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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

Although this week we have had some positive updates about life returning to more normality, we are aware that parents continue to provide extra food and heating and so much more for their families and wrestle with the financial challenges or furlough and lack of work opportunities. This website below provides some useful advice and practical strategies to support families who are feeling the strain.

[www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org](http://www.mentalhealthandmoneyadvice.org)



For some parents the lack of social opportunities has meant that they have spent more time alone with their children. Although this is a wonderful opportunity to bond, it can also be a very lonely experience if there are no other adults to speak to and share with. The website below provides some simple actions and ideas to help tackle loneliness:

[www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk](http://www.letstalkloneliness.co.uk)

### **Return to school**

As you are aware, Boris Johnson made the announcement earlier this week that children will be returning to schools from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. "All the evidence shows that schools are safe and the risk posed to children by Covid is vanishingly small," the Prime Minister Boris Johnson told a press conference on Monday evening.

We will write to you once our risk assessment has been approved and I am able to confirm our return to school plan. I very much look forward to welcoming our children safely back to school.

### **Eco-Schools Green Flag**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our Green Flag application. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

Feedback from the assessor:



*"I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for continuing to work on your Eco-Schools Green Flag during these unprecedented times- it is a true reflection of your school's determination to make a real difference. If possible, please pass on my thanks to your Eco-Committee."*

I would like to say a special thank you to **Ms Willers and Mrs. Dhadwal** for leading Eco-schools at Glade.

### **Idling Action**

Further the work our school did earlier this year with Idling Action air pollution workshop, we have now received the banner created by our children. The banner will be displayed outside the school for everyone to see.



## Internet Safety Day



An internet we trust

Exploring reliability in the online world

As part of Internet Safety day, children explored reliability in the online world. This work also supports 'UNICEF – Rights Respecting Schools (Articles 16 and 17). It is our responsibility to ensure children gain access to accurate information. Children in KS2 have taken part in a Virtual Assembly and Internet Safety quiz with Mrs Miah. All classes are taking part in critical thinking sessions with selected resources from the UK Internet Safety Centre, which also has great resources to support parents/carers. Children will also be asked write pledges as a response to what they will do to ensure they are accessing accurate and reliable information.

### What is the issue with unreliable content?

**Content:** inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities.

Some online content is not suitable for children and may be hurtful or harmful. This is true for content accessed and viewed via social networks, online games, blogs and websites. It's important for children to consider the reliability of online material and be aware that it might not be true or written with a bias. Children may need your help as they begin to assess content in this way. There can be legal consequences for using or downloading copyrighted content, without seeking the author's permission.

### What can you do?

**Have a conversation.** It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help:

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?
- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.
- Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

If you are worried or concerned we are here to support. Here are some further websites.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

### Aspirations week- project

A special *well done to Kenny in 6A* who created this model as part of Aspirations week; the brief was to design an iconic London Landmark.

Kenny's landmark design really was phenomenal and he put his heart and soul into this project.



### Covid Winter Grant

The Department for Work and Pensions are providing funding to Councils and Local Authorities to provide assistance to vulnerable families with children and other vulnerable households, particularly affected by the pandemic. The local authority have confirmed that still have money left and want to ensure that this is used to continue to support families for the duration of the scheme. So far, we have already made 20 referrals for our families. This scheme will be available until **31st March 2021** so please email [parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk) for Mrs Jones to make a referral.

## World Book Day



Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. As the majority of our children will still be learning remotely, World Book Day will be celebrated on a class by class basis during the morning MEET/ZOOM session. Class teachers will let children know about these arrangements in advance.

To encourage our families to get involved and have some fun the 'Book Fairy'

(Miss Craggs) will hide pictures of The Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood in the local area around the school on the morning of the 4th of March. If you find one of these pictures you can follow the instructions on it to claim a book as a prize. Be warned the book fairy gets up very early!



World Book Day £1 Book Tokens are available to print off at home using the link below. For those of you who do not have printer facilities at home a limited supply will be available at Ana's Sweet Shop, across the road from school, from Monday 1st March.

[https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken\\_PrimaryUK.pdf](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf)

On Friday 5th March Jonny Walker will host a family book quiz via Zoom and we will continue to celebrate the wonderful world of reading when the children return to school as we have a Book Week planned starting on March 8th. More details of these events will follow via Parentmail.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to 2R for having the most correct answers this week.

## Lexia

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved certificates for Lexia:

Ismael in 2Y

Fatima in 6A

Alexandrina in 6E

## Stars of the Week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week':



Nursery am - Hassan	Nursery pm- Tushara
RH- Millie	RM- Safa
1P- Minnah	1M- Minnah
2R- Arsema	2Y- Noor
3C- Youcef	3R- Amaya
4D- Michelle	4A- Ronnie
5J- Sandeep	5S- Amelia
6A-Sahib	6E- Nora

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain

Headteacher

