

Message from the head:

Hello everyone. We have now been operating under the lockdown for just over a month-with some families having self-isolated from before this time. It cannot be underestimated how tough this is for us all—children, parents and the staff here at Fleet. I'd like to thank you all for the kind words you have shared with teachers and myself when we have been speaking to you on the phone and also thank you for sending in messages to the teachers and sharing their work with us so we can support you and them the best we can. These phone calls and email communication are vitally important at this time so that we can help you and the children and make sure that you all are safe and well. As I have mentioned previously in communications teachers are working from home and using their personal phones to make these phone calls so their phones are set to withhold numbers. For this reason when the number comes up on your phone it will show as 'number withheld'. We have had some families it has been very difficult to get hold of and when we do it is because they don't usually answer withheld numbers. Please bear in mind this could be your child's teacher trying to call. If you are unable to take the call please send an email to the school which we can pass to the teacher and let them know when best to try and speak to you and your children. Earlier this week I sent out an update via the text system and on Parent Hub—I hope you all read it. Further to that I wanted to emphasise the importance of the children keeping in touch with their friends. We can and continue to support the children's learning remotely through the resources on our website, but my biggest concern while children are not in school is the effect of their isolation on their mental health and impact on their social skills and friendships. I would urge you all, if you haven't already, to reach out to the families in your child's class to arrange opportunities for the children to connect—there are lots of ways this could be done—I know, for example, my own sons have been using 'House Party', 'Dischord', 'WhatsApp' and 'Zoom' to connect with their friendsall managed by parents to ensure it is a safe and fun experience for them. If you lack the knowledge to be able to do this for your child, please mention to your class teacher when they next phone and we can try to connect you with other parents in the class who are more confident in this. I hope you are all staying safe, following social distancing advice and trying to get out for some exercise each day. Stay safe and I hope you enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter with examples of some of the fabulous work children have been doing.

Camden Music Festival Video

It seems an age ago and in a different world that some of us were lucky enough to be at the Royal Albert Hall to watch our amazing pitch perfect choir and brass players take part in the Camden Music Festival. Our friends at the Camden Music Trust have put together a celebration of the RAH festival – please check it out using the link below. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJ6hkcliR4M

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you so much to all of you who helped keep a bit of normality to the usual Fleet Easter celebrations by entering this year's egg decorating competition. There was, as



always, some incredibly inventive and funny entries. Later in the newsletter you can see some photographs of some of the entries. Mr McGibbon will figure out how to drop off their prizes next week—whilst observing all social distancing advice of course!

Easter 2020 Prize Winners:

Josie—Y6 Hana—Y6	Isabelle—Y4 Amber Lily—Y3	Arin—Y2 Shajai—Y1
Annie—Y5	Hana—Y2	Gmapriel—Rec
Gloria—Y5	Millie—Y2	Robyn—Rec
Lucia—Y5	Mael—Y2	

Donate to support PPE production



One of the members of the amazing Fleet community, Matt, is using his skills and ingenuity to do his bit for the NHS and other key workers by manufacturing crucial PPE equipment. He needs our help to be able buy more raw materials. Thanks to all of you who have already donated and helped him smash his original target. If you haven't donated yet and would like to please use the link below—more money equals more PPE that can be manufactured. The picture above shows Matt and Tyler dropping off some of the protective visors that are needed to the local ambulance station on Cressy road. Great effort Matt. We're proud to have you as part of our community.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/qmmmt-visors-for-the-nhs? utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_linktip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

Free School Meal Status

We are aware that many people at this time could be struggling financially. Some people may also have lost their jobs due to the closing of businesses and the measures imposed by the government. If you fall into this category and think you may be eligible for 'Free School Meals' status we would urge you to apply via the following link https://contact.camden.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/. The government and Camden are providing food or food vouchers of up to £15 per child, per week for those children eligible for the free school meals while schools are closed. This could be very useful to you and your family. We already know of some families in this situation who have been in touch and there may well be more of you out there. Please note that for those with children in Reception to Year 2 who receive a Universal Free School Meal (under the Government scheme), this is different to Free School Meal status (and is based on whether you are in receipt of certain state benefits) - so please apply if you think you may be entitled. If you need help applying, you can email Lisa in the office via the school admin email address (admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk) -put 'FSM' in the subject header and she can support you to make an application through Camden. This way we can help make sure you get access to any support out there you are entitled to.

Ramadan Mubarak

We would like to wish all our Muslim families 'Ramadan Mubarak'. This is a very difficult time for everyone and with Ramadan, traditionally a time to spend with extended families, breaking fast and celebrating. This Ramadan will, due to the lockdown, be very different for lots of you. Please make use of video calling etc. to stay in touch with family—please don't be tempted to break with the social isolation guidance at this time. We all look forward to being able to be with our loved ones again but it's important at this time to stick to the guidance so that can happen more quickly.

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These are very difficult times for everyone but one of the positives to come out of this situation is the amount of goodwill and support for each that is out there. If you are facing particular difficulties brought about by lack of employment, financial hardship, health conditions there are groups out there that may be able to help. You may not need these services yourself but know someone in Camden who does. Please see the information below:

Mutual Aid groups

Support with picking up shopping, medication, signposting to other helpful organisations.

We are also currently helping deliver hot meals from Food For All once a week.

You can join the group here: <u>www.bit.ly/KTMutualAid</u> or call 07858445464. Sometimes it helps people to join the group just to know there is support there if/when they require it. They will make sure the person is looked after and connect them to anything they require as support.

Highgate Newton Community Centre

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They cover Camden N19, N6 and NW5 and can drop off a one-off free food parcels. If they know a family is in need, they will make sure to call every 2 weeks just to see how they are doing and if they can supply another parcel.

Cooperation Kentish Town

https://www.facebook.com/CooperationTown/

They do deliveries every Wednesday. Their packs include bread, cereal, fresh fruit and veg, rice or pasta, tinned food and healthy snacks from the wonderful <u>The Felix Project - (https://www.facebook.com/thefelixproject/</u>) and freshly cooked meals from <u>Food For All HQ (https://www.facebook.com/FoodForAllHQ</u>) and additional supplies donated by neighbours.

Food for All (see flyer bottom left)

They have a central kitchen in Holborn, with the capacity to cook thousands of meals daily. They've now set up a hub in Camden at 96 Park Way NW1 7AN. They are currently building a list of people that require the help, and setting up deliveries with a network of volunteers.



Huge thank you to all you are doing to support your children and each other. These are some of the pictures and work you have shared with us this week — remember admin@fleet camden sch uk to send us images (put the class teacher's name and class in the subject). On the next few names

week — remember <u>admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk</u> to send us images (put the class teacher's name and class in the subject). On the next few pages work from: Frankie, Luke, Annie, Gaith, Alfie, Amin, Francesca, Issac, Samuel, Delphi, Maureen, Maxence, Penny, Alesha, Emaline, Nommi, Hunter, Rocco, Shajai, Josie, Ifeoma, Lucia, Hana, Amber-Lily, Robin, Mael, Gmapriel, Ugo, Isabelle, Hana, Mishkaat, Nico, Isabella, Frankie, Lacey, Jake, Mia, Amin, Mickey, Ayra, Riga, Suraiya, Lola, Leyla and Nida! Keep it coming—we love it!



Fantastic-Home-Learning-and-Funt-



Haiku by Suraiya I sheen blues and green, My feathers are Admired, My colour spread wide.

Can you guess the animal?











Penny's notes on the Squirrel Monkey Diet habitat · there are 5 Spices . they mainly eat sluit and insects. 0.5 Stuirr/ MOh Keys that can be sound ·they also consume some Locals and ; a (entral and south Seeds, a marica. othe Sirst fum hour · Sauiri Monkeys Live OS the day is steny in dense tropical-Solaging Sor Sryin, rain Sorsts, wethands, Marshes and Mangrove Solests. Biology behaver othey are the Mos comonnly used neo tropical Primates in 09 roups tend to Manuality Mutually avoid One and over. blo Modical (esearsn in the united State • Sq him Monkeys Show othere Physical Mo territoral disfuse characteristic on there hands and seen and case swallsin there hands and seen and case swallsin there research to ws and are proving pop <u>In O</u>













Haikus by Isabella

Green and long legs Hop on speckled lily pads Splash in cool water

The black cat's soft fur Flames her luminous eyes White whispers sit below

Green leaves grow and gleam They wave above my head Summer has arrived now

The black pot boils An aroma hits my nose My dinner is ready















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