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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing

At the beginning of the New Year we usually set ourselves goals for keeping our bodies fit and healthy. This year, and in the current situation, we may be focusing more on our mental health, as we wonder what the new lockdown may bring.

It's natural to feel anxious after the challenges of 2020 but simple techniques such as deep breathing and getting outside for fresh air, can help the body relax and in turn, calm the mind.

Worry tree which is recommended on the NHS Apps Library uses simple CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) techniques to help you record, challenge and take control of your concerns. Find more information and a link to download the app free at: www.nhs.uk/apps-library/worrytree



As we launch into week three of remote learning, here is a useful resource to help your children manage their emotions at this trying time. I hope that this proves useful to you and that you are able to plan some time into your busy days for a little rest and relaxation!

<https://www.moms.com/activities-kids-issues-managing-anger>

Google Classroom



Thank you for your patience and support whilst we continue to enhance our online learning provision.

With Google Classroom, children are receiving daily live teaching sessions in the morning and have work uploaded by 8am for them to complete throughout the day, submit for their teacher to mark and provide feedback. Our class teachers and LSAs are online the whole day from 8.45am to 3.30pm to provide feedback or support to any children who requests it.

In addition to this, from next week, each class will receive a live music lesson per week with Mrs Robinson. There are also PE lessons delivered especially for Glade pupils by West Ham coaches. We chose to deliver recorded lessons rather than live PE lessons as many parents explained they had difficulties with lack of devices for themselves and their children at home. With recorded lessons, children can access them whenever they are available.

During the live teaching sessions (via Google Meet and / or Zoom), teachers will explain the tasks to their class and show them where the work can be found and how to submit them. We request that all work be submitted in daily by 3.30pm, at the latest so that teachers can mark them before their next session. Teachers are not expected to respond to work submitted after 4pm.



When signing in to Zoom sessions, please rename to your child's name, for the teachers to admit you into the teaching session.

Vulnerable Children and the Children of Critical Workers

Key worker?
If your job is NOT one of the key worker categories, then please do NOT send your child to school.

Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers who are attending school are supervised in bubbles, where they are continuing with their online learning. As I have said before, **the safest place for your child is at home**. Do not consider sending your child to school if they can be looked after at home (i.e. if one parent is not a key worker or one parent is at home or working from home).

Risk assessment and Remote Education Provision

Our new risk assessment has been approved by the local authority and is available to view on our school website. To read our new risk assessment, our remote education provision, our home school agreement and links to other online resources, please use the link below:

<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/latest-news>

Class Talks

The class talks took place over Zoom last week and were very positive. Thank you to everyone who attended. We listened to suggestions made by parents and discussed them at our Leadership team meeting. Next time, we will ensure that each class talk takes place on a different day so that parents/ carers who have children in different year groups can attend them all.

If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoints are available on our school website:

<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/workshops-class-talks>

Parents Evening

Taking in to consideration that we had parents' evenings recently in November and class talks last week, we have decided to postpone this term's parents' evening. However, you will receive your child's targets for Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as feedback and a target for their engagement with online learning. If you have a particular concern about your child, please email parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk and request a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher.

Overwhelming support from our families

A big thank you to parents and carers who are sending positive emails to the school email address, thanking staff for their hard work. It is lovely to receive and share your emails with all staff to acknowledge your appreciation. I would like to thank parents and carers for **your resilience and commitment** to your children's learning. As a parent myself, I appreciate how difficult it is for parents to educate children at home, whilst some of you are working from home yourself. I am confident that you will agree that each week, we are listening to your feedback and making improvements to our online learning provision.

If for any reason, you are unhappy or concerned about your child's online learning, please contact the school; speak to your child's class teacher.

The Iliad Project



What a fantastic start to the 'Iliad Project' which began on Monday 18th! Purposeful, engaging and exciting, this first workshop had more than 85 children from Years 5 and 6 attending. We are sure that numbers of attendees will increase over the next few weeks.

Facilitated by Jonny Walker, from OtherWise Education, the children in Upper Key Stage 2 are exploring the story of the Trojan War. Jonny works with children in the Year 5/6 bubble on the same theme on Monday mornings.

Through engaging with extracts from Homer's 'The Iliad' as well as storytelling, role-play, script-writing and analysis of paintings, children are learning a rich interpretation of one of the oldest stories of European civilisation. The focus of the project is to develop deep enquiry, philosophical discussion and analytical skills. Alongside their storytelling and drama, the children in the bubble in school are creating Greek pots which will detail the events of 'The Iliad'. They are adding to the visual storytelling on their pots with new events each week, and are making their own interpretations through their art.

The practical element during the pilot session was excellent and kept all the children highly engaged. All the children were able learn about the adventures (and mishaps) of the Greek heroes depicted in the Iliad in a fun and interactive way. We are hoping to see 100+ children engage and participate in the next session on Monday 25th January at 1.30pm.



Remote Education Provision

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.



What to expect from Home Learning at Glade (Parents)

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Pupils can now access their home learning via Google Classroom. This will ensure that children are given the opportunity to continue learning remotely, at home. All learning will be set by school staff through the platform and pupils can complete their learning and submit it online. Live sessions will be taught via Google Classroom and Zoom. Each class has their own timetable.



Google Classroom guidance

For guidance on how to access Google Classroom, please open this file:



Parent-Guidance-Google-Classroom

Expectation



Contract of use

Covid Winter Grant Scheme

The DfE have advised us of a Covid Winter Grant Scheme. It is available to support families most in need with the cost of food, energy (heating, cooking, lighting), water bills (including sewerage) and other essentials.

Year 1 Outdoor Area

As one of our school development plan priorities, in the Autumn term, we developed the outdoor area outside the Year 1 classrooms to encourage outdoor learning. We installed a canopy so that the area can be an extension to the classroom and learning can continue regardless of the weather. We look forward to our children returning to school and using this area.



Times Tables Rock Stars

A shout out to the fastest TTRS users this week:

Zaid	6E
Ava	6A
Sana	6A
Ayaan	5S
Casey	4A



Stars of the Week

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



Nursery am - Aqib	Nursery pm- Dayyaan
RH- Maaya	RM- Jacob
1P- Jayden	1M- Ebube
2R- Oliver	2Y- Theresa
3C- Jayden	3R- Nala
4D- Mahveen	4A- Mueez
5J- Alex	5S- George
6A- Daniya	6E- Khloe

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs F Hussain

Headteacher

