

Message from the head: Thanks to all of you for another really positive week. Despite the pressure we are all under at this difficult time we are heartened by the conversations we have with you and your children each week hearing about how you are all making the most of the current situation. It means a lot to us to see and hear about the things you are doing so please keep sending in photos and work. I really enjoy going through it all preparing for this newsletter. I am constantly amazed and impressed by the standard of what we are seeing. The children (and you!) are all very creative as shown by the vast amount of work in the following pages and by the fantastic labelled picture of 'Mickey's Island', Delphi's wonderful nature collage and Penny's cool Squirrel Monkey shown here. Please keep them coming! There has been much speculation in the press about schools reopening. I know from many discussions I have



had with a number of you during visits to school to collect things or in some of my calls to families it is on all of your minds—ours too! However, this speculation is terribly unhelpful for schools and parents. The Prime Minister will be making a statement on Sunday evening, which will hopefully provide solid information for schools and indicate what the plans are. It is likely that school returns will be staggered with certain year groups returning first but the fact is at this point we simply do not know.

The school can only reopen if it is safe for children, staff and parents. There are many things to take into account and plan for, in order for the children to come back and I assure you that I will keep you informed regarding the school opening, when I have the necessary information and the plans in place for a safe return. Please bear with us as you have been. On the next page we have shared with you information on the second week of the Sustrans Stay Active Challenge. We sent out week one's challenge last week in a separate letter. I hope some of you have been able to engage with this. I hope you are remaining safe and enjoy what the VE Day bank holiday weekend.

# Philosophy Sessions during lockdown

Interested in Philosophy? Miriam, our Philosophy teacher, is able to offer us free virtual sessions during this difficult period. If you think that your child would be interested please let Miss Wall know at <u>ad-min@fleet.camden.sch.uk</u> with the subject: Philosophy. Please email by Tuesday if interested and she'll get back to you with further details.

# Phonecalls

Please let us know if you are changing numbers. Teachers are trying to call you and speak with the children twice weekly. If a number comes up on your phone with no caller ID there is a good chance it is us as we cannot phone from the office at the moment while people are working from home. Please answer. Thank you.

# **Donate to support PPE**



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? <u>utm\_source=customer&utm\_medium=copy\_link-</u> <u>tip&utm\_campaign=p\_cp+share-sheet</u>

# 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.

### Phonics

We have added a letter for EYFS and KS1 parents on those classes' Starts Monday 27th April 2020

KEEP YOUR CHILD'S PHONICS LEARNING ON TRACK WITH OUR DAILY LESSONS, DESIGNED AND DELIVERED BY EXPERTS 12 weeks of summer-term lessons using the same Letters and Sounds programme as your child's school

home learning pages from the DfE regarding Phonics. It has a lot of useful information in it and also links to the YouTube channel for 'Letters and Sounds' which is going to be updated daily with really useful videos lessons for phonics.



# The Challenge

Bling (decorate) your bike, bag or scooter, then send us a picture of how it looks. The theme is rainbows!

# How to stand out

We want to see signs of creative thinking and lots of effort! Bonus points for using recycled materials. And remember the theme! We expect plenty of colours, like a rainbow.

# How to enter

- Upload your video to Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #SustransActiveLondon
- If you don't have Facebook or Twitter, send your video to BikeltPlusLondon@sustrans.org.uk
- Please see our website and read our Terms and Conditions for more details.

# **Deadline**

Send your picture to us by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** to be in with a chance of winning a bike or scooter.

# What happens if I win?

- We will announce the winner on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>
  May, on Twitter and via email.
- We will be in touch to arrange your prize: a bike or scooter!
- Your video will be uploaded to our Facebook
  account

# What happens if I don't win?

- There's still a chance your video will appear on our social media. We will be putting some of our favourites up throughout the week, so keep your eyes peeled!
- This is a weekly challenge so there will be plenty of opportunities to take part again. Look out for our next challenge which will be announced on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

# DID YOU KNOW...

Children all over the WORLD have been putting rainbows in their windows to keep spirits up while we are spending time indoors. This idea began in Italy.

# SHARE YOUR CLIPS!

On Facebook or Twitter, use the hastag:

#stayactivewithsustranslondon

Tell us what you think of this activity

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https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2020/london/stay-active-with-sustrans-in-london/#theme

# gling under Lockclown? Need Support or know someo

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

# [Flyer bottom right of page]

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 <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: Vesper, Musa, Penny, Iffy, Maureen, Rosa, Raaiha, Emaline, Luke, Frankie, Sara, Ugo, Eartha, Gaith, Lucia, Evangleine, Nida, Ella, Leyla, Hana, Frankie, Lucia, Aman, Tamanna, Mickey, Mason, Hiba, Lir, Gabriel, Mael, Amber-Lily, Robyn, Peter, Lola, Sarah, Hannah, Erina, Finn, Faith, Nico, Hana, Kai, Delphi, Lexi, Alfie and Yayha ! Keep it coming—we love it!





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# Lots of great reacting, writing, maths, science and topic happening too

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