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**‘Safe in God’s hands, we share our PEARL values’** 12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed the different activities last week focusing on children ‘expressing themselves’ for ‘Children’s Mental Health Week’. We saw lots of great examples through the week on Zoom and on Class Dojo. I know the children also had a great time on the virtual trips and we have shared a few examples of what they got up to below.

This week it has been Safer Internet Day - Never has it been more important for our children to be safe online, as the amount of screen time has increased due to remote learning. Please do look at the resources shared on our ***School Story*** and on our Online Safety page on the school website. Starting a conversation with your child about the games/apps they like to play is a good way to start discussing the benefits and risks with being online.

Yesterday was the important feast of Lady of Lourdes. As ever we turn to Our Mother Mary and pray for all the members of our community in need of her healing grace.

Next week we begin our journey through the holy season of Lent.

Throughout Lent we will be supporting the children’s preparation for Easter through our RE lessons, assemblies and by posting other prayers on line.

As a school community we can all feel very proud of the fantastic way our children have risen to the challenges of this period of lockdown. It’s wonderful to see their work online and what can be achieved when all of our children and adults pull together.

Next week it is half term, so have a well-earned rest.

Remote learning will resume on Monday 22nd Feb.

God Bless

Mr Bonner

**Art Day**

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|  | Today is Art Day. The children will be taking part in art activities all day related to a certain style of art and a particular artist.  We thought it was important to have a day where there was less screen time and the children could be creative.  We can’t wait to see what fabulous work you produce children! We will share with an online gallery on our school website after the half term. |

**Zoom- Live Registration – Daily**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\zoom.jfif**    **DO NOW Task- what does this mean?** | **For the Zoom sessions, when the children log on they will be reminded of the expectations for behaviour. They will also be asked to start a DO NOW task while the teacher is letting children into the meeting and taking the register. Please make sure your child is ready for the meeting, focused and sitting sensibly for the lesson to begin. They should have a whiteboard and pen or a piece of paper and a pencil so they can begin the DO NOW task straight away.**  Please read our Zoom acceptable use document on the school website which outlines the protocol for these sessions:  <https://stignatiuscatholicprimary.co.uk/key-information/remote-learning>  Please ensure you log on each morning promptly ready for the session to start. Once the teacher has let pupils in to the meeting, they start the session and are then unable to return to the lobby to let latecomers in. You need to be aware that if you are late logging on, it is unlikely you will be able to join the meeting that day. |

**Safer Internet Day**

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|  | On February 9th it was ‘Internet Safety Day’ and the children took part in lots of activities with their class teacher.  The theme this year was: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.  For more information please go to: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021> |

**Be kind online**

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| Image result for be kind online | Be kind online 😊 It’s important to be both safe and kind online. What can you do to be kind online? Post positive, happy things! Offer some help to someone! Show appreciation of other people! Share funny videos or photos with friends to make them laugh! Recommend something fun for others to do! Congratulate others for their achievements! Be safe online Sing along to remind yourself of what you need to do! <https://youtu.be/22dr8xM9t8U> |

**Virtual School Trip**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Remote Learning\virtual3.jpg** | **Last Tuesday children in Years 1-6 went on a virtual school trip.They took part in all sorts of fun activities, including making food, art, virtual tours, learning different languages etc. Here are some examples of what they got up to.**  **Year 1- went to Tokyo**  **Year 2- went to Longleat Safari Park**  **Year 3 – went to Egypt**  **Year 4- went to Rome**  **Year 5- went to Longleat Safari Park**  **Year 6- went to Amsterdam and Anne Frank’s house**  **Nicole Year 1 Wiktor Year 2**    **Japanese writing Wiktor spotted a lion**  **Nigel Year 3 Lara Year 4**    **Drawing a camel Lara made a pizza – when in Rome!**    **Rebecca Year 5 Nelly Year 6**    **Animal Acrostic Making hot dogs in Dam Square** |

**Children’s Mental Health Week**

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|  | It was Children’s Mental Health Week last week. The theme this year was ‘Express Yourself’. By talking openly about mental health from a young age, children can learn to better understand their emotions, break down stigma, and feel safe enough to reach out for help when it’s needed. One way to look after our mental health is to notice and share how we are feeling. Expressing ourselves in creative ways can help us do this. Creative activities can also help us to feel calm and happy and express ourselves in ways that we might find easier than talking about them. Last Friday Ms Taylor and Ms Curran talked about this in assembly and the children took part in various activities throughout the week. |

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| keep in touch myspace orkut friendster comments | You can contact us via our [admin@st-igs.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-igs.haringey.sch.uk) or via Class Dojo. |

**Free School Meal vouchers**

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| Millfield Primary School - Free School Meals | **Free School Meals food voucher**  To check if you are eligible for Free School Meal vouchers, and you are a Haringey resident, please complete an application via Haringey.gov.uk website  [Free school meals and clothing grant | Haringey Council](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-application-forms/free-school-meals-fsm-and-clothing-grant#apply)  If you live in a different borough, you will need to apply to the local authority in which you live, so Hackney residents will need to apply to [Apply for free school meals | Hackney Education](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals)  Once you have researched your options, if you need any help, please call our school office on 0208 800 2771. |

**Local Food Bank Support**

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| https://homelessroomsbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/931623-261x300.jpg | We are working alongside Haringey local authority and other local authorities, to support our families who require help with food during these times.  There are food banks in most authorities that we can direct families to should they need the help.  In the next few days, we will also send a detailed list of locations around the borough,  There are also other organisations that may be able to help with food parcels and ready made meals.  Please contact Ms Curran or Ms Taylor via Dojo and we will be happy to help you with the best option for you and your family. |

**ICT Support**

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|  | **Data Sim Cards: If you need a data sim card, please ring the office and organise a suitable time to come and collect one, as we still have some in school. You get 30GB of data, which lasts for up to 90 days.**  **Years 3-6: The school can now contact the DFE on your behalf and ask for more data from your phone network provider.**  **Please email the school with your phone number, name of account holder, provider details and let us know if you are pay as you go or on a contract, we can then apply for free data for you.** |

**COVID Awareness**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Blog_KidsandMasks.jpg** | Can we ask that if you are coming to collect resources from school or you are dropping off your child for the key worker bubble/s, **please make sure you are wearing a mask** on the school premises.  In order to protect yourselves, as well as staff, we may set times in which you can collect resources etc.  Please only arrive at these times, so that we can manage the amount of people on school premises. |

**Ms Taylor’s Half Term Reading Challenge**

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See below some half term activity ideas......

**Half term activities:**



Singing Classes

London Youth Choir have some online singing workshops that you might like your children to join. There are workshops for various ages:

https://www.londonyouthchoirs.com/feelgood-halfterm/

Football Writing Festival

The National Football Museum’s [**Children’s Football Writing Festival**](https://r1.dmtrk.net/3UJM-18WZO-6FBSRS-SM6L1-1/c.aspx) is going digital and will run **15 - 19 February.**

The festival sees four authors reading from their books at **11:00am each day**. Designed to spark the imagination of football crazy youngsters, the talks will be broadcast on the museum [**YouTube**](https://r1.dmtrk.net/3UJM-18WZO-6FBSRS-SM6L2-1/c.aspx) and [**Facebook**](https://r1.dmtrk.net/3UJM-18WZO-6FBSRS-SM6L3-1/c.aspx). Each will last around 10 minutes. The festival will also include simple writing challenges to encourage children to pick up a pen and transfer some of their football flair to paper.

For more information about the authors click on the link below!

https://www.nationalfootballmuseum.com/whatson/cfwf-online/



Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,

patroness of the sick,

let us ask the Lord to grant health of soul and body

to all those who suffer due to illness and the current pandemic.

May he give strength to those who assist them in this time of trial.

*Pope Francis*