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Be the best you can be!

ONLINE LEARNING



Well done everyone for another week of online learning. You are all doing a fantastic job. We all know that education is so important, but at the moment well-being and mental health need to take priority. Lots of you are telling us that you're finding it difficult to manage remote learning with home life, so we would like to remind you that it is absolutely OK to take a break when you feel it is needed.

Schools have been directed by the DfE to provide three hours of learning per day for the younger children and four hours per day for the older children. We know that this puts a lot of pressure on families and in some cases is unmanageable. We want to be very clear about the following point: **your child does not need to complete every activity that is set for them if it is a struggle to find the time, energy and enthusiasm.** The best thing you can do is to focus on getting the correct balance of learning and well-being for your child.

Next week, the school's Leadership Team will meet to review our remote learning provision. Feedback we have received from you will form part of this process. We are also updating the "recovery curriculum" we implemented in September to address gaps in learning caused by the first lockdown to ensure that all key objectives are taught.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Applications for children to join our Nursery in September 2021 can be submitted now. The deadline is Monday 1st March and you will receive notification of the outcome by 15th March.

Please visit the Admissions page on our website where you will find our Admissions Policy and application form: <https://gordonpri.sites.schooljotter2.com/parent-information/admissions>

VIRTUAL SINGING

We are very excited to announce that we are going to create a Virtual Singing Performance in February!

To take part, the children will need to learn the song *Army of Love* and submit a video of themselves singing it. Short clips from the videos will be edited into a virtual performance.

Mrs Hagerty will be releasing all the information for this task via Google Classrooms on Monday. Please look out for it.

Our completed Gordon School *Army of Love* video will be released in the Google Classrooms.

BUBBLE CLOSURE

Our Year 5 and Year 6 bubble is currently closed as a positive COVID-19 case has been confirmed. All staff and children in this bubble must now self-isolate until 11:59pm on Saturday 6th February. The bubble will re-open on Monday 8th February.

NEW LIGHTING

We are currently having new lighting installed throughout the school. It is much more energy efficient so is good for our budget and the environment. In addition, once permission is granted from the National Grid we will be having solar panels fitted to the Sports Hall roof.

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National Centre for
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85258
here for you 24/7

**Feeling overwhelmed?
Struggling to cope?**

24
hours a day
7
days a week

Text AFC to 85258

Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers,
with support from experienced clinical specialists

LAPTOP LOANS

We have lent out lots of laptops to families who needed help accessing the online learning. We still have some available, so if you would like one for your family, please contact: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

FREE INTERNET ACCESS

BT are working with the Department for Education to provide free internet access at home for pupils via a free 4G wireless router. If your child receives free school meals we can make an application for you. Please contact the school office if you are interested. office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING PROGRAMME

As many as one in three people who have COVID-19 do not show symptoms and could be spreading the virus without knowing it. To find positive cases more quickly and help save lives, the Royal Borough of Greenwich is offering free, rapid COVID-19 tests at:

- Charlton Athletic Football Club.
- Daniel Defoe Hall – next to Greenwich DLR
- University of Greenwich's Avery Hill campus
- University of Greenwich's Queen Anne Court

To book a test, please follow this link: <http://bit.ly/2XFtO9u>

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Here is a beautiful piece of artwork created by Rosa in Year 6. It really sums up how very much we all need each other for support at the moment. Well done, Rosa!



HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: 15TH - 19TH FEBRUARY

If you are interested in your child attending a half term holiday club please check out the *ActivKids* offer from AllKidsCan: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/icnmd/jjex/> Please note that this is not taking place in our school and bookings need to be made directly with *AllKidsCan*.

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): George for super work in all areas, especially *letters and sounds* activities

Conch (R): Alexander for amazing work in all areas of online learning

Coral (R): Rodion for his observations on the natural environment during the winter walk activity

Dolphin (1): Eleanor for a fabulous retelling of '*Another Fine Mess*' and using exciting vocabulary

Jellyfish (1): Elijah for his dedication to all areas of his learning

Lionfish (2): Eva for a super postcard from Madagascar telling us how chocolate is made

Lobster (2): Lara for fabulous work in all areas of her online learning

Mussel (3): Megan for excellent effort in live maths sessions

Octopus (3): Francesca for her informative flap book and beautiful free verse poem about the Amazon rainforest

Oyster (4): Isaac for outstanding work in all areas of online learning

Penguin (4): Callum for a fantastic attitude towards all areas of online learning

Seahorse (5): Ruby B for showing great enthusiasm in all areas of her learning this week

Stingray (5): Eliza for creating a really thoughtful and eye-catching PowerPoint presentation for her work in RE

Turtle (6): Teddy for creating a fantastic model of the Amazon Rainforest in a box

Whale (6): Adela for outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum

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