



Ormiston Primary School Newsletter



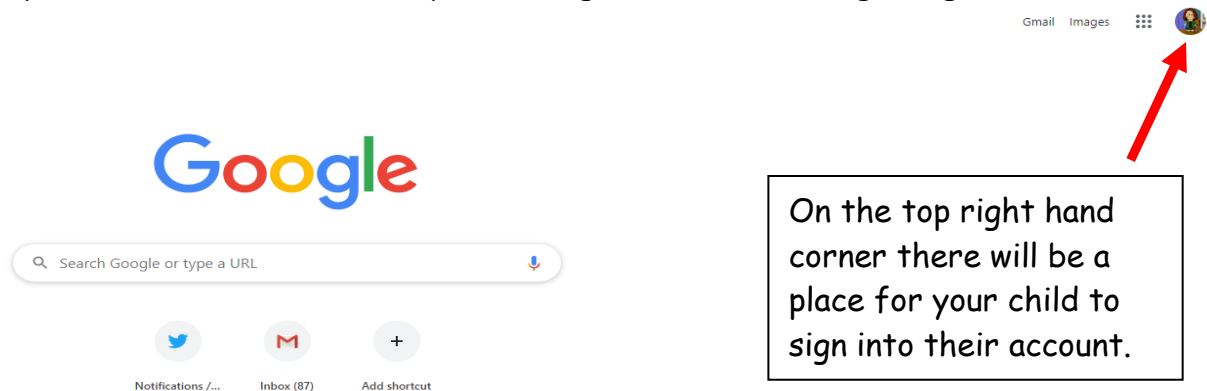
This is an unusual newsletter to write given the current situation however we hope it all makes sense. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any assistance with anything in here.

Our priority this week has been to organise ways we can continue to deliver learning opportunities to your children. We have been focussing on delivering learning in two different ways.

We are offering this to support children but we are aware that circumstances might make it difficult for families at different times and children may not be able to join in the calls. This is fine! We will go ahead with the group of children we have online at the time. You can also join the call midway through.

Google Classroom

Every child in P1 to 7 is now a member of at least one Google Classroom. You can access these on any internet enabled device by searching for the main Google Page.



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Have you been on our Twitter
page recently?



@ormistonprimary
@orminijas

Once they have signed in there is a group of 9 squares. We call this the waffle menu because it is in the shape of a waffle! 😊

If you click on this square you can access everything your child needs whether it be access to Google Classroom or anything else.

There is a main Google Classroom for every class and then there are other ones for maths groups or reading groups your child might be in. Activities will be posted on to individual classroom pages for your child to do. There are four areas at the top of the classroom pages.

STREAM

CLASSWORK

PEOPLE

MARKS

STREAM- This is a list of posts in time order. This includes teacher posts and comments made by people within the classroom.

CLASSWORK- This is where you will find the learning activities posted by the adults.

You can choose to open Notifications on your device so you can see whenever something is posted on to the classrooms your child is a member of. You can choose if that is something that would be useful for you or not. You will be able to set this on the main settings page of your device.

Google Meet

We are going to use Google Meet to do Video Conferencing for direct time with a teacher or member of our support team. Children will have a link within their Google Classroom to access a Google Meet. The same link will be used every time your child needs to access that call.

The adult running the call will let you know the times your child should log on. This will either be in a letter from them, a post in Google Classroom or direct through information by text/email.

We are going to try to carry on group reading activities throughout the school. You will get information about when this will take place for your individual child.

Help!

Much of this is pretty fancy stuff and we'll all be learning as we go. If you need any help setting anything up you can email me at hgardyne@edubuzz.org and I'll do my best to help you out.

We will be attempting to man the text message system so if you need to get in touch another way you can contact us this way too.

We have no knowledge of our capacity to run parts of this should any of us become unwell so we'll let you know if anything is going to be postponed for a period of time and then when it gets up and running again.

Hopefully this all will allow us to keep learning moving forward in a quality way in line with learning the children would have been doing had they been in school.

Fun Stuff!

I am hopefully going to attempt a Friday Assembly over Google Meet. This will be a work in progress and might not get started on the first week but we'll see what can be achieved. We can't miss out on Spring Chicken! If I think this is possible I'll put information on the P1-7 classroom and send an initial text. We'll be looking for some light hearted cheer by the end of each week. I have a magic slot lined up already!

Our Twitter account is a great place to share updates of what your child has been up to and general cheery stuff to bring a much needed smile. You can also upload photos on to Google Classroom to share what your child has done with their teacher should you wish to.

We are all looking forward to seeing you again in school some time in the future but in the meantime may I pass on our best wishes to you and your family in these uncertain times and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind regards,

Helen Gardyne

Headteacher

Please tweet us with news of how your child shows the 7 habits out of school. If you write these hashtags in your tweet it will help us out.

Thank you! Habit 1 #BeProactive Habit 2 #EndInMind

Habit 3 #FirstThingsFirst Habit 4 #WinWin Habit 5

#FirstUnderstand Habit 6 #Synergise Habit 7 #SharpenSaw