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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Children's Mental Health Week is 1st-7th February. The theme this year is '**Express yourself.**'

By talking 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. Talking about mental health and expressing our feelings can be difficult no matter our age. Below are lots of great resources to help children and families to start their mental health conversations.



Being in lockdown makes it even more important to find ways in which children can express their emotions. Follow the link below to find some excellent creative ideas that you can use at home.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families>

Laptops and devices

Thank you to the **Redbridge Parents' group** who generously donated 6 new laptops for us to present to families who are in need of devices to access online learning. We have also received a limited amount of laptops from DfE. We will contact the eligible families next week, requesting them to come and collect the laptop from the school office.

Vulnerable Children and the Children of Critical Workers

We have received further guidance from the local authority to help us prioritise the children who are attending school as part of the 'Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers' bubble. We only have the staffing capacity for 45 places, which are already being used. The admin team are calling the parents of children in school to confirm their eligibility. That information will be used to evaluate our provision and consider the children who are on the waiting list, to reallocate the places from next Monday.

Key worker?

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

Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for this year is '**Be the light in the darkness**'. I am sure that you will agree with me that this theme is particularly relevant to the current situation.

Be the light in the darkness asks us to consider different kinds of 'darkness', for example, identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice; and different ways of 'being the light', for example, resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths.



It is vital that our children learn from events that took place in history, to ensure that persecution and oppression is not repeated. Our children are our hope for tomorrow for a better world.

Thank you

Further to my message in last week's newsletter, I would like to extend my thank you for your positivity through emails and phone calls showing support and recognition of the hard work and dedication put in by staff at Glade. We have received messages for particular teachers and some for all staff. One of my favourite pieces of feedback is from a pupil in Year 5:

"Teachers like Miss Ward make the whole room brighter, make the cloudiest days the sunniest, they are the kind of teachers you wait the whole day to have a lesson with. She can turn the boring-est history lesson ever so exciting! Everyone loves this bubbly, kind and warm- heated teacher and will probably be the best French teacher Glade has ever had."

Another one of my favourite messages was sent on behalf of a pupil in Year 1:

"...she asked me to pass on her thanks and appreciation to all of the Year 1 team and Mrs Robinson for all the hard work and continuing to make lessons fun and engaging. She is absolutely loving the Music lessons and really looks forward to them, they really cheer her up. So thank you all!!"

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

This is an exceptionally challenging time for us all. With your continued co-operation, I am confident that we will ensure the best outcomes for our children.

Times Tables Rock Stars

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and continue to raise its profile in our school, last week Mrs Dhadwal set up a competition with Cranbrook Primary School. It was called 'Top of the Rocks ' and it was all done online via playing trockstars.com.

I am delighted to announce, Team Glade were victorious. Despite the fact that Glade is a significantly smaller school with less participants, our children did us proud and rose to the top!

A huge 'Well done!' to the top 3 players in the competition, who scored the most points:

- 1) Zaid (6E)
- 2) Ava (6A)
- 3) Casey (4A)

The top three classes overall in the competition were:

- 1) 6E - 58,000 points
- 2) 6A - 57,000 points
- 3) 4A - 40,000 points

The top 3 players in each class:



2R: 1) Satyum 2) Dylan 3) Emaan	2Y 1) Olivia 2) Theresa 3) Janid	3R 1) Mya 2) Veer 3) Aiden	3C 1) Shuaib 2) Ethem 3) Yevheniia	4A 1) Casey 2) Amelia 3) Annie
4D 1) Saarah 2) Tomas 3) Priya	5J 1) Aadav 2) Sandeep 3) Odri	5S 1) Ayaan 2) George 3) Harsha	6A 1) Ava 2) Sahib 3) Sana	6E 1) Zaid 2) Huzaifah 3) Rachel

Certificates will be posted to the children named above. Well done to all the children for taking part. A sincere **thank you** to Mrs Dhadwal for leading us to success.

Words for Life website

Words for Life is a great website run by the National Literacy Trust, which contains activities and support for parents, children and young people to improve language, literacy and communication skills from home. You can filter activities by age group and choose from chat, play, read, write, listen, make or watch: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk>

Help Glade Win the RSPB Wild Challenge

Spot It! Tracks and signs



Please support us on our journey to complete the RSPB Wild Challenge awards. As always, we are 'going for gold' but we still need to complete the bronze and silver steps. You will find the supporting 'Spot It' sheet on our school website: <https://www.glade.redbridge.sch.uk/outdoor-learning>

Or on the RSPB link below:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/lesson-plans-and-supporting-resources/spot-it/>

As always, please send in photos of your work to: parentinfo@glade.redbridge.sch.uk with your child's name and class in the subject bar, if you are happy for it to be used in our application.

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 our 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	30	88%
Reception	58	55	95%
Year 1	59	57	97%
Year 2	49	45	92%
Year 3	56	55	98%
Year 4	60	60	100%
Year 5	59	55	93%
Year 6	60	55	92%

Lexia Awards

Congratulations to Darcy in 3R for moving up to the next level in Lexia. I look forward to seeing more names next week.

Stars of the Week

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



Nursery am – Khadija W	Nursery pm- Cillian
RH- Hussain	RM- Sofia
1P- Amalia	1M- Samridh
2R- Iba	2Y- Olivia
3C- Armelio	3R- Andrei
4D- Naomi	4A- Annie
5J- Jaiden	5S- Harsha
6A- Aaila	6E- Lucie

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hussain

Headteacher

