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NEWSLETTER 326 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JANUARY 2021

For the Archives: Day 12 to Day 18

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 12 – SATURDAY (101 Views)

Well, yesterday's assembly was a challenge! From a misplaced audio lead to accidentally closing down the resources I had carefully prepared, everything seemed to go wrong! Zoom told me I was in a meeting, just not the meeting you all tried to join! In desperation I launched a new link, but only those connected to Class Dojo would have seen this in time. My apologies, everyone else. There will be a new link next week. Tomorrow, as they say, is another day!

MONDAY

Mrs Kirby writes: From Monday 18th January we are able to offer a school packed lunch for all children attending school. This will be delivered to school by Caterlink and will comprise a cheese or ham roll, fruit, veggies and cake. This can be ordered during morning registration as usual or children can bring packed lunch from home if they prefer.

Infant lunches remain free of charge to the parents and juniors are paid through ParentPay.

Please note, the school packed lunch does not include a drink so water bottles should still come in to school.

We also are not receiving any milk or fruit for schools deliveries at the moment so the children might like to bring in a healthy snack for morning break."

YEAR 6

I sent a message to all parents of Year 6 yesterday. Please take a look.

A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK?

The Birthday Blogs have been opened on Purple Mash to enable you to celebrate pupil birthdays. There are birthdays in Class 2 and Class 4, including a 'last North Nibley' birthday. I know it would be much appreciated if you let these children know you are thinking of them. If you've not done this before, this video shows you how.

https://northnibley-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/head_northnibley_gloucs_sch_uk/EZoFDC0ypn5Jr30nULWMH0IBjd5_fbLD6Au1

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The Purple Mash link is

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/north-gl11>

Please contact your class teachers if you can't remember your log in details.

Take care, stay safe, Mr. B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 14 – MONDAY (97 views)

Sunday was Martin Luther King Day.

For today's assembly I have used a BBC School Assembly resource. Look for the iPlayer Video (like the attached image) on this page –

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4mYSfdJBpkY6rCDMrGwgS0y/dr-martin-luther-king-dream-on>

Afterwards, to consolidate recall and promote reflection, there are some questions you may wish to ask your children:

The storyteller speaks 'some of the most famous words anyone has ever said: I have a ...' What?

When she was ten, the storyteller was taken to hear a speech. What year was it?

Where does the story take place?

Who was making the speech that day?

The speech suddenly became more exciting when the speaker spoke about what and what?

SONG - All Things Bright and Beautiful –

In the 11 years I've been here, I don't think we've sung this alternative tune before.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-all-things-bright-and-beautiful/zmgk47h>

OTHER NEWS

Remember to check back for messages sent over the weekend. As always, take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 15 – TUESDAY (93 views)

BOOK REVIEWS

3 more book reviews have been posted, including 1 from a child in Reception This is the first Reception review for 3 years! Did you know, you can scroll to the bottom of the page (or press keys 'Ctrl' and 'Page Down' – it's a lot faster!) and find reviews that have been tagged by age group. A great way to find out what books children your age have recommended!

ASSEMBLY

Yesterday's Fischy Music launched their first online Music Assembly of 2021. You can find it here –

Fischy Music Assembly (18 Jan 2021)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh3ODIlg8ell&safe=true>

It includes the song that 'spoke' to a lot of us last year –

'Bad times won't last'. Why not sing along?

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

“When the rain is falling

When the winds are blowing

It feels like it's always going to be this way

When the colour's faded

When the world is jaded

And it feels like it's always going to be this way

Sometimes it's hard to see that

Sometimes it's hard to see that

Bad times won't last, nothing lasts for ever

Good times will come, things will get better

When your dream's been taken

When your hopes are shaken

And it feels like it's always going to be this way

When the music's spoken

And your heart is broken

And it feels like it's always going to be this way

Sometimes it's hard to see that

Sometimes it's hard to see that

Bad times won't last, nothing lasts for ever

Good times will come, things will get better

Bad times, bad times

Good times, good times

Bad times, bad times

Good times, good times

Bad times won't last, nothing lasts forever

Good times will come things will get better

Wo-oh-oh-oh

Wo-oh-oh-oh

Wo-oh-oh-oh it's going to get better

(x3)”

DID YOU KNOW...

Year 6 normally take it in turns to review our assemblies and acts of worship.

They respond to several prompts, including:

A question I have....

How could it have been better...

A Big Thought or Idea...

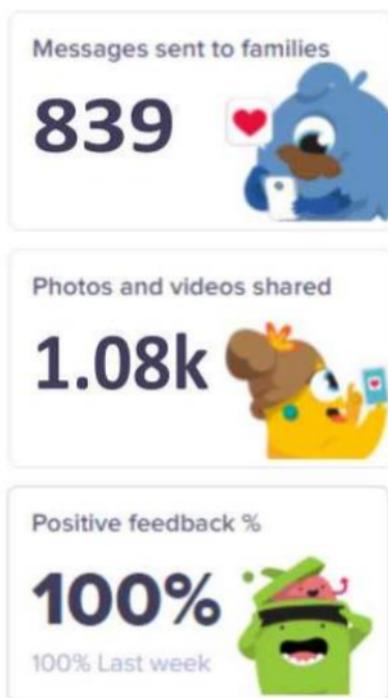
Any Year 6 who wants to respond to the online

assemblies, your feedback would be appreciated.

A BUSY SCHOOL

The graphic shows the number of messages etc in Week 1. I'll share Week 2 tomorrow. What do you think, higher or lower?

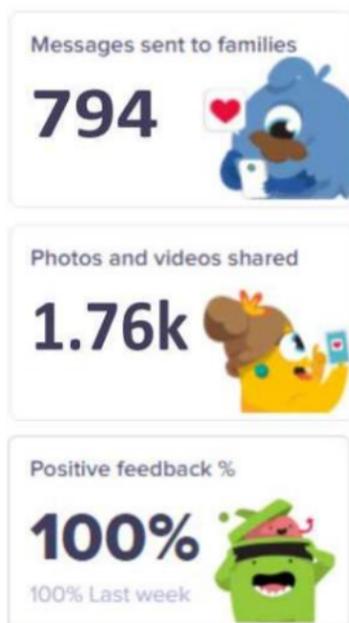
Take care, Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 16 – WEDNESDAY (93 views)

How do the numbers for week 2 compare?

Slightly down with the messages, but a massive increase in the amount of work coming in (that's one thousand, seven hundred and sixty drawings, worksheets and photos and videos). Thank you so much for your support in keeping learning moving forward.



A NEW MEMBER OF THE TEAM

As you may recall, our school plays a prominent role in supporting the development of new teachers. The DfE has made it clear that Initial Teacher Training is an essential task at this time, and we are pleased to welcome Mr Macduff to our school community. Mr Macduff will be supporting work in the 'Younger bubble' from Wednesday next week, and online too once he gets to know us. We will be enabling him to access Class Dojo, and other learning platforms, as appropriate to the role. All required safeguarding measures have been completed.

iSingPop

You may also remember we had singing sessions booked with iSpingPop in the summer term (when we were all warm!). The team have released weekly online worship (though we are a few weeks behind) and you can find these here. I suggest we start with EP! (Episode 1) and there are 2 age-related variants. Choose between EP1 KS1/EYFS CW Spring 1 (Younger) or EP1 KS2 CW Spring 1 (Older) – or watch them both! We can return for Episode 2 next week.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7906350> the password is spring.

Stay home if you can, stay safe,
Mr B

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 17 – THURSDAY (95 views)

BOOKINGS

Please can all those requiring spaces next week book accordingly, and by 6:00 tonight? We have some staffing issues to consider. For example, we are legally required to have a member of staff trained in paediatric first aid on site, whenever a child of Reception age is present. Only a few of us carry this qualification, so advanced warning is helpful when building the rota. Thank you.

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19>

SCHOOL DEVICES FOR USE AT HOME

Earlier this year we asked families to tell us of their difficulties accessing online teaching from home, during lockdown #1. We have converted a number of school laptops for home use, and those who answered the survey have been served first. If you have THREE OF MORE children of ANY school age, having to share 1 device, we have a small number of laptops left. Please get in touch.

QUIZ!

Last day for this week's Bafflers, and a fairly easy set of 10 questions this week. Given three characters, can you name the children's film?

<https://forms.gle/Y3cWVvJ44sCmSbkCA>

Answers tomorrow (average score = 8. Can you do better?)

SONG

"We won't stop singing" by Fischy music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DeYucPOL5w>

As always, remember to supervise the use of YouTube.

That's it for today. Lots of things happening behind the scenes, including planning for the introduction of 'Lateral Flow Tests' for school staff!

Keep smiling! Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 18 – FRIDAY (92 views)

Today's Zoom assembly should be here, from 1:30.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3905430376?pwd=dGw0dk1tYzdyRjY3Q2I1QXQ0VC9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 390 543 0376

Passcode: AGM

If I have another technical 'hiccup', a replacement link will also be posted on Class Dojo, so please have both running at the same time if possible! Please can you join with microphones AND video cameras off? I believe this will make a big difference to our ability to broadcast.

NUTS!

Do please remember when planning your packed lunches and morning snacks, we are a NUT-FREE school. This is a matter of critical importance for a number of children in our school.

BATCHELOR'S BAFFLERS. The answers to last week's quiz. Given 3 characters, name the children's film.

1. Simba, Scar and Mufasa? The Lion King
2. Boo, James P. Sullivan (Sulley) and Mike Wazowski? Monsters Inc
3. Po, Tigress and Master Shifu? Kung Foo Panda
4. Ariel, Ursula and Sebastian? The Little Mermaid
5. Sadness, Joy and Disgust? Inside Out
6. Mrs Jumbo, Mr Stork and Timothy Q. Mouse? Dumbo
7. Geppetto, Jiminy Cricket and Figaro? Pinocchio
8. Thumper, Faline and Flower? Bambi
9. Jack Skellington, Oogie Boogie and Dr. Finkelstein? The Nightmare before Christmas
10. Alfredo Linguini, Anton Ego and Auguste Gusteau? Ratatouille

Congratulations to these groups for top marks!

"Poppy and Mummy"

"The Merrifields"

"The Mansfield Family"

Next week's quiz can be found here –

<https://forms.gle/jgT6kasrRSLgHJKZA>

Look at the pictures – can you name the musical instruments? Just for fun. Answers next Friday.

WE LEARNT YESTERDAY...

That the Government 'hopes' to give us two weeks' notice about a 'return to school'.

That North Nibley is right on the National Average for the % of children in school (20%)

AT GOVERNORS THIS WEEK

Policies renewed include Teacher Pay, Appraisal & Capability and Lone Working. You can find these here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

INTERESTING?

Was anyone watching the clock last night, at 21:21:21 on the 21.02.2021? No, I missed it as well! Next year, however...

Have a safe and relaxing weekend,
Mr B.