

# Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

We have come to the end of week 2. As a staff we are committed to ensuring our children continue to learn at Finham Primary School even when the school site is closed. Whilst maintaining engagement in learning is very important, the well-being of families within the Finham community takes priority. We understand that there may be times of illness, additional challenges of home working, caring for the vulnerable and caring for other children within the home, and we recognise that this must be the priority for the community.

We will endeavour to support our learners and their families at this time by providing opportunities that allow them to continue to learn and grow. We only have one week left of this cycle then we will be sending home other activities to keep you busy over Easter.

Teachers will be working their normal hours, some days in school and others at home. They will be reading their year groups Frog page continually but will be unable to give constant feedback. They will also be completing other tasks such as professional learning and subject leader tasks. Please bear with them as they try to adjust to this new way of working.

We want to know how children have found their home learning each week, both academically and to support their wellbeing. On each year groups home page there is a weekly check in form link. Please can you ensure your child completes this form EVERY FRIDAY!

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times

Take care of yourselves, your loved ones and each other

Sarah Bracken

## **ECO SCHOOLS AT HOME CHALLENGES**

Even when we are away from school, we care for our environment and everyone in it.

Why not have a go at some of the At Home Eco School Challenges...

Can you make an air powered car or convince Mrs Schofield that we need something new on our school grounds?

Head on over to the Eco Schools at home area on frog.

Mrs Schofield will continue to add more challenges as you complete them. You might even be able to see her attempts at some of the challenges

## ONLINE SAFETY

While the children are at home we want to keep them safe from online dangers. In February, children were given an up to date internet safety lesson highlighting some of the key dangers and how to protect themselves from them.

There are internet safety related videos in most Year Group online classrooms, in the computing section, for children to watch to keep them reminded of the potential threats and how to respond safely.

The benefit of FROG is it's a secure platform which only children belonging to the school, with current passwords, can access. This stops external threats from being presented to children. For example nobody can pretend to be someone else and communicate with the children as the password and accounts are controlled through the school. Names of children making comments are displayed too, with no option to delete comments. This reduces the risk of cyber bullying as comments can be monitored by teachers and staff to know what is being said and by who.

In each Year group's FROG Home Learning page, there is also a provided message board for children to communicate over. This way they are able to use FROG as a safe place for them to communicate with their peers. It will reduce the need for them to use more open social media sites and a teacher is able to monitor all communication through the school.

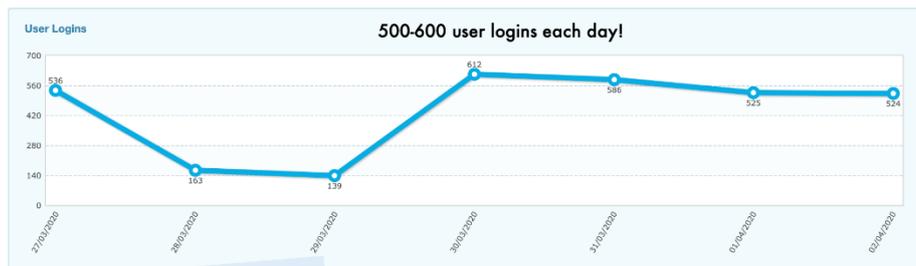
There are also child friendly search engine links on each Year group's FROG page so children do not have to use Google to do internet searches.

There are also suggested links to suitable websites to support some research tasks to reduce the need to look elsewhere for information.

Finally, on FROG there is an option to report behaviour/ events or other issues children are having at home. This provides children with an open communication link to school to allow children to raise concerns to a trusted adult.

### Dashboard

Showing data for **all users** from **the past 7 days**



### Last week's actions - achieved?

- Staff are putting lots of effort and expertise into setting/providing a vast array of tasks, activities and resources
- Staff are using message board/forum/newsfeed visibility to engage users and provide useful or necessary feedback as often possible



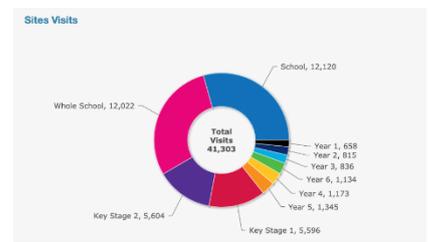
### This week's recommendations

- Maintain parent level of engagement - fantastic commitment by staff and families so far. Finham is providing more content, more quality and more responsiveness than many schools, keep it up everyone!

## FROG Analytics

- Ensure families are aware of the weekly check in form (now in each year group's FROG classroom) and complete it. Feedback from families is essential!

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41,300 visits in the past 7 days!

