



Round up: Issue 06

Secondary

Welcome to our school newsletter where this week's theme is **'What games are we playing!'** Also in this edition, as it is the **75th Anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' (VE) Day on 08 May**, we are having a look at the types of games children were playing all those years ago. We hope you will enjoy this then and now view of games!

Do keep sharing everything that you have been doing and, next week, we will look forward to hearing How are we keeping in touch with each other? (remember the 'stay safe' e-safety rules). You can email contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please ask your parent/carer to share with us any pictures (attach the picture as a jpeg to your email) and a few words on what you've been up to during the current times and we'll do our best to put them in the next edition. You can email your contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk but please do so by 5pm each Tuesday. Any pictures sent over will only be used in the newsletter but photos are stored for two years and then deleted.

It is wonderful to see how many of you have been having a great time creating activities to play either online or around the house. Also, it's fantastic to see how many games have included exercising!

Philippa plays Draw Classic

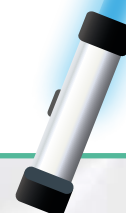
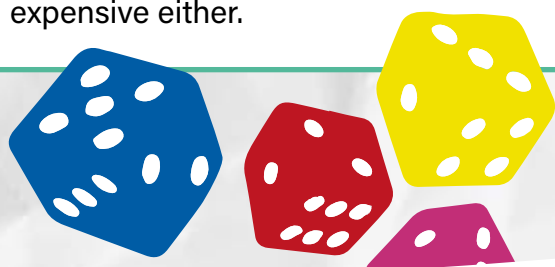
with her grandmother who is living alone in London. It makes her grandmother feel much more involved and helps with her loneliness.

Becca and her family sometimes play a game called Perudo which is a lot of fun. It's really hard to explain but so easy once you get it. It's worth looking into it online and it is not too expensive either.

Lewis plays Shot in the Dark with his family – he says it is fun and informative but he always loses when playing with his family!

Bryony has been play Fibbage with her mum and dad. You have to pick the right answer to a given question and make up a lie for other people to pick from. It is fun because we can play it with other people who don't live in the same house.

Callum's favourite board game is Star Wars Monopoly which he plays with his family. Here's a short summary of the game: Players move around the board with their favourite ship and embark on a quest to build their own galaxy.



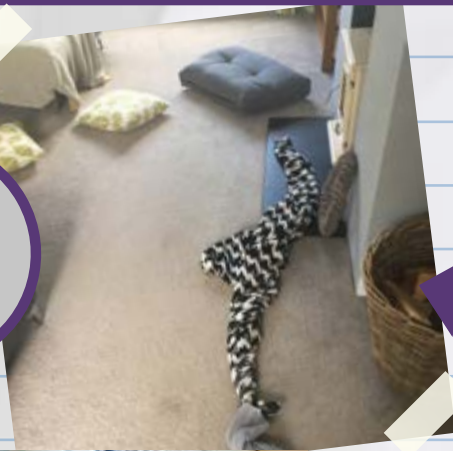
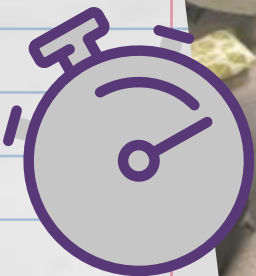
Circuit training



Lily from Abbeyfield has been keeping herself fit by creating her own 'circuit training' plan using kitchen equipment and tin cans for weights!



Also **Charlotte from Abbeyfield** has very kindly written a Circuit Training Plan for us all to use!



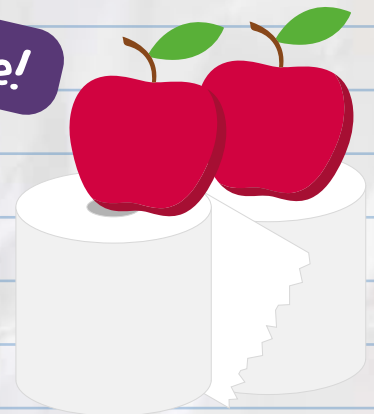
Can you guess what game this is?
Students have attempted to create a circuit using household items!



Challenge!

Balance on something at home.

Here is Thomas, from Abbeyfield School, balancing on apples and (precious!) toilet rolls.



75th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' (VE) Day

VE Day marks the day that World War II ended in Europe. On a public holiday, 08 May 1945, 1 million people celebrated in the streets of cities, towns and villages in the UK. Crowds gathered in London to see Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, and King George VI make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.



WWII games

When war in Europe came to an end millions of people up and down the country greeted the news with singing and dancing in the streets. Children were very inventive during the war as they didn't have very much. Many toy factories were making guns, plane parts or other war equipment, so there was a shortage of new toys. Children swapped old toys at 'toy-exchanges.' Many wartime toys were made of paper or card, because rubber, plastics, wood and metal were needed for the war. Lots of toys had a war theme. There were toy planes, toy tanks and toy battleships to float in the bath, there were books such as the 'ABC of Airplane Spotting', card games with pictures of soldiers and sailors, and a darts game with a picture of Hitler as the bull's-eye to throw at.

Here are some of the most popular games of the day!



Hopscotch

Hopscotch is a popular playground game in which players toss a small object into numbered triangles or a pattern of rectangles outlined on the ground and then hop or jump through the spaces and retrieve the object. Games can include many activities including brain teasers, quizzes and crosswords. Find out how to play hopscotch here - www.wikihow.com

Skittles

Now popularised by modern 'bowling', skittles originally consisted of wooden balls being thrown to knock down as many skittles as possible and it remains a popular game to this day in communities across Wiltshire and beyond. You can make skittles out of household objects. You could use rolled-up socks as the ball, and empty bottles or toilet roll tubes as the skittles - remember to recycle them afterwards! If you're feeling really in the VE Day mood, you can even paint your homemade skittles red, white and blue!



VE Day celebration challenge

To celebrate VE Day, using things from around your house and garden, can you make a really, really big version of the Union Jack?

Some students had a go and used clothes from their wardrobe (don't forget to put them all away afterwards though!)

We would love to see your photos when you are finished.



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Got It!

Got It is an adding game for two players. You can play with a friend over zoom or if you want to play on the computer here is the link nrich.maths.org/1272

Start with the Got It target **23**.

The first player chooses a whole number from **1** to **4**.

Players take turns to add a whole number from **1** to **4** to the running total.

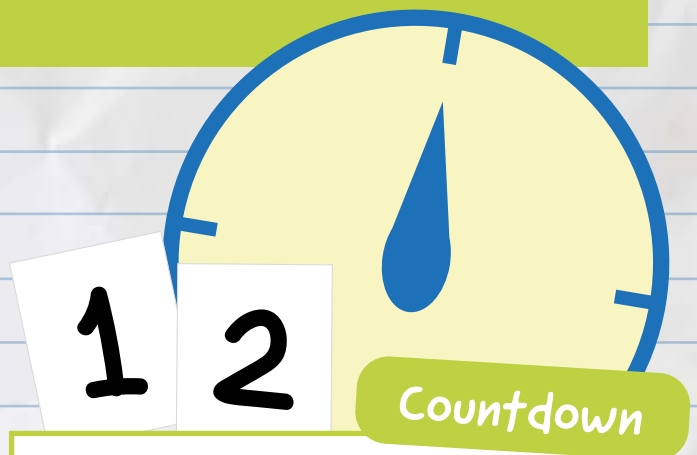
The player who hits the target of **23** wins the game.

Play the game several times.

Can you find a winning strategy?

Can you always win?

Does your strategy depend on whether or not you go first?



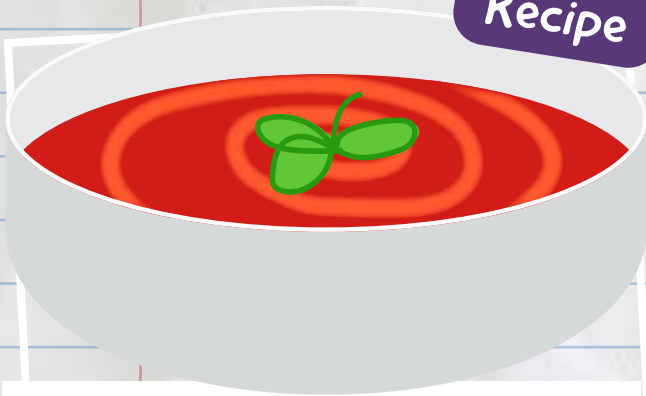
Use this link, nrich.maths.org/6499, to play a version of the classic Countdown Game.

The challenge is to use the numbers available and the four standard operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to hit the target.

Each card can only be used once but it may not be necessary to use all the cards. Good Luck!

Additional maths challenge: Draw a triangle that has three right angles!

Recipe



Here is an activity where you can be creative, cook and test your braincells.

Here is a recipe for tomato soup. Can you change the amounts needed of each ingredient for different numbers of people?

To make tomato soup for 4 people:

6 tomatoes

1 potato

1 onion

2 tablespoons of olive oil

2 pints of vegetable stock

1 carrot

4 pieces of bread

a) What is the recipe for 8 people?

b) What is the recipe for 6 people?

Game jokes

Q. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A. A stick!

Q. What is a ghost's favourite position in soccer?

A. Ghoul keeper!

Q: Why can't Cinderella play football?

A: Because she's always running away from the ball.

Q: At what sport do waiters do really well?

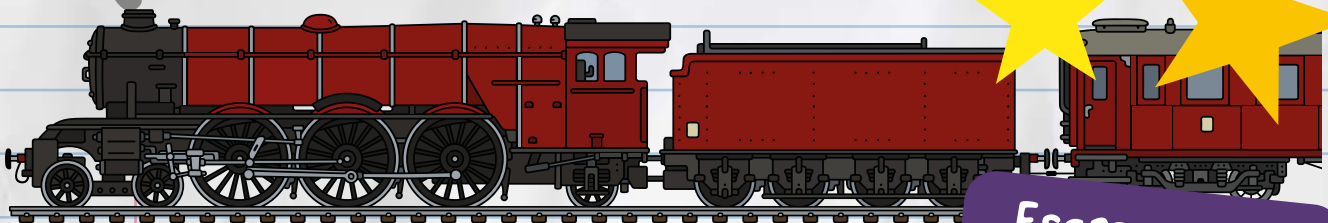
A: Tennis, because they can serve so well.

Q: What is an insect's favourite sport?

A: Cricket!

Q: What is the hardest part about skydiving?

A: The ground!



Escape room

Welcome to the world of Harry Potter with this [digital escape room](#).

Play individually or with you family and see if you can complete it.

You will need to use a range of skills – good luck!

Pub Quiz

Anyone up for a Virtual Pub Quiz?

There are some inspiring stories that have come out of this time of lockdown. This is one of them.

Jay had a day job but enjoyed putting on a weekly quiz at his local pub. It was popular and lots of people enjoyed it on a Thursday evening. When lockdown was announced, Jay wanted to carry on being able to provide a quiz for his friends and for anyone else who wanted to join in. So he set up a Youtube account and advertised his 'Virtual Pub Quiz' – expecting a few people to attend until lockdown was over.

Jay broadcast the first quiz from his living room, with five rounds of 10 questions each. Very quickly, from looking at the live feed, it was obvious many more people than he anticipated were joining in! Word got around that the Thursday virtual quiz was a great way of carrying on quizzing but in the virtual world with virtual friends. Families sat down together with drinks and nibbles and played along.

By week 5 of lockdown, Jay was getting over 160,000 hits each Thursday evening.

The Guinness World record team got in touch and in week 6, they collected evidence to show that Jay's 'Virtual Pub Quiz' has smashed the world record for the biggest virtual quiz!

Jay has enjoyed making a positive difference to people's lives and bringing some happiness into their homes. He is now considering giving up his job and delivering quizzes for a living. He is living his dream!

If you want to check the quiz out for yourself, the link is [here](#). There are other quizzes throughout the week too.

And remember, sometimes a little thing we do makes a big difference to those around you.

Confidential Support

A new service of FREE and confidential support for ALL in Wiltshire aged 11 – 25 has been launched by a local charity called 'Young Melksham'. It is tough coping with lockdown and many of you may be finding it hard. Please don't think you are alone as this is one of many places you can go to for support.

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Next week...

Next week we would like to hear about **how you are keeping in touch with each other?** Please let us know what you get up to by emailing: events@wiltshire.gov.uk

Notice!

Due to your many wonderful contributions, from this week we will share some content sent from you via our social media as well.

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