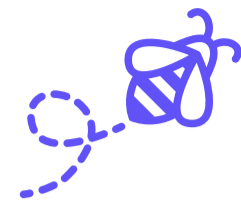


Parents Covid-19 Updates

Middlesbrough
moving forward



#BeTheChange

#MiddlesbroughChildrenMatter

What is this for?

This newsletter has been created by our Participation Team and gives you some tips, tricks and handy information you might find interesting!

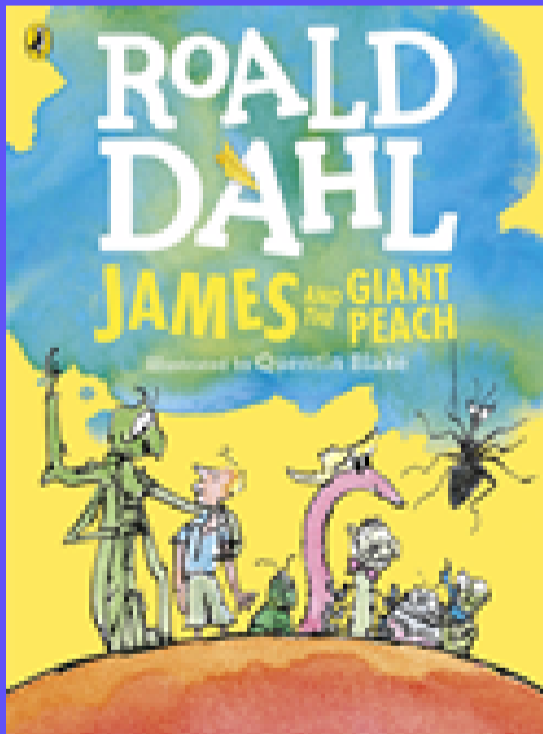
A Word from Sue Butcher- Director of Children's Care:

Hello everyone, I am the Executive Director of Children's Care for Middlesbrough Council.

I am quite new to Middlesbrough, but we are all proud of how the community is keeping themselves and others safe by staying home.

I have seen lots of lovely pictures on Twitter and up in windows as I am driving home – so keep them coming! I am working with other professionals to keep Children, Young People and Families safe. But I am also working with the Voice and Influence team to provide regular updates, fun activities and opportunities for you all throughout this time. I would like to thank you all again for the effort you are putting in homeschooling your children and keeping them occupied. You're doing a great job!

Our Roald Dahl Themed Challenges- Week 3!!



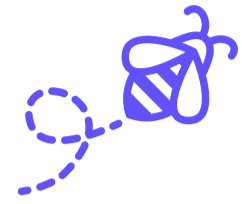
Children have been challenged to write a diary entry describing their dreams. Did they meet someone famous? Dream of their friends? Or maybe they travelled somewhere magical. They are then asked to roll up their piece of paper and pop it in a jar for the BFG and if they want to make something extra special, then they can have a go at decorating their special 'Dream Jar'. Once the children have finished the challenge, email it to bororeads@literacytrust.org.uk with their age, or they can post photos on the Middlesbrough Reads Facebook. Please see this link: <https://www.facebook.com/100405511615262/posts/129971395325340/?d=n> for more information on the competition and to see what other children have come up with!

Home Schooling Tips:

It can be pretty difficult to home school children with the current Covid-19 outbreak, so on the next page, are a couple of tips you may find useful!

Parents Covid-19 Updates

Middlesbrough
moving forward



#BeTheChange

#MiddlesbroughChildrenMatter

Tuck shop idea:

Kids eating you out of house and home? Create a 'tuck shop' and price items you have in the house e.g. water (free), fruit (30p), and crisps (50p). Give your child a budget for the day (could be fake money, or real!) and have them "pay you" for items in the house. This aids young people's maths and budgeting skills whilst saving you money on food! – Tip: price unhealthy food more expensively to discourage unhealthy eating!



Blackboard idea:

Create a blackboard for children in your home with a timetable to add more structure to you and your child's life. If you don't have a blackboard then stick a paper timetable up in a communal area like a kitchen or living room so children know what they are up to each day.



Useful links to resources:

[More free resources from ASDAN](#)

You can also visit: [Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership home schooling resources and useful information](#) Visit [@MAP_Mbro](#) on Twitter for more info!

Our Middlesbrough Children Matter YouTube Channel!

Subscribe to us on YouTube here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBVhl_vxZCn9yW_4Zol9hog For videos from Children's Services staff about how we can support and help you and your child(ren).



Online Sli.do Questionnaire

Got any questions you would like to ask? Visit this link: <https://app.sli.do/event/nhukn8pv> to complete our short survey. Or if this doesn't work visit [Sli.do.com](https://www.sli.do) and enter #C134. Click on the left tab on your phone to ask any questions you may have!