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Welcome to the May edition of our Magor Messenger.

Home Learning Expectations Reminder

We will continue to set our home learning tasks as we have been after half term (reminder below). We will keep you fully updated with any changes to this provision. We enjoy hearing from you or your children so please continue to encourage your child to contact their class teacher weekly during term time. As mentioned in our last Messenger, if we do not hear from you, we may telephone you, just to check you are able to access the online platform or to see if there is anything we can help with.

Reminder:

- Every Wednesday, a new set of tasks and supporting materials will be emailed to your children via their Hwb account.
- This is in addition to the suggested daily schedule also issued previously, which included a wealth of links to various, educational and wellbeing related websites.
- Nursery parents will continue to receive their home learning tasks every Wednesday via their own email.
- Remember, **there will be no new tasks set over the half term holiday** but we hope you have many ideas already should you need them.

Magor School Twitter

We feel so proud of the incredible home learning activities going on during this time and we will continue to share as many as we can on our Twitter feed @magorciwprimary. Please also use #MagorSchoolHomeLearning online to share your child's home learning yourselves! We will retweet when we spot it!

School Reports

Teaching staff are compiling children's reports to reflect the learning that had taken place before the school closed. You will receive a condensed version of our usual end of school report containing Class Teacher Comments and some key information regarding your child's learning and progress in Mathematics (KS2)/Mathematical Development (FP), English (KS2) / Language, Literacy and Communication (FP). We will also provide useful targets for each of these areas which you may find helpful when completing some of the home learning activities set each week.

Your Wellbeing is Important to Us

Please find outlined below important guidance to support you and your children while our school is closed. There is something for all of us to take away from the guidance at this time as we consider our own wellbeing. The guidance is from the recent **Welsh Government publication 'Stay Safe, Stay Learning'**, the link for this publication was sent in a previous email.

The COVID-19 virus has meant that we have all had to make changes to the way we live our lives. The most important thing for your children is to make sure that they are able to Stay Safe and Stay Learning.

Stay safe - As parents or carers there are some important things you can do to help. The most important thing is to help everyone in your household to stay safe and look after the health and well-being of all those you live with. Follow the [latest guidance on the Welsh Government website](#).

Secondly, you can support your children to stay learning. It is important to remember that you are not on your own. Schools and teachers are already providing you with help to support your children's learning and they will continue to do so. As a parent/carer you are not being asked to take



on the role of teacher or to deliver the school day in your own home.

Stay learning - Schools will remain your first point of contact when it comes to your children's continued learning. Please remember that your children are learning all the time and being in school is just part of that. There may be days when you are working and when you have other people to care for. There may be days when you or your children are tired, someone is ill or when it just isn't possible to help your children with their learning. This is fine and your school will still be there to support and help you.

Simple steps to follow

During these difficult times it is important to try to keep some structure and routine to your days. Try following these simple steps:

- **Finding family routines** - These can help provide security and support well-being. There are no rules for this – do what works for you and your family but they will include things like getting up, getting dressed, mealtimes, etc.
 - **Connecting with others** - Keeping our social connections with others is one of the most important things we can do to help our well-being at this time. Enjoy the time you spend supporting your children's learning – we learn best when we are relaxed and having fun.
 - **Being active** - Physical activity and movement is not just good for keeping fit, it also helps with how we are feeling. It is important that your children are physically active throughout the day – they move around a lot during a school day. Try to get outside daily in accordance with the [latest guidance](#) from the Welsh Government. Learning happens outdoors as well as indoors and being in the fresh air can make us feel better.
 - **Keep learning** - Learning something new or getting better at something can give us a sense of purpose and achievement.
 - **Taking notice** - Noticing what is happening here and now helps stop us worrying about things which are out of our control.
- Decide how best to make distance learning work for you and your children – not every day needs to be the same.
 - Look for times when you can learn together – your children will be used to learning with others.
 - Allow your children to be independent – let them do things on their own sometimes.
 - Real learning takes time – do not feel that you have to get everything done.

Thanks once again to everyone for your support as we continue to adapt and learn in different ways. At some point, school will return to normal but for the moment, most importantly, we want our school community to remain safe and keep in touch.

As our usual school news is limited during these times, we felt now was a perfect opportunity to share a message from our staff to the most important members of our school community – our amazing pupils! Please look out for these messages on our Twitter feed too!



