

Copley Primary School Newsletter

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Our upstairs corridor suddenly became alive with the buzz of colour this week as the science wall décor was finished. And it looks stunning! Before she left, Mrs Oldfield had worked with the **Community Foundation for Calderdale** and the **family of Oliver Smithies** in enhancing the science provision at Copley. The intention of this collaboration is to inspire pupils and generate opportunities to explore the phenomenon of science in the hope that, one day, we may have the next Oliver Smithies walking through our school gates. I would also like to thank **Ottareach** who designed and installed the collage to such a high standard, and **Mrs Oldfield** for all the work she put into this project. (Please see our website and Facebook page for more images.)





Remote Learning

There has been an extra spark to school life this week as on Monday we began Phase 2 of our Remote Learning provision. It was amazing to see lots of smiling faces joining in with the 'live meets'; with our home learners talking to teachers, showing off their super work, asking lots of questions, and laughing together again. There were a few hiccups-*technical not physical* but parents, pupils and teachers worked through them to get the most out of these sessions. Thank you for the feedback, which has been overwhelmingly positive, and we promise to adapt and improve our Remote Learning Offer whilst travelling on this technological track together.



Donations of technology

We realise that all our families are facing different challenges: trying to balance home learning, work commitments, caring for other relatives and close friends, managing a household and dealing with personal situations that life brings up.

One of those challenges may include not having devices for your child to even attempt the education being organised by their class teacher on Google Classrooms. This week we have had various donations of technology from members of our community to help those families who may be facing this struggle.

Thank you to all who have donated- they have been greatly received and will help but I must highlight one very generous donation. *Dr Jan Telensky*, a family friend of *Poppy in Greenpark*, has very generously donated 20 devices for school to loan out to families without any devices while we are in lockdown. If you are struggling without devices at home for your child to access schoolwork, please email admin and we will try our best to help.

Lateral Flow Tests

If all this hasn't kept our staff busy, we are now in our second week of Lateral Flow Testing (LFT). Staff test twice weekly, and this provides an additional safeguarding measure which not only reduces the risk of Covid transmission within schools but very importantly protects the pupils staff work with and also the wider community.

Thank you for your continual support during drop off/pick up times by wearing face coverings and following social distancing guidelines. By working with each other, we can keep everyone safe and hopefully have our school all together again soon.