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The official newsletter of Kingston Heath Primary School



What does learning look like at KHPS?

By Sherri Lake and Karen Roberts

Kingston Heath Primary School is learning from home in response to COVID-19. Learning looks different and is impressive! New teaching techniques are in use and learning at KHPS is more personalised, self-paced and empowering for our students (and our adult learners). Our teachers and students have been collaborating in many new ways and quickly adapting to a virtual landscape, one where creativity, innovation and technological skill come to the fore.

At KHPS we have used a plethora of platforms and apps to deliver ongoing learning and engagement opportunities. Daily/weekly plans are being published in the Google Classroom, and students are given 'voice and choice' as to when the learning is undertaken. Learning tasks are submitted online and feedback can be immediate through Google Survey, Padlet or on-line polls.

Students and teachers at KHPS are maintaining their class communities by meeting daily in 'the classroom'. They are also collaborating with friends and colleagues to clarify and build upon ideas and to develop new ones. All staff have been making contact with families to provide support and assistance where we can.

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Our learning community are developing essential skills to reflect and work together using the inquiry approach. We have witnessed tremendous growth in our students' abilities to think and manage independently their own learning. In fact, everyone in our entire community is living our **PYP Attitudes** at this time: **Appreciation ~ Commitment ~ Confidence ~ Cooperation ~ Creativity ~ Curiosity ~ Empathy ~ Enthusiasm ~ Independence ~ Integrity ~ Respect ~ Tolerance**. Which attitude are you witnessing most in your classroom and at home?

If you haven't already done so, head to our KINGSTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTHORISED FACEBOOK PAGE to Like, Comment and/or Share something positive about our great school!

PEOPLE POWER: MISS BIRBECK

*by Zack S & Riley B -
our School captains*

1. What have you been doing at the school during this time?

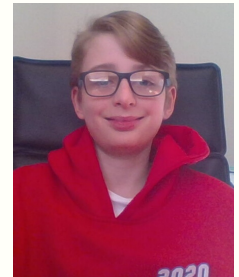
I have been supervising students who are unable to learn from home, meeting with a tradesman to replace/fix/check things around the school, signing for deliveries, planning, assessing and teaching PE and Health, having meetings - like a normal school day, with a couple of things different.

2. What is it like teaching P.E online?

I'm enjoying coming up with new and interesting ways to keep you all active and still having the opportunity to be creative with the Health tasks I assign you.

3. How do you think 2020 will change your approach to teaching?

I think I will continue to find new and interesting ways to teach the physical side of things. Plus incorporate Health lessons in the PE time, as physical and mental well-being work together with each other and both are important.



NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletter STILL needs a name! Have you any ideas? A newsletter name should reflect the purpose of the newsletter (to share news of our monthly happenings at Kingston Heath Primary School). It should also reveal something unique or

special about our great school! What makes our school stand out from the rest? Brainstorm with your family and your friends. Get in quick! Enter your ideas by using our Google Form, <https://forms.gle/yioE6vXrS8i7GWAH8>.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Foundation: Passion Projects

Students will be choosing a topic and sharing their knowledge with the class. What do you really love? What are you really good at?

Years 1 & 2:

On Line: 'Share Party' to launch our new Sharing the Planet' unit for Monday 18th May.

Years 3 & 4:

Over the next week or so, students will be completing their Maths Mapping Learning Task.

Years 5 & 6:

Students will be demonstrating their skills and talents through photos and videos.

School Council Update

By Paul Khazaal

I hope that all families are doing well and staying safe during this different and difficult period of all our lives. At 6pm on Wed April 29th, 2020 the KHPS School Council held our school council meeting via Cisco Webex Video Conferencing. Whilst it was different for all involved, we were comfortable in each other's presence, we stuck to our agenda, and as usual discussed a number of relevant, important topics.

One agenda item was the election of Office Bearers. I am proud to introduce myself as **KHPS 2020 School Council President**. I would like to welcome and introduce School Council parent members – **Fanoula Ferro, Peter Hulbert, Fiona Keele, Aaron Greenman** and **Sara Malaeb**, and DET members **Sherri Lake, Karen Roberts** and **Justin Starling**. We have a diverse group representing our school community, all placing the best interests of our school first, we make an amazing team.

I would like to send a big thank you to **Elfie Abdalmanan** and **Maria Batras** for their considerable contribution to School Council over the past two years.

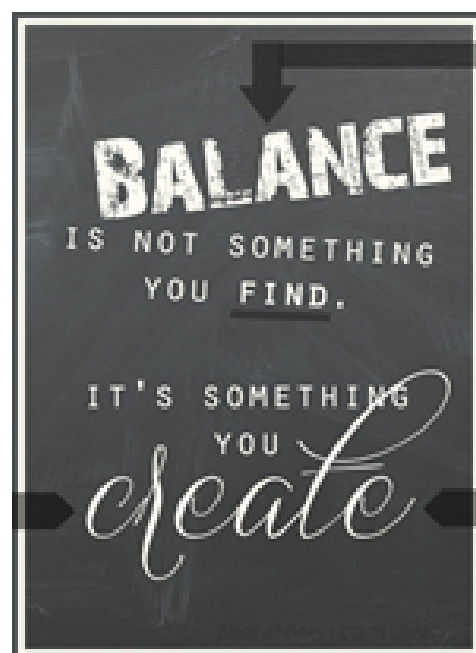
Being Balanced: Learning online from home

For the past 4 weeks, Kingston Heath has been Learning Online from home. Many of us have found the transition to be confusing at times but also very enjoyable. It has been a challenge not having a teacher explain tasks and skills to us immediately and face to face but it has been very helpful being able to send them an email straight away when we need to ask a question. We're sure everyone has valued spending more time with family and some of us doing new things together such as, walks, riding bikes, playing games, etc.

Some fun things we have been doing online are meeting our class for a GoogleMeet, learning new soccer skills and thinking about how we take care of ourselves, drawing silhouettes and a view from our window and learning about the Italian flag.

We're sure everyone is looking forward to seeing all their friends again and just getting back into the normal school lifestyle.

*by Claire L & Ruby V
- our Green House Captains*



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