



BACKCHAT

SPECIAL EDITION

**Featuring
the work of
Year 6
during GHL**



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If you are interested in joining the team come and see us at the clubs fair in September or come to the Ideas Room on Friday lunchtimes when we're all back at school!!



Hello everyone! We are here once more to present a special issue of Year 6 work compiled during Guided Home Learning. We think this was a great opportunity to join together both Junior and Senior school and strengthen the school community during these difficult times. It will also help to bridge the gap between the Junior and Senior school for the Year 6, which even in "normal" times seems truly daunting. The issue contains poetry, collages and longer writing pieces which explore the thoughts and feelings of the students during the lockdown period, with many raw emotions coming through. We want this issue to encourage you, the readers, to pick up a pen and get writing during these strange times. Also to inspire hope for when we will all be back in school again. Enjoy the summer break and we'll see you in September!

Lockdown

Lockdown was a new thing that we had not experienced ever, it changed the way we think and feel. For some it was scary, it was fun, it was challenging, it was boring. All these feelings bottled up inside each and every one of us. It wasn't a nice feeling, we had to escape somewhere quiet. Lockdown has lots of things to give, here are some things that were happening in my life...

Even though I was stuck at home, this time gave me happy things to do as well as sad. Firstly, I got to spend more time with my parents and siblings, this brought us closer together with lots of fun activities that we didn't have time to do before lockdown. Some of these fun activities were: going in the pool, playing games, baking, riding our bikes and many more. I loved going in the pool with my family even though the water was freezing. We played games like 'the water's lava' and many more. I also love going on my bike, my sister learned how to ride hers and I learned how to re-ride mine as I hadn't ridden in over two years!

During lockdown, we had lots of time with our parents but not much time with our grandparents, this was very challenging. With our parents we had more time to help and support each other when we were sad or angry, this gave us the support to keep going. When we visited our grandparents, it was great fun. We had tea and cake and did lots of chatting it was great! This was all great, but lockdown

did have some negatives as well, one of the hardest things was that we didn't get to see our family as much as we normally would, this was really hard because we didn't get very long with them.

To start with, homeschooling was fun but after time it got really difficult to concentrate, because of this I was so happy when I got back at school. Over the two and a half months, I really missed seeing my friends at school. We could not go and see them, so the only way of communicating is through FaceTime.

During lockdown, I learnt lots of things about myself, it's great to have breaks but I like to keep going, so I get a bad headache at the end, this made me feel tired and sluggish. I also get bored easily so I'm even more grateful to be back at school. Some of the challenging things of lockdown for me are: not being able to visit people and getting bored with nothing to do. In lockdown I have missed many things, but the most important thing for me was not having the freedom to go anywhere I want. This was really hard because I am used to being driven to lots of places and touching everything I want to.

I am really grateful to be back at school, I never realized how much it meant to me, I love having routines to structure my day, so when I didn't have this I didn't know what to do with myself. Being back at school is so much better than being back at home, I get to see my friends and I get more help with my work. Lockdown was hard for everybody, but this has made us stronger, better and more respectful people.

Like seeing friends at school,
Going to my favorite restaurant
And having sleepovers and parties
There have been sad times
Happy times and even family times
During this pandemic
It was fun at first but now it's gone blue

Isolating from friends and family
School cancelled, now online
But there can be positive sides to this
virus

Chatting with friends online,
Getting to know family better
And going on wonderful evening and
morning
Walks with family.

I do miss a lot of things though

Hopefully this will all be over soon
And we can finally go
back to normal

Lockdown

You have changed our emotions and actions,
Some may have loved you, some may not.
School has now been canceled, so we have lessons online.
Yes, we do miss playtime, the giggles and our friends,
We also miss our family, the celebrations, the dancing and
especially singing loud.

Our environment has changed from sad to good
Quiet roads, quiet cafes, never expected it to be this way,
We all can get through this together,
We will all stay positive and will carry on,
We are all grateful for everyone out there, risking their
lives.

As we remember this day when we were in lock down
2020.



Quarantine, what does it mean?
Is it the majority stuck at home?
Bored to death on the computer
non-stop typing down your schoolwork.
Having to browse the internet for stuff to do
lonely for weeks on end never ending.
Face-timing your friends every five minutes.
But what does it truly mean?

People beyond our front doors suffering, families falling apart, a tiger being tested positive with Covid-19, humans different and alike on their deathbed. Brothers and sisters not allowed to hug, not able to fight; parents not allowed to hold their babies, touch their tiny hands. Doctors seeing children on the verge of death whilst men and women slowly slip away. Mum or Dad getting a horrifying text from another parent..... Mia has passed..... friends losing friends.

The reality of fighting with your sister whilst another little girl loses her sister. A final farewell over the phone not being able to hold their hand, give a reassuring hug or smile or even look.

But... after a battle when someone finally wins the war, then a smile can reach a struggling persons face. Halves becoming wholes. Mothers and fathers finding their way home. Brothers and sisters holding hands. Children in their parents' warm, safe embrace. Doctors shedding a tear of happiness, replacing the sad ones. Differences pushed aside for the better of humanity.

Maybe that's what it means - fighting, surviving, coming together, sometimes losing, tearing up but helping anyone possible. Being Human. It's what we all are.

The Corona

The Corona has come, we are locked up at home,

We are pushed apart, now all on own.

Our plans have been canceled and trips are gone,

When is this virus moving on?

School has been abandoned, now it's home school,

Online classes are now the new cool.

The friends we have are missed very much,

but we know we will always be in touch.

We will be brave until it is gone at last,

Because we know Covid will soon pass.

We will be proud of how we have kept safe,

Washing our hands and not touching our face!

Covid-19 you've ruined so much

All that's left is staying in touch

Nothing left in the shop

People panicking nonstop

It's getting so hard

With thousands dying

Sometimes I feel like crying

We can't see our friends

We can't see our family

But we will stand strong

This fight won't be long

Staying at home isn't fun

All we can do is go on a run

No more trips

And no more plans

So, you can forget about the sand

Online school

Is getting dull

How I wish

This didn't exist

It's like having a bad dream,

I sometimes want to scream

Pollution going down

The only thing that isn't a frown

Dear Diary,

Lockdown is tough. Schools shutting down. Lives in danger. Staying 2 meters apart. When will it stop? That's a question that I will not yet know.... This virus is getting out of hand! Shops having long queues angry customers taking all the needed supplies to help you survive and keep clean during this terrible time.

People in isolating in their homes scared afraid to go in public. Even I am scared to be interacting with other people during this time. This virus has made people more aware of their surroundings. I never knew how lucky we were when the virus wasn't a thing.

People could easily go to the shops without having to wait in a long queue. But now people must because of the virus. Food getting more expensive in shops due to the shortage of food supplies.

It's been a real struggle lately with schools shutting down and me not being able to see my friends. I have been sad and scared lately. I always think to myself... When will it stop? Will it never stop?

All those thoughts spinning around my head making me feel trapped. This virus has really affected my family. Since the virus spreads quickly I can't see any of my close relatives anymore. We can't travel to different countries and cities. No one can.

Since I can't get out of the house, I have spent more time with my mum, in the past when schools weren't shutting down, I didn't get to see my mum that often because of school homework and school trips. But now I can spend a lot more time with my mum.

I have learnt that during lockdown makes you appreciate how much your parents do for you. Cook, clean. I never realized how much they do for you when you're at school.

Till next time diary....

Pandemic-

Like ink on paper, you slowly spread, devouring the white void, You come on the news all the time, oh when will you notice, That taking people You have done so much to our lives, How will we bear with all the damage that you have done to the globe? Go on Covid, take your medal, you deserve a prize.

A prize for taking people up and away, in their sleep while they are in their robe, How could you be so heartless that you separate people from each other? The world is getting furious with you, but I suppose you do some good, You let the Earth breathe, but people still cannot see their mother.

Covid, you have taken people's lives, but you have made us grateful, and that you should.

The day lockdown introduced itself...

Lockdown
Oh lockdown
My hp heard and went
on shutdown!
I couldn't go to school
I missed my class!
Whilst at home,
I dropped a glass!!
Wasn't me!
I jumped around
Protecting myself
But I got stung by a bee!

Lockdown
oh lockdown!
I baked some cakes
With lots of icing
I had a few
Then my tummy
ached
Lockdown
oh lockdown
I realized my room
I cleaned up a bit
Then called for a Pepsi!
Lockdown
Oh lockdown
When will you end?

2020

Because of Covid-19 which has caused us all to go into lock-down
some say we should forget the year completely
Because of this crisis and all the other alarming events that have
taken
place this year.

But many may argue that this has bought us together as a team.
No-matter the colour of our skin, our sexuality or our origins, we
must remember that we all have one thing in common, we are
human and that we should never give up faith in humanity.

We must stand together and battle this virus!
I will always remember the time we have spent in lockdown

Looking for seashells at the beach

On rainy days we stay inside

Cooking with family

Keeping the NHS safe

Don't disobey the rules

Obey the rules and keep safe

Whilst coronavirus is still here let's give the NHS a big loud cheer

Now these days are going let's keep our happiness flowing

Looking out at the empty streets

On some sunny days some people go to the beach

Coronavirus will soon be over and then you can have another sleepover

Keep safe to help others stay safe

Days inside can get very long and boring

Only by obeying the rules can you help the NHS

With your family you can have some fun

New days can soon arrive so in the meantime have the best time

Covid-19 is separating us from our loved

On most news stations, reporters are warning us about this life-threatening disease

Remembering to stay 2 meters apart can be hard

Over time, we hope it all goes as we miss our friends and family

NHS staff are working as hard as they can to defeat this illness

All was up and running until this virus came

Vaccines are being tested to beat this illness

Isolation is no fun at all when you're staying indoors

Rainbows are put up in windows to remind us to stay at home

Understanding/obeying the government rules will help us overcome the pandemic

Stay home, protect the NHS, save lives



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CHRISTMAS!



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