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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing



As this week is Children's Mental Health Week, it is also a reminder that we need to be at our best to be able to look after our children, therefore it is important for parents and carers to make time in their busy schedules for themselves too. Please follow the link for top tips on self-care for parents and carers:

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/self-care-for-parents-and-carers/>

We are happy to announce that the Redbridge Educational Psychology Service web page has now gone live. Here you can find updates on latest services, news and events for children and their families. Please use the following link for further information:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/school/educational-psychology-service/>

There is also a live virtual assembly on **Friday 5th February at 2pm** by the author of 'Lucy's Blue Day'. It does not fit into the live sessions for most classes and so it may be something that parents could access with their children at home. It's free of charge but does require parents/participants to register. This is the link to register:

<https://www.lucysblueday.com/product/childrens-mental-health-week-virtual-assembly/>

We hope that your children have fun expressing themselves this week!



London Borough of Redbridge – DV helpline

With the increased risks of lockdown and Domestic Violence - the Council DV Helpline is still running. Any adult who needs to access it, can do so at the link below:

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-hub/victims-of-domestic-abuse/>

Access to online learning

Each week, we contact families where children have not engaged with online learning. We work with families to remove barriers to learning. Following on from last week's newsletter, some laptops have now been given to families who were eligible. We have also shared details of free Wi-Fi codes from BT via Parent Mail for families who are in need. There are a few families where children, for various reasons, have been unable to access remote learning, so we have printed packs of work for them. If the work is not returned to the school office on a weekly basis, we may have to make a referral to social services as this could be categorised as educational neglect.

You may have heard in the news that the **earliest** primary schools will open will be 8th March. Therefore it is important that we continue to improve our online learning provision, engaging as many children as possible.

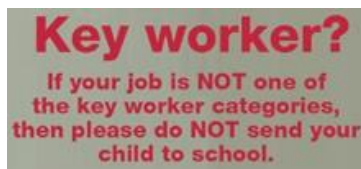
Pupil engagement with online learning



Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children with on online learning. Each week, more children are engaging with lesson online. I am sharing the current engagement data for online learning at our school:

Year group	No. children in the year group	No. children engaging with online learning	% of children engaging with online learning
Nursery	34	32	94%
Reception	58	54	93%
Year 1	59	58	98%
Year 2	49	48	98%
Year 3	56	55	98%
Year 4	60	60	100%
Year 5	59	55	93%
Year 6	60	57	95%

Vulnerable Children and the Children of Critical Workers



Further to the message in last week's newsletter, we have reorganised our 'Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers', prioritising according to the latest guidance sent by the local authority. Unfortunately, due to our staffing needs and health and safety guidance, we are only able to accommodate 45 places across the three bubbles. These have now been filled with children who are vulnerable and those where parent/s are in priority 1. I realise that some of our families were disappointed. We apologise that we are unable to accommodate more children.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2021

Glade Primary School commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th of January through online assemblies, lessons and activities.

The children in KS2 learnt about the millions of people who were killed or whose lives changed as a result of genocides. They were reminded of what can happen when prejudice and persecution are left unchallenged and understood that it was important to commemorate this day so that persecution and oppression are not repeated.

This year's theme was 'Be the Light in the Darkness', which was very apt and reflected the importance of having hope and faith in these unprecedented times that we are all going through.

Here are some of the activities that children engaged in:

Year 3	Understanding why the Holocaust is commemorated every year. Question and answer session about the Holocaust.
Year 4	Newsround: Understanding why the Holocaust is commemorated every year. Question and answer session about the Holocaust.
Year 5	Watching an online interview with a concentration camp survivor. Question and answer session about the Holocaust. How can we be the Light in times of Darkness? Who is/who are your Light/s in times of 'darkness' and why?
Year 6	WW2 Anne Frank Qualities /values we would like to see in those who we admire. Revisit British values and why we need to uphold these values.



"We will continue to do our bit for as long as we can, secure in the knowledge that others will continue to light a candle long after us", Gena Turgel MBE, survivor of the Holocaust (1923-2018)

Captain Sir Tom Moore

The army veteran became famous when he raised millions of pounds for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday, last year.

He was being treated in hospital for pneumonia and coronavirus, but sadly passed away on Tuesday afternoon.

Teachers are leading discussions with their classes about “What can we learn from Captain Sir Tom Moore?”

Children in the key worker bubbles watched Newsround and celebrated the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore. Our children created a display expressing their thoughts, feelings and gratitude.



Story telling week

This week children in Nursery and Reception have celebrated ‘Story-telling week’ by recording themselves telling stories. They have created stories about things that make them happy and have shared these during their Google Meet sessions. Thank you to parents who have also been reading stories to the children during the DEAR sessions. Children have also celebrated Children's Mental Health week by coming to each Google Meet session dressed in a different theme, even the children in the key worker bubbles in school joined in the fun!

Children in Years 5 and 6 continued to participate and learn about the story of the Trojan War, shared by Jonny Walker, on Monday afternoon. Children in the key worker bubbles led the DEAR sessions in our school forest.

Children across the school were also able to immerse themselves in stories read in French shared by Mrs Ward.



Thank you

Thank you for your continued positivity through emails and phone calls showing support and recognition of the hard work and dedication put in by staff at Glade. One of my favourite pieces of feedback from this week is from a parent of two children:

*“Just wanted to send a message of thanks to **Mrs Amey, Mrs Leat, Ms A. Hussain and Ms Bartlett** who have all been absolutely amazing at delivering online classes during what I am sure has been a very difficult and stressful time for all teachers.*

Both my daughters have thoroughly enjoyed their lessons and found them to be both engaging and useful in terms of content and delivery. I cannot praise their teachers enough and feel very thankful that during such uncertain times our children are still receiving such fabulous and fun input to assist them with their learning.

Ms Hussain has been great at responding to every piece of work submitted by S which I know can't be an easy task for 30 kids each submitting 3 pieces of work a day but please know it is appreciated.

And in N's own words “Mrs Amey has been great at understanding my needs and being a fun teacher”.

Another piece of feedback from a parent whose children attend the key worker bubbles in school:

*“I too am **proud of the work Glade staff do**, hence happy for my children to attend (the key worker bubble), and fully understand what it feels like to be putting yourself at risk”*

This last piece of feedback reflects on the work **Mrs Jones** has been doing, behind the scenes, supporting our families:

“Thank you so much for dropping the resources. They are very helpful and it would be easy for me to teach T. Really appreciate your help. You are so kind and wonderful.”

Please continue to share your positive feedback with us; it really does bring a smile to our faces. If for any reason, you have concerns about your child's learning or well-being, please share them with your child's class teacher by emailing parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk

Aspirations Week

This year, we will be holding our annual Aspirations week virtually! Aspiration is one of our curriculum drivers. We encourage all our children to aim high! This year we are working with the charity **15 Billion EBP**, who bring together schools, employers and other partners to inspire young people to achieve their potential and thrive in their careers. We have an exciting week of activities and Zoom visitors planned.

On **Monday 8th February**, to launch the week, there will be two special Zoom assemblies with some surprise guests! Children are invited to attend these assemblies in costume, dressed either as the job that they would like to do when they are older or a job that interests them. There will be some prizes for the best costumes so get creating!
 Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 assembly – Monday 8th February – 12 midday
 Year 3, 4, 5, 6 assembly – Monday 8th Feb – 1pm
 The Zoom ID for both assemblies is the same. Zoom times and details for individual year group sessions will be sent out via Parent Mail individually.

Glade at a glance

Please visit our website to celebrate some of the learning that took place in the autumn term:
<https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/glade-at-a-glance>

Times Tables Rock Stars

A shout out to the fastest TTRS users this week:

- Ayaan 5S
- Isher 6A
- Zaid 6E
- Sahib 6A
- Nora 6E



Stars of the Week

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



Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain

Headteacher

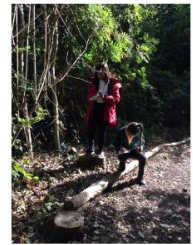
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AUTUMN TERM 2020

A huge welcome back! The first term of the academic year 2020-2021 has been looked forward to by so many. The first term back after our strange experience during lockdown. The students of Glade have all come back ready to learn and we are fortunate enough to have so many outdoor spaces to allow them to do so more safely. The school has missed the sound of children having fun whilst learning.



Nursery am – Michelle	Nursery pm- Nehan
RH- Aren	RM- India
1P- David	1M- Zain
2R- Aadam	2Y- Isabella
3C- Klevi	3R- Ciara
4D- Melina	4A- Safaa M
5J- Moeez	5S- Osarhiemen
6A- Azaan	6E- Habiba

