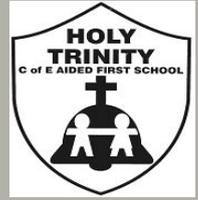


# HTFS NEWS

*'inquisitive thinkers, challenge seekers, kind hearts'*



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## COVID-19 Update - Staff Lateral Flow Testing

Next week staff at school have been offered the option of home testing for C19 using Lateral Flow Devices. Testing gives an almost immediate result and is hoped will help to pick up more asymptomatic cases in our community. The knock on effect however, is that we may need to close bubbles with little notice and our families need to be prepared to self-isolate. Please be safe at all times, the rates in our area are the highest they have ever been and many schools have been impacted.

## Home Learning Snapshot

We continue to be amazed at the support you are giving to your children. Well done and keep it going, it makes a big difference!

**Nursery** - have been investigating sticks.

**Class 1** - have been learning about nocturnal animals.

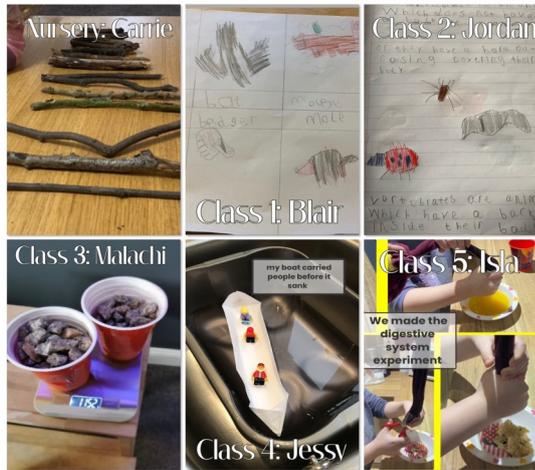
**Class 2** - compared vertebrates and invertebrates.

**Class 3**—investigated paper strength.

**Class 4**—investigated buoyancy.

**Class 5**—investigated the digestive system.

**What super scientists you all are!**



## Diary Dates

### Friday 12th Feb

Holy Trinity celebrates Valentine's Day.

### Friday 12th Feb

Half-term holiday starts.

### School re-opens on Monday 22nd February

## Numbers of Children in School

We are concerned about the growing numbers of children in school who are requesting places in our key worker provision. To put it in context we had around 9% of the school population in our key worker group in the first lockdown, this time we have 30%. The new variant of C19 has greatly increased the risk in schools owing to increased transmissibility and the fact that children are more susceptible. Current cases in the town are also the highest they have ever been this week. Although we do understand that more places of work are open during this lockdown the DfE advice to schools is that, **'every child who can be safely educated at home should be,'** and **'schools should only open for children who absolutely need to attend.'**

## Additional Home-Learning Support

We hope that you have now settled into a good routine with your home learning and are receiving the help that you need. If you would like to request a contact or phone call to help you in any way, please let the school know and we will ensure that we respond to every request.

## Kind Heart

We would like to thank a member of our community for the kind donation of a laptop to support one of our children to access home learning more fully. The laptop given to school was cleared and reset for a new user. We have managed to find a new home for the gift and it has been put to immediate use.



## This week's award winners:

### Class 1

Class Award - Max for some lovely work on Nocturnal Animals.

### Class 2

Class Award - Oscar for his enthusiasm towards learning concepts at home.

### Class 3

Class Award - Amelia for amazing work recognising and adding equal groups in Maths.

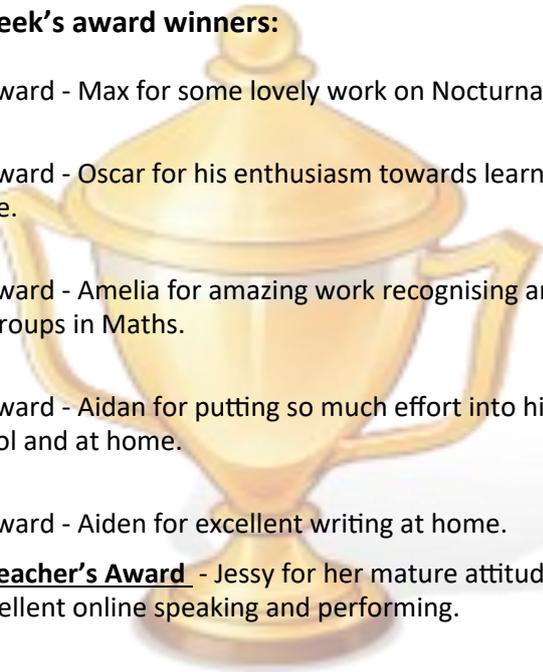
### Class 4

Class Award - Aidan for putting so much effort into his work both in school and at home.

### Class 5

Class Award - Aiden for excellent writing at home.

**Head Teacher's Award** - Jessy for her mature attitude to work and her excellent online speaking and performing.



## Going the Extra Mile

Well done to Jake in Class 4 who, with the help of his dad, took Mrs Peck's idea about creating a bird feeder a little bit further! We were very impressed and hope it encourages lots of wildlife to his garden.



## Picture News

The topic next week - What makes a good leader?

