

THE NEWSLETTER FOR  
CARTERHATCH JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS

# THE HATCH

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FROM HELEN  
HEADTEACHER,  
EDITOR

Hello everyone

Well done for continuing with your home learning. I hope you manage to find time to go outside, exercise and enjoy the sunshine. It's lovely weather isn't it?

We all still miss you but hope this second edition of The Hatch lights up your day.

## EDITION 1 - YOUR VIEWS

Kayra from Year 5 said "I like all of the questions that are being asked and it's a poem that you can think about (think about the answers to the questions!)"

Kiara from Year 6 said "Wow! I really love the new newsletter. It is very informative. I enjoyed the crosswords and shared some of the jokes with my family and they laughed. It was really funny on the 'Did you know' section that said most people cannot lick their own elbow. My family and friends tried this and it was impossible. Thank you!"

Sienna from Year 6 said "When I logged in to SeeSaw the first thing I saw was a piece of work written by my friend, Kiara. I noticed it was about the new pupil newsletter. I love it. I like that it had a wordsearch and the 'Did you know ...' facts.

I hope you have enjoyed reading The Hatch. If you have any suggestions for the next issue, let your teachers know through SeeSaw.

## LIFE ON LOCKDOWN - Arion, Year 4 teacher

This is certainly a strange time for all of us, isn't it? That isn't any different for adults so I thought I would share my experience on lockdown. You might find that some of our experiences and emotions are actually quite similar.

I miss seeing all the adults and children at school. School is such a major feature of our day that without it, life is very different indeed.

The school is open for some children and the adults are on a rota. When I drive into the carpark, it's practically empty and you can feel the emptiness of the building. It's in contrast to the normally busy atmosphere of adults and children walking down the corridor and the echo of footsteps pacing through the building. Nevertheless, it's been great seeing some familiar faces of the children and adults that have been in school.

When I'm not in school, I'm at home like everyone else. As I'm sure everyone is experiencing, it can sometimes be quite difficult but I've tried to achieve some normality and routine in my day. Admittedly, that doesn't always happen.

Do you remember "HE-MAN DAD!" from the World Book Day assembly we had with Justin Coe? If you do, you'll know that I have a son. His nursery has also closed which means he's at home too. It's important that I keep him busy and entertained but that isn't always easy.

We wake up quite early (toddlers don't tend to want to stay in bed once they're awake) and we workout together (or at least he tries to copy me). Then we'll make and have breakfast together.

That's something I'm grateful for as he usually eats his breakfast at nursery. We've actually been cooking together quite often as an activity to keep him busy. Today, we made a carrot cake.

I've found that my mood is much better when the sun is shining and it helps to get through the day. We've thankfully had some warm, sunny days that have meant we've been able to spend time outdoors. My son's been helping me with gardening and we'll play and read in the garden as long as it's warm enough.

Teachers are continuing to set and monitor home learning via SeeSaw, MyMaths and other sites. I miss my class and this isn't the same as being in the classroom with them. However, it's a small way we can maintain some form of connection and it's great to see them engaging with the activities that have been set.

I've had a range of thoughts and emotions during this period. I'm grateful that my family and I are healthy but sometimes I feel frustrated by how limited we are by the lockdown. That being said, we have to remember that it's for our safety and the safety of others. I also feel anxious not knowing when or how the lockdown will be relaxed. Although, have you considered how lucky we are to live during a time where we have so many ways of staying in contact with each other?

I'm taking less for granted too. I'm thinking of all the activities I want to try and places I would like to visit once it's safe. I'll also definitely have more appreciation for simple things like going to meet my friends and family or going to the park.

Everyone experiencing the lockdown will have different emotions and it's important to remember that those feelings are all valid.

I hope everyone is well and managing to stay safe. Hopefully we'll be back in school soon!

## LET'S GET CRAFTY WITH PUI AND DEB

What craft have you been doing in your spare time? Knitting, sewing, baking, origami, designing with lego, drawing, collage, junk modelling – the list is endless ...

Well, Deb decided to start crocheting (making things with a hook and yarn). First, she made a rainbow with pompoms (more on these later) to hang in my window, but she wanted to make something useful. North Middlesex Hospital have asked people to make Face Mask Extenders. These small items will hopefully help our NHS heroes from getting sore ears as they have to wear masks for a long time, so now both Sui and Deb are busy crocheting and sewing on buttons.



Pompom Rainbow



Face Mask Extenders










We would love to see anything you have been making - let your teachers know via 

## QUICK QUIZ

1. Which two primary colours can be mixed to make purple?
2. What is the adjective that describes a triangle with two sides of equal length and another of a different length?
3. Who is the author of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'?
4. What is the official language of Brazil?

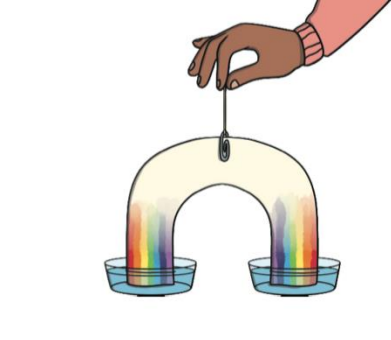
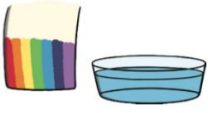
### How to make a mini pompom

	Materials: Fork, wool/string and scissors
	Note: You can use the same method on your fingers to make large pompoms.
	Cut a length wool (about 15cm) and slide between the prongs on your fork.
	Begin to wind the wool around the fork until you have a thick amount in the middle – cut the end.
	Tie the two ends of wool tightly in the middle of the bundle (this is tricky – you might need help). Slide the wool from the fork.
	Cut the folded wool edge.
	Fluff out to make a pompom. You may need to give it a little trim into shape.

## SCIENCE - HOW DO I GROW A RAINBOW?


Did you know that you can grow your own rainbow?

In this experiment, you are going to use kitchen roll. The fibres in kitchen roll have lots of little holes. Water is **absorbed** through the kitchen roll because when the first water molecule **adheres** to it and begins to move upward, it pulls the next water molecule up with it, like a chain.

	<p><b>You will need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchen roll/paper towel</li> <li>Scissors</li> <li>Felt-tip pens</li> <li>Two small bowls of water</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper clip</li> <li>Thread</li> </ul> 
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### What to do:

1. Cut the kitchen roll into the shape of a rainbow.
2. At each end, use the felt-tip pens to colour a rainbow about 2cm up from the bottom. Remember the order of the colours: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.
3. Attach the paperclip to the top of the rainbow and tie a piece of thread to it. This will allow you to hold your rainbow (optional).
4. Add water to the two bowls.
5. Hold the rainbow with both ends slightly submerged into each bowl of water and watch your rainbow grow.

Why not create a video and/or take pictures of your creation explaining what is happening and why and upload to 

**For the next edition, save some used egg shells and wash them and 4 empty plastic bottles.**

## Funny Ha Ha!

Q: When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?

A: Because when you find it, you stop looking!

Q: How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

A: You rocket!



## CALMA EXERCISE

### TENSION/RELAXATION

Imagine you are holding something precious and you don't want to let go. Clench your hands as tight as you can and then relax them.

Repeat this exercise five times then close your eyes and say to yourself:

" Breathing in, I can notice a tension. Breathing out, I am relaxed."



## RECIPE - FRUIT ICE LOLLIES

This is a very simple idea and doesn't require a recipe.

Peel and mash any whole fruit (especially any that's starting to look sad in the fruit bowl), add a splash of water if it's very thick, then spoon into ice lolly moulds, insert a stick and freeze until solid. If you don't have ice lolly moulds you can use empty fromage frais pots with a spoon or chopstick as the stick.



## E-SAFETY

The internet is a great resource to support your learning and even for entertainment. During this time, when we are all using the internet more than ever, please remember to stay safe online and to follow the same e-Safety rules we follow at school.

[kiddle.co](https://www.kiddle.co) is a visual search engine that is designed for children. It's safer when searching online and will provide appropriate search results.

Never share any passwords or sign-in details, such as your personalised SeeSaw QR or text code, with anyone else. You should only post or share appropriate information online and never your personal details or information that could allow strangers to identify you. You wouldn't talk to strangers in real life so you shouldn't talk to strangers online either. If you're talking to a stranger online, they may not be who they say they are.

Make sure your adults are aware of the sites you visit so they can protect you from inappropriate content; they can also add parental controls. Finally, if you do see anything inappropriate online, or receive messages that make you feel uncomfortable or upset, turn off your device and tell an adult immediately.

### Did you know?

The minimum age for using Snapchat, TikTok (with approval from a parent or guardian) and Instagram is 13 and for WhatsApp it's 16.

Some websites and apps request use of your camera or microphone. Always turn off your camera and microphone unless you are being supervised by an adult or if they have given you permission to turn them on.



“Co-operation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there.”

Virginia Burden



“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.”  
Michael Jordan



“Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean.”  
Ryunosuke Satoro

## DID YOU KNOW ...

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

The smallest bones in the human body are found in the ear.

## ART – DRAW WITH ROB

[Draw with Rob](#) is a website with step by step art hints and tips. If you would like to share any of your artwork, please upload it onto Seesaw

## VE DAY (Victory in Europe)

On Friday 8 May, as we cannot celebrate together the nation will remember the 75th anniversary of VE Day from home and will pay tribute to the entire Second World War generation. As we face some of the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, now more than ever it is important to unite as a nation.

With members of the public unable to attend VE Day 75 events, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activity, including:

- A live [VE Day 75 livestream](#) at 11.15am
- A [UK-wide singalong](#) to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm
- A [VE Day learning pack](#) for children aged 7-14 years
- An evening of memories and music in partnership with the BBC from 8pm on BBC One

At 11am, on 8 May The Royal British Legion is asking us all to take part in a Two Minute Silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation and reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world.

## POSTCARDS HOME



Pupils were selected from each class to spend the day working with specialist Art teacher, Emily Gopaul, to redesign the school's postcards. Inspired by the work of Keith Haring (1958-1990), they had an excellent day using collage materials and watercolour paints to create their artwork. Here are a few of the winning designs. We congratulate all the pupils for their imaginative work and enthusiasm throughout the day!



## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ...

Claire H for the  
rainbow experiment  
article

Arion for E-Safety tips  
and the 'Life on  
Lockdown' article

Sophie for the  
postcard article

Deb and Pui for the craft  
article

Sabina for the Calma  
article

Marian for the VE Day  
article

Sharon for the jokes,  
recipe and 'Did You  
Know ...'

## QUICK QUIZ ANSWERS FROM EDITION 1

The capital city of Sweden is Stockholm - Helen's been there!

The abbreviation www stands for World Wide Web.

The goal of the Artemis program is to land the first woman and the next man on the Moon, at the lunar south pole by 2024. NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration) sees Artemis as the next step towards the long-term goal of having a base camp on the Moon, and eventually sending humans to Mars!

The seven oceans of the world are:

- North Pacific Ocean
- South Pacific Ocean
- North Atlantic Ocean
- South Atlantic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Southern Ocean