# IT'S NOT JUST ADULTS WHO WANT THE NEWS

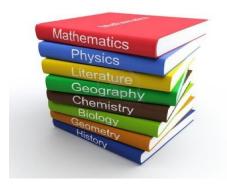


Ashton Keynes Church of England Primary School

# Schools still closed.

### **HELENA CARTER**

It's been 6 weeks since schools closed due to the Corona Virus outbreak, and speaking personally it has been hard to always find the motivation to do the school set for us at home. Why is that? I think it is because there are no teachers in my house and I also have a younger brother who always distracts me, because he is always asking me to play with him and I would rather play than do fractions with my mum. I also feel that I have learnt less than if I were at school because we don't do all the subject we do at school. So when will we ever go back to school? Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has said "I can't give you a date" so there is no end in sight.



Teachers are sending out work for us to do and parents are finding plenty of things to keep us occupied whilst we are at home, and it is all becoming normal, but it is very much not normal. In fact, it is like "turning turtle" in Mary Poppins returns, everything feels upside down. Hopefully it all returns to normal soon, it will be nice to see friends again.

The school closures also effect Teachers and Teaching Assistants (TA) across the country and we have interviewed a TA from a London Primary School. The full interview can be found on page 2.



**Everyone is showing their support for the NHS.** 

# NHS working hard to help us

### **HELENA CARTER**

In these scary times of the COVID-19, where anyone can catch the virus, including those who are helping us. Making sure that the NHS has the right equipment to safely treat patients with COVID-19 is an important job because we need to protect the NHS staff so that they can continue to help others. I spoke to Rebecca Carter a well-placed source within the NHS Supply Chain to find out more.

# Q1. What do you do?

A. I am Director of Supply Chain and Systems in Procurement for Guys and St Thomas 'NHS Foundation Trust and our shared service which includes Lewisham & Greenwich Trust, Dartford and Gravesham, Great Ormond Street and South London and Maudsley. This means I manage everything that is bought and distributed to all wards, theatres, A&E and ITU areas for all of these NHS Trust, and more importantly at the moment all of the PPE that helps protect and keep our staff safe from COVID19 virus

# Q2. How much do you work?

A. Since March 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 due to the Corona virus pandemic, I have been working approximately 11 hours a day 7 days a

week, but I gladly do and I need to work to ensure that all of our clinical teams in ITU, A&E have full PPE to keep them safe for the so that they can do the amazing job that they are doing to care for all of our patients.

# Q3. Are you tired?

A. Honestly no I am not tired I was a few weeks back as it was so busy but today, I feel fine and just want to do all I can to help all of our clinical teams

# Q4. Are you scared?

A. No, I am personally not scared, I understand why people are and all I can do at work is keep giving them all of the full PPE that they need to be safe to do their job.

I also look after ITU, A&E and Theatres which sadly see the worst affected people with COVID 19 each day but when I have to enter into the areas to restock with all the critical supplies, they need to keep treating patients I am careful and also wear full PPE.

# Q5. Have you been around poorly people?

A. Yes on a daily basis and it is very sad.

From this interview it is clear that the NHS are working extremly hard to help us all and those affected by the virus, and we here at BNFLP would like to say thank you so, so much for doing all of these amaizing things.

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### **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

# Schools closed cont.

# Interview with a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) Elizabeth Newman

### **HELENA CARTER**

With Schools around the UK still firmly closed we thought we would find out how some of our teachers are also coping with being away from their students. BNFLP spoke to Elizabeth Newman who is a HLTA at Brindishe Manor Primary School, South-East London.

### Q. How much have you been working?

A. So far, I have worked for 3 days and then I am working next week for 3 days. We are a federation of three schools so we have joined together during the Covid crisis and are only opening one school – so all the children of Key Workers who need to come to school just come to one school instead of having three open. So, the staff come to work on a Rota basis. There have only been about 35 children who have accessed this service so they only need about 3 members of staff in each day.

I am now putting my sewing skills to good use and I am making story sacks (which is basically soft toys of characters from a book) for the children in Reception when the school re-opens so that they can explore the characters in books by playing with them.

# Q. Do you miss the children in your class?

A. I do miss the children in my class – there are some real characters and I miss their cheeky personalities each day. I have seen some of the children in my class whilst on daily exercise – they were very excited to see me!

# Q. Do you keep in touch with them while you are at home?

A. I haven't been in touch with the children in my class, but the class teacher has to make sure that she phones each child once every two weeks in case they have any problems with the school work that we have set for them either online or in packs if their families do not have access to the internet at home.

# Q. What do you miss most about your normal life?

A. The thing I miss most about my normal life is the routine. I think that it is hard to work from home as there are a lot of distractions like the TV and the garden. I miss going to



**Brindishe Manor Primary School** 

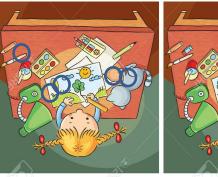
Work and seeing my friends that I work with and going to lunch with them. I also miss seeing the rest of my family in person — although it has been fun zooming from time to time.

Teachers have all been working hard making sure pupils are still getting the lessons they need. They had written emails to their students giving them feedback on the work they have done and advice on any editing needed. It must take up a lot of time marking all of the work and replying to everyone in the class. A big thank you must go out to all of the teachers and TA's for their continued hard work and support that they are providing thousands of children round the country.



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DISNEY AND PIXAR CHARACTERS



### **NATURE**

# The Amazing Binturong

### **HELENA CARTER**

### **Bear Or Cat?**

The Binturong is neither a Bear or a Cat they are their own beast.



Bear or Cat? Neither

# Where is their habitat?

They can be found South East Asia. Living in forrested areas they are active during both day and night.



Locations of Binturong

# What do Binturongs eat?

While Binturongs are not Bears or Cats they are onnivors like Bears and they eat birds, fish, earthworms, insects and fruits.



Binturong enjoying a nice plate of fruit salad at Las Vegas Zoo.

# Slow and Steady Wins the Race

The Binturong tends to move slowly in the trees and on the ground. The heaviness of its body stops it from leaping from tree to tree like monkeys do, and it usually needs to descend to the ground in order to travel through the forest.

The Binturong's strong feet and claws, flexible ankles and tail make it adept at climbing, and thanks to its ability to turn its ankles 180 degrees, the Binturong can also climb down a tree head first.



Binturong using its flexible ankles.

# **Binturong Young**

Binturong normally have between 1 and 3 small cubs about the size of a human fist. They are born blind and deaf and rely on their mother to give them milk.



A Binturong mother and her 2 new babies



# Are Binturong endangered?

They are rated as "Vulenreable" but are near extingshion in China and Vietnam due to being hunted for their fur.



# What is the Binturongs biggest threat?

**Habitat loss:** The loss and destruction of its habitat by logging companies.



Save the Binturongs habitat

# BOREDOM BUSTERS

Why was the teacher cross eyed?

Because she could not control her pupils

What did one toilet say to the other toilet?

You look a little flushed

# Find 5 Differences!





# **DISNEY AND PIXAR CHARACTERS**

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# **COOKERY**

# **Puff Pastry Apple Thingy**

HELENA CARTER

This recipe is a combination of a few recipes. We started out wanting to make a simple apple strudel, but found that we were short of a few key ingredients because of the supermarket shortages. So, we added a few recipes together to make a Puff Pastry Apple Thingy.

To make this delicious treat you will need:

6 small or 4 large apples
2 tsp ground cinnamon
250 g shop bought puff pastry
25 g raisins
75 g butter
100 g golden caster sugar (though any will do)
1 tbsp icing sugar
A teaspoon of care
A pinch of love
And a handful of hope





Step 1

Pre-heat oven to 160°C. Peel and chop the apples in large pieces.

# Step 2

Put the butter, sugar and cinnamon into a pan and heat till all of the butter is melted.





# Step 3

Once the butter is melted add apple pieces and raisins and simmer till the apples soften slightly.



Step 4

Put some plain flour onto a surface and put the puff pastry onto the flour making sure it is well covered. Now roll out the pastry to a large enough shape so it will cover your baking tray.



Step 5

Pour the cooked apples into the centre of the pastry making sure that there is enough left over to make the top. Place in the oven for 20-25 minutes or till the pastry is a golden colour.



Step 6

Top the pastry with icing sugar and serve with some lovely vanilla ice cream and make sure that you get the biggest piece, enjoy.

