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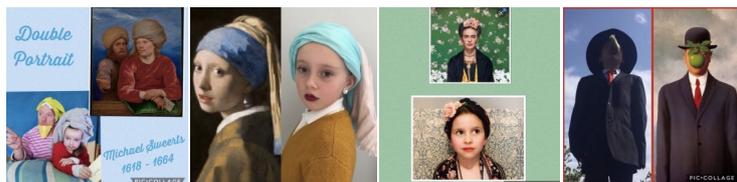
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Development Days 2019-20:
Monday 1st June 2020
Tuesday 2nd June 2020
Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Thursday 4th June 2020
Friday 5th June 2020



We are really getting into the swing of things and getting to grips with the new way of teaching and learning. **We have now set up GoToMeeting** and I am pleased to see that class teachers are arranging meetings with their classes for the children to see each other and have a general check in. The link to GoToMeeting will be sent via Dojo this week and it is really easy to access when you press on this link. Now we have this in place, we are beginning to have the meetings that were planned in the diary too. For example, Mr Cooper is going to hold a Pupil Council Meeting, Mrs Flux will hold an Anti-Ambassador Meeting and Mrs Wyld and Miss McQueen are going to do a Snag Meeting. The Inclusion Team are going to reorganise annual reviews and I know that the Family Team are keen to set up video meetings too. We have checked the safety of GoToMeeting and are happy that it is secure and appropriate to use for children.

The home learning and activities that I am seeing coming through are just excellent. I particularly like the **'art challenge' this week** and I am hoping to create a gallery of these pictures, so if you have not done one yet please have a go and send them through to us. Here are the ones so far, (I am also going to challenge the teachers to do this too...shh don't tell them!)



I have had some really positive feedback from families about the variety of learning that is coming through, particularly about the Oak National Academy that are producing daily lessons for all year groups. These give the children a sense of familiarity of school. Do check out the link <https://www.thenational.academy/>. Alongside learning, we are very aware of the emotional impact this may be having on some of the children and families. Please be reassured that when the children return to school we will make sure we are supporting their emotional wellbeing too. It is going to be a very strange return to school and I have been busy this week putting into place lots of different considerations so that when we get the word from the Government, we are good to go! There will be some changes moving forward, which will include a staggered start and end to the school day, families dropping their children at the classroom door and a one in one out system to the school office. During the day, we are really lucky that we already have small classes, flexible playtimes and staggered lunches. Some changes here will include packed lunches eaten in the classrooms or outside, allocated areas of play for each year group, as well as seating space in each of the classrooms. Other things we are considering are children bringing in their own pencil cases with their own resources for them to use during this time. However, when this happens I will send out a full and detailed letter of procedures and expectations. I just needed to let you know that I am optimistic that we will be back.

There has been a lot of questions particularly for our Year 6 children regarding leavers assembly, France trip, year books and hoodies. Everything is being put into place for all these events to happen and if they can not go ahead in the way that we have done them previously, we will definitely plan for something extra ordinary for our children. I do have a meeting planned this afternoon with CEC to discuss the transitions to Secondary School and I will let you know once I understand their plan and how we can support the children that are moving up in September. This is also very similar for children coming into school. We have pushed back all the transition days and meetings until the middle of July now so that there is a chance these will still happen. If not, we will rethink and make sure that our new children are happy coming into school in September.

This week in school: Tomorrow is our Fashion Parade Day. Some of the staff have joined in and you can see their photos on the next page. I had such fun dressing up in my Husband's Captain's uniform and my Daughter did her make on me! The funnier and sillier the better! Please send photographs and videos to your teachers and we will try and put them together in a video to share with you all. Have fun!

It is National Gardening Week next week and a perfect time to get out in the garden and start growing. I have run out of seeds at home and planted all of the ones I had. I really enjoy going home every evening to see which ones have popped their heads out from the soil and just like Owen, I am showing a lot of patience for the ones that haven't grown at all. Please do share your moments of patience with me I would love to include them in my assembly every week and share them with everyone. This coming week would have also been **'Walk To School Week' ready for Walk the Wight**. It is a very special year for the hospice as its their 30th anniversary since they began Walk the Wight and they have sent out alternative ways to support the hospice this year which Mrs Wyld added to School Story yesterday.

It is week 3 of our Japan topic and it has been great to see all the Japanese activities that have been going on, the calligraphy, art, models, geography and learning the language. Wow, you certainly have impressed me! There will be more learning this week as well as celebrating Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day). We will be celebrating Children's Day in school to enjoy the individuality of every child and celebrate their joy and happiness. In Japan, it is a National Holiday.

Maybe you could have a go at making carp flags to represent members of your family and fly them outside. You can find lots of information Kodomo no Hi day on the internet too.



Next Friday, the 8th May is a Bank Holiday for Victory in Europe day. The school will be open for key worker families on this day. Please telephone the office and let them know if you need your children to come to school. However, for the rest of us it is a Bank Holiday to enjoy with our families. We are also approaching our two week half term at the end of May. If we get further information about a return to school around this time then we will adjust the timings of our half term break. Although, teachers will not be in school during this period the school holiday club will be running for key worker children. Again, please could you telephone the office if you need your children in school during this time.

Families of our current Year 3 and 4 children would have received a school survey regarding a possible structure for next year. This is not set in stone, we are just exploring this as a more equitable possibility and would like families feedback. So if you could complete the survey that would be extremely helpful to us. Thank you.

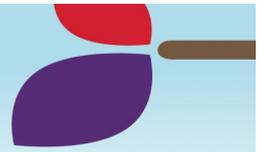
Monies: I am very aware that lots has changed for many of our families particularly around finances. We have sent out information about applying for Free School Meals and the criteria for these this week. If you are entitled please call the office and speak with Andrea or Charli who can confirm your entitlement and register you for our hampers or packed lunches. We also keep Food Bank vouchers in school too. On the flip of this, it is also a really good idea to maintain regular payments to school money so that this isn't a worry for you return to school. Any monies that have been paid for swimming for this term can be credited or refunded. However, watersports and France have not been cancelled yet and until they do we are unable to refund or credit any monies paid for these activities. We are on it and will let you know as soon as we do.

I look forward to seeing your dress up photos or videos tomorrow. Have fun!

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



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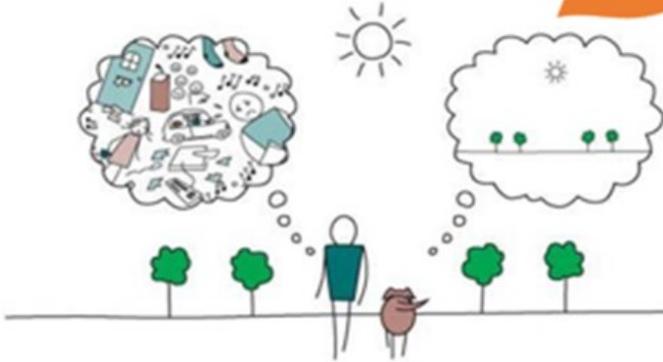


Join us for our Lanesend Primary Fashion Parade Day! Friday 1st May

Send us in your photos of you and your families dressed up via email or Dojo. We are looking forward to seeing all your outfits and creations!



LANE ZONE



*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

Mind Full, or Mindful?

When things are feeling, a little bit, not quite right...
Try a 'Grounding Technique' to bring yourself back to
now.

Look around you...

5

Look for 5 things you can see.
Say their names out loud.
Which one is nearest to you?



4

Find 4 things you can touch. Touch them.
How do they feel under your fingertips?



3

Listen for 3 things you can hear.
Can you identify what is making the noise?



2

Sniff 2 things that you can smell.
Do the smells remind you of anything?



1

Taste 1 thing in your mouth.
What did you last eat or drink?



Make **Grounding** a routine activity: It won't be long before you can do this an-
ywhere at any time to just get back to **CALM**...

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Keeping a diary of these times with lots of little achievements will help you to see just how far you have come and all the things you have been doing; focus and routine are so useful...



Remember your 'journaling' skills and make your daily achievements simple. Be sure to tick them every day.

Won't it be incredible to read and remember once our pause is over?!