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# "WHAT'S UP AT BPS"





Recently we have all been stuck inside, unable to see our friends. But even though they could not see us, the teachers kept on giving us work. Next Monday (25th of May) we will be going back to school so as our time at home draws to an end, we would like to thank the teachers and other staff for all the extra work they've put in. So, to thank them, we have asked some students about what they'd like to say to their teachers!

"The teachers are doing very well organizing everything and letting us see each other without spreading Covid-19. So, thank you Teachers!" – Luca P 5/6C

"My Teachers are kind and calm especially when times are tough!" - Annika S 4B

"They are still giving us good quality work that we enjoy." - Spencer L 5/6M

"The teachers of BPS are doing a great job! They are helping us to learn at school and at home, with easy ways to get work." – Megan D 5/6P

"They're still giving us work!" (4) - Ethan P 5/6C

As you can see lots of people really appreciate what the teachers are doing for us, so THANK YOU TEACHERS!!!!!

Thank you to all the people who gave us those quotes, you have helped to thank a very deserving team of teachers.

Joshua R

## The Channel Tunnel

The Channel Tunnel (which is another name for the Eurotunnel) is a large tunnel that stretches underneath the English Channel, allowing you to travel from London to France, by train!

This marvellous train actually runs, not in the water, but under it! There are two ways to go through the Eurotunnel, by driving your car onto the train or walking straight into the passenger area.

The tunnel was built so that people could get from London, to Paris. People started digging it in 1987. The French dug from their side and the English dug from theirs. In 1990 the French and the English met in the middle. Then finally in 1991 it was finished and three years later, in 1994, it was opened!

The tunnel is a whopping 50.45 Kilometres long, making it the longest underwater tunnel and the longest tunnel going from one country, to another. Its huge length means that you would spend 22 minutes in the tunnel itself.

When you walk inside the passenger compartment There are four seats opposite each other and in between there's a table so you can sit with your family. There are also 2 seats opposite each other which means you don't have to sit with your annoying sibling.

Amelia R





#### Riddle

Riddle: The rungs of a 10-foot ladder attached to a ship are 1 foot apart. If the water is rising at the rate of one foot an hour, how long will it take until the water covers over the ladder?

## **Book Report**

## The Hidden Oracle Trials of Apollo

Apollo has been transformed from the Greek God of the sun, to a teenager with acne. Apollo starts off his day by falling from the sky, into a New York dumpster. After he'd finished his dumpster diving, a few teenagers decided to beat him up, but he is then saved by a young girl, named Meg McCaffery. Meg and Apollo are now magically bound together. Meg bosses Apollo around as they attempt to find Percy Jackson so he can escort them to Camp Half-Blood. Once they get to Camp they quickly figure out that it's in poor condition with demigods being kidnapped, they desperately need help.

Apollo and Meg enter the woods looking for the demigods, then Meg does something nobody could predict. Want to find out what happens next? Then buy this book!

By Matthew A

## My Hobby...

My hobby is recording, editing and uploading videos to the platform: YouTube! I do it with my friends, specifically Joshua R, Spencer L and Matthew A. Here are the links to our channels if you want to check them out!

EwPlum08 (My Channel) -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtH5P HLngxXiRoqohav6gg

avi (Josh R) –

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV9AGZVKcVyPFMv 7VrQnT

CyanCabbage5121 (Spencer L) -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHE75SA4H0FB-JDParpPcPQ

Mattdino1 (Matthew A) -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC5prQHXvA-gUmgrwsZAALA

Ethan P

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Riddle Answer: It will never cover the ladder because as the water rises, so will the floating ship.

#### Interview with Mr Parkinson

Just as we have done with many other teachers in the past, we have recently got the precious chance to interview 5/6 teacher: Mr Parkinson. Let's see what he has for us this week.

Since we have all been in quarantine we have plenty of free time, but we wondered what Mr Parkinson was doing in his. Mr Parkinson tells us that he enjoys reading books, cooking for friends, and spending time with his family. He also likes walking his dog on the beach, doing morning bootcamps, and some soccer in the winter. Have to keep active!

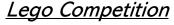
We all really want to know what our teacher's favourite subject is, don't we? It turns out, Mr Parkinson doesn't have one! He says he enjoys the challenge of teaching many different subjects.

Mr Parkinson works as a teacher at BPS (obviously) so naturally, we want to know what his favourite part of BPS is. He tells us how he loves the students' delightful manners and sense of humour. He also says "I love how green and bushy Berowra is, and the staff are great to work with too."

Doing work online has been different and at times challenging for us students but imagine what it is like teaching and preparing the work. Mr Parkinson tells us that "it has been hard to prepare work, monitor students, mark and provide feedback, and have face to face time with students at school". But he told us that he is very impressed with the productivity of the students and that it is making the experience much easier. He, along with a lot of other teachers, cannot wait to be back at school with all the students next week, and thinks that there are a lot of positive lessons both teachers and students can learn from this experience

Just because we were curious, we asked Mr Parkinson what his birth stone was. Apparently, he has no idea what his birthstone is, but says he's sure he would like it...

Charlie M



Over the last few weeks, the remarkable Mr Griffin has been organising some Lego challenges for stage 3, choosing a few winners for each one who will receive a vet-to-be-decided prize.



Anyone in stage 3 is welcome to submit the week's challenge to an assignment set in your class Google Classroom. It is a very fun and creative idea and is really making quarantine that tiny bit more fun. We and the rest of stage 3 thank Mr Griffin for all his time and effort.

Charlie M



There have already been two competitions, and another is due today, (make a house, make a bridge, and make a marble maze) and more challenges are yet to come!

