



Highfields Academy

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Good morning everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and are enjoying the good weather. This week I have some special challenges for you.

This Sunday would have been the day that the London Marathon took place. As with all sporting events it has been cancelled this year. So this week's challenges are going to be based around the numbers **26** or **2.6**. The idea of the challenge is to raise money for UK charities that normally benefit hugely from the marathon. It is of course up to you (and your parents) whether you wish to donate to the charity (your parents have further details of how to do this). However, whether you choose to donate or not I would love to see you have a go at the challenges.

Below is a list of ideas that you could do. Each day for the rest of this week though I will set you a specific challenge. You could also make up some of your own challenges. I look forward to seeing what you come up with.

Take care,

Mr Dyson

Mr Dyson's daily marathon challenge:

Foundation and Key Stage 1: Number bonds to 26.

1. $20 + \blacksquare = 26$
2. $15 + \blacksquare = 26$
3. $24 + \blacksquare = 26$
4. $6 + \blacksquare = 26$
5. $10 + \blacksquare = 26$
6. $21 + \blacksquare = 26$
7. $4 + \blacksquare = 26$
8. $13 + \blacksquare = 26$
9. $19 + \blacksquare = 26$
10. $26 + \blacksquare = 26$

Key Stage 2:

I would like you to write 10 maths questions that give the answer **26**. Try to use as many different ways as you can (don't just use addition)

Extra harder challenge: Do the same but this time use **2.6**



Join The 2.6 Challenge to help to save the UK's charities

We hope you're well during this unprecedented time. We're inviting you, your family and friends to take part in The 2.6 Challenge from Sunday 26 April to help to save the UK's charities.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on charities, with the cancellation of thousands of events and the loss of billions in fundraising income. In response, the organisers of the biggest mass-participation sports events across the country have come together to create a new campaign to raise vital funds to help to save the UK's charities.

The 2.6 Challenge will launch on Sunday 26 April – what should have been the date of the 40th London Marathon, the world's biggest one-day annual fundraising event.

We're asking you to take part in an activity of your choice based around the numbers 2.6 or 26 and [fundraise](#) or [donate](#) to support Seashell Trust via **Virgin Money Giving**

People of all ages are taking on The 2.6 Challenge with a host of activities – from walking, running or cycling 2.6 miles, juggling for 2.6 minutes, to holding online workouts with 26 friends. The ideas and options are endless!

The only requirement is that you must follow Government guidelines on exercise and social distancing. Most people are taking part from Sunday 26 April but you can do your activity whenever is most convenient for you.

There are just five simple steps to take:

1. Dream up your 2.6 challenge – if you need help there are lots of ideas [here](#)
2. Head to twopointsixchallenge.co.uk to [donate £26](#) – or whatever you can afford – to Seashell Trust or to [set up a fundraising page](#)
3. Ask all your friends and family to sponsor you and challenge them to do their own 2.6 Challenge
4. Complete your challenge
5. Share a photo or video of your challenge on social media with #TwoPointSixChallenge

For further information on The 2.6 Challenge, including a list of partners and supporters, and for more ideas about what your activity could be, visit twopointsixchallenge.co.uk or seashelltrust.org.uk

We hope you'll join the nation in The 2.6 Challenge to support Seashell Trust and help to save the UK's charities.

Best wishes

Seashell Trust and The 2.6 Challenge Team

Other ideas for challenges:

There are 26 letters in the alphabet – try & come up with a sportsperson/musician/scientist/country/ city etc for each letter

Throw a ball between members of your family, without dropping it, 26 times

See if you can stay silent & only communicate with your hands or other non verbal signals for 26 minutes

Cycle/walk 2.6 miles/kilometres every day until 26th April

Read 26 books by 26th April (or 26 pages for younger readers)

Learn the 26 letters of the alphabet in sign language and sign your name. Can you sign the alphabet in 26 seconds?

Learn 26 words in a foreign language.

