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Reflection

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the death in 1991 of Gene Roddenbury, the creator of 'Star Trek', the science fiction series. In an episode of Star Trek the people who live on two moons are about to go to war with each other. With the help of the crew of the Enterprise an ambassador persuades representatives of each group to trade places for a week, so that they will understand the others' point of view more clearly.

Having swapped places, both grow in their understanding of the other group. War is averted and they all live in peace.

Let us pray to be free of prejudices;

Lord, lead me not to be hasty in jumping to conclusions about people.

Influence me not to stereotype individuals or make sweeping generalisations.

Free me from prejudices which leave no one free.

Help me to appreciate that there are other ways of looking at things, realising that others can have as equally valid a view as mine.

Inspire me to grow in the ability to understand others and think as generously of them as I would like them to think of me.

Amen

HAPPY HALF TERM: Congratulations! We have made it through one of the most unique terms in the history of education. We have formed lines, kept a distance from each other, worn masks, washed and sanitised our hands at least 20 times a day and kept smiling through it all. WELL DONE!

I think the hardest part for parents is not being able to come into school. I thank you all for following this guidance to ensure the safety of our children, staff and each other. You may see one or two parents coming through the gate but this is to drop Nursery children. It is quite a long walk for them to do on their own.

As Ealing has the highest infection rate in London it is important that we continue to follow these measures.

This has been a long half term and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break. The children, staff and parents have been working really hard to catch up with any lost learning during lock down. The children have risen to the challenge and are making good progress. As I walk around the school I see children who listen well, are interested in their learning and are keen to learn. I see staff who are using a range of different strategies to engage children and support them with their learning.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS: You should all have received and sent back a preferred time slot for Parental Consultations. These will be collated and you will receive a phone call from your class teacher within your preferred time. We will contact you by text message if you have not received your first preference. You will receive your child's termly report on Friday 6th November for you to discuss with your child's teacher.

HARVEST: Thank you for your generosity. All your donations will be delivered to Ealing Food Bank.



PARISH RAFFLE: Thank you to all those people who have been able to send back their raffle tickets. The Parish are most grateful. Can you please send back all tickets back by Monday 23rd November.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Next term we will be supporting Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and combining a Christmas Jumper day with Christmas Crazy hair. We understand that some families will be affected financially by Covid. I would like to stress that you should only give what you can. You are not expected to support every charity or initiative.

KS2 WRITING COMPETITION: KS2 children have the opportunity to test their talents in the Explore Learning Writers' Awards 2020 competition! This includes writing a 500 word story on the theme 'Hidden Talents' which is based on the positives from the lockdown you might have experienced - like discovering a love of baking, a musical talent or a love for helping out around your home. The deadline for the competition is 28th October. Please use the link below to find out how to go about starting, writing and uploading your story onto the website.

<https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/writersawards/>

Could you be this year's winner?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Throughout October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. Across the school, we gained an insight into the many achievements of heroes past and present. The children recognised past struggles, celebrated individual achievements and raised their awareness of current issues within the media. Staff members even shared photos/videos of how they celebrate black culture in their own lives e.g. traditional food.

'I really enjoyed learning about how black people have contributed to our own British history and persevered through hard times' (Joshua- 6C)

Thanks to everyone who took part!

TIMES TABLES CHALLENGE: The children in years 4, 5 and 6 will be competing against local Catholic Schools to see which school can recall their times tables facts the quickest. The competitions will take place virtually on the 9th and 10th November.

Get practicing those times tables!

LOOKING AHEAD: We are developing how we will deliver the remote learning to make it even better than it already is. We will be using 'Google Classroom' to enable teachers to connect with the whole class if they are at home and isolating. Accounts are being created and classrooms set up. Staff are being trained and after half term we will start working with the children on Google Classroom so they are able to use it effectively if they need to remain at home. In the meantime we will continue to use ClassDojo.

Remote learning is only required for those children who are well but are required to stay at home because they have had close contact with someone with Covid. If your child is at home sick they should not be doing home learning. They need to rest so that they can be well enough to return to school.

We are aware that there is not much to look forward to and we are working on how to continue to facilitate the fun things we have always done.

Our celebrations have become more difficult because of the restrictions made on children singing in groups of more than 15. We are adapting the Christmas plays and Carol Concerts which will be recorded for you to see. If possible we will live stream the Carol Concert.

We will make sure that we celebrate Christmas in our traditional ways. We will tell the Christmas story and decorate the school. We will have class parties and do all this while we socially distance.

We will keep you informed of any updates.

DIARY DATES:

PE: Your child will be having PE on the following days:

Monday – Year 3 and year 5

Tuesday – Year 4

Wednesday – Year 1 and year 2

Thursday – Year 6

Please remember to send your child to school dressed in their PE Kit on the day they have PE.

Liturgical Celebrations



Friday 6th November - Family of God Mass / Year 4

Friday 27th November - Miraculous Medal Mass / Year 5

I wish you a very safe, restful and peaceful half term.

May God keep you safe in the palm of his hands!



Miss K. Coll / Headteacher



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*</p> <p>If the test result is positive, then see below.</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days 	<p>...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days • No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days</p>