, then you have to do 5 'jumping jacks.'	<b>Crab Carry</b>  Get in a crab position of palms and feet on the floor with your tummy in the air. See how long you can hold your position and if you can balance a cushion on your tummy.

## Learning at home

### Daily Tasks



So daily tasks have started again – we hope you have been logging in to check what's there each day. Remember your teachers would love to see how you are getting on.

### Other Activities

The Oaks Academy will continue to provide lessons for the wider curriculum aimed at your year group so if you fancy something different take a look. Or try one of the links below.

### National Geographic Kids

NatGeo has joined forces with Persil to help you connect with the environment whilst you are cocooned safely at home. <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/home-is-good/> Although you might be stuck at home there's no reason why you can't bring the outdoors in.

Find activities, games, quizzes, ideas to help you connect with nature and plenty more. They are even posting a daily challenge to keep you entertained so check back or bookmark the page on your internet browser. There's even plenty of exciting competitions to help you win some amazingly cool stuff to have at home.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/play-and-win/competitions/>



### Making Local History

Throughout May we celebrate Community History Month, celebrating how our local community has been shaped by the past. It might strange to think, but in years to come people will look back in history to find out just what St Helens was like during the Covid 19 Lockdown. So why not get involved in making history yourself ...

- Create a journal telling people all about your Lockdown - <https://www.mylockdowndiary.com/>
- Take part in #MyHomeIsMyMuseum and create your own home gallery exhibit to reflect your home in Lockdown. <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/my-home-my-museum>
- Make a short film using iMovie to tell people what life in Lockdown is like
- Find an old shoebox or cardboard box and make your own Lockdown time capsule filled with things that will help you to remember what life in Lockdown was like, adding things like rainbows, newspaper articles, and other mementoes.

### Invention Corner

So time for another innovation – we've loved to see your creative ideas for our last invention challenge. Take a look ...

Can you invent a special pair of gloves that have a clever use or hold a special ability that you would not have without them. Maybe you could think of who will wear them – a nurse, a doctor, a postman?

Draw or write about your invention and email your entries to [broadoak@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:broadoak@sthelens.org.uk) with your name and class. Competition winners will be shared in our next edition.



# What's happening soon ...

## Start of Eid-ul-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr, also called "The Festival of Breaking the Fast" is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide. It celebrates the end of the month long dawn to sunset fasting of Ramadan! Muslims usually celebrate by starting the day with prayers and then having a big meal with family and friends! Eid al-Fitr is also a time in which Muslims focus upon charity work. Often, Muslims will either make a donation to a charity or will volunteer their services to help those in need.

Here are some ideas of how you could celebrate Eid al-Fitr: design a feast for your family and friends; cook a meal (with help from your grownups); bake a cake/sweet treats (this is a very popular activity for Muslims to do to celebrate Eid al-Fitr); sort through your clothes/toys and see if there is anything that you could donate to charity!

If you'd like to find out more, watch the following clip: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z434wmn>

## Shavuot

Shavuot is a Jewish holiday which celebrates the day when God gave the Torah (holy book) to Moses at Mount Sinai. The Torah is very important to the Jewish religion as it includes the Ten Commandments – ten rules which teach Jews how to be good people that God would be proud of.

Usually, Jewish parents take this opportunity to talk about important values such as telling the truth, sharing and treating others with respect. Bright, colourful paper crafts are usually made to decorate houses during Shavuot – a perfect chance for families to spend time together. Jewish people normally eat cheesecake and blintzes (similar to pancakes) during Shavuot, yum!

Here are some ways that you could celebrate Shavuot: make paper crafts such as paper chains/paper flowers to decorate your house, bake a delicious cheesecake to share with your family!

To find out more, watch the following clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEcwkaIjpmk>

## Butterfly Awareness Day

Created to promote the importance of butterfly gardening and habitat creation/restoration.

To help celebrate butterfly awareness day: create a butterfly catcher/feeder, create an informative poster about butterflies and their importance, learn the word 'butterfly' in many different languages, study a butterfly's life cycle, research the habitats of different butterflies or, plant a butterfly garden. Please use the links provided to aid you with some of these activities.

[https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-04/WWF\\_Butterfly\\_Feeder\\_Activity\\_Sheet.pdf](https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-04/WWF_Butterfly_Feeder_Activity_Sheet.pdf)  
<https://www.scienceforkidsclub.com/butterfly-facts.html>

## D-Day

D-Day (or the first Normandy landings) were the landing operations of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II in 1944. The efforts and sacrifices made by the thousands of servicemen and women during D-Day will never be forgotten.

To find out more about events and life leading up to D-Day follow this link [BBC School Radio](#)

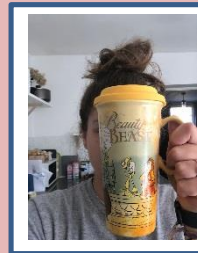
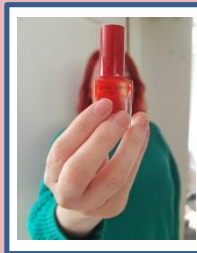
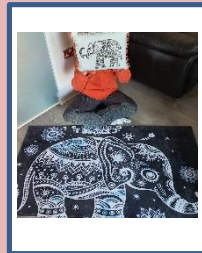
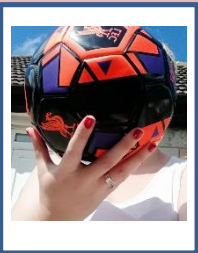
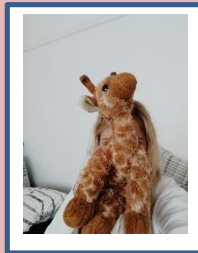
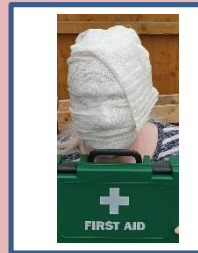
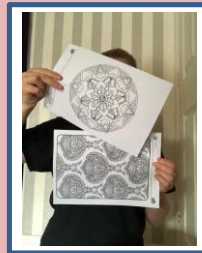
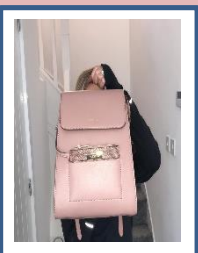
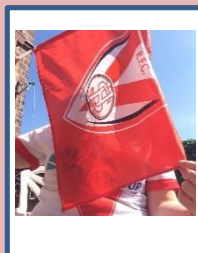
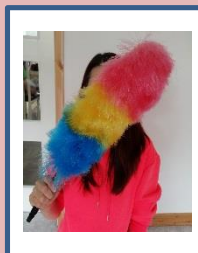
Board games were all the rage during the war! Games that are still played today – such as Monopoly and Scrabble – first hit the market at this time. So why not dust off the old board games and have a family games afternoon?

## Prefer something a little calmer ...

If you enjoy arts and crafts, why not make use of your toilet rolls. The world is full of amazing creatures and you could recreate your own natural world by making; lions, tigers and even penguins by decorating toilet rolls and using whatever you have at home.



## Guess the staff competition



Miss Brown, Mrs Keyte, Miss Mason, Mrs Hull, Miss Green, Ms Stenson, Mrs, Severs Miss Southern, Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Morris, Miss Lamb, Ms Horan, Miss McClean, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Bayliss, Miss Jones and Mrs Tabassum

**Send your answers to the school email or make a scrapbook of answers, the person with the most right will get a mention in the next newsletter.**

## Learning new skills

Well done to Freddie Cole and Jack Cole who have been learning new cooking skills in Lockdown. Look at their delicious pizzas and chocolate cake – yum!



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## Can you guess who is who?

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## The Hug

Eoin McLaughlin



Recommended Read

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PnnFrPaRgY>

**If you want to be in the next newsletter, send us what you have been doing or make a scrapbook like these children.**