



Highfields Academy

Together we inspire, always aiming higher

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Good morning everyone,

There is not a great deal new to report to you today.

The main thing that we are trying to sort is access to the meal vouchers for those entitled to free school meals. When schools first closed we took the decision to buy co-op vouchers and distribute those via post. Since then the government have put a scheme in place in partnership with Edenred to enable families who are entitled to FSM to access an e-voucher that can be used in a variety of shops. Due to the high demand nationwide this is having some teething troubles but we are on the case and hopefully this will be sorted soon; please bear with us.

Daily challenges for pupils:

As you know, since closure I have been setting a daily challenge for pupils to have a go at. It has been lovely to see so many engage with this. I have received an email today that has some great ideas for challenges for pupils (and families!), I've included this below as well as in the letter to your children.

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 whether you wish to donate to the charity (details below if you would like to) but I thought your children would like to have a go at some of the challenges anyway (or they can make their own up).

I hope the home learning is going well. As always, please remember to keep this in perspective and not to let it cause additional stress.

Simon Dyson
Principal





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

