



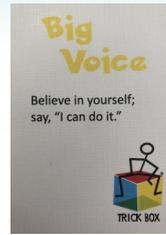
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THE SQUIRREL

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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



Well, we are all waiting for Sunday with anticipated positive steps. We have lots of plans in place ready to go once we know what the announcement on Sunday will contain. I have had several people say you must know something, but we really do not. When Boris announces it, we will all get the same information together, followed by the detail in government guidance which I imagine will be on Monday. Once we have all the information, I will meet with the team and then send a plan of action to families as soon as is reasonably possible.

We loved seeing all the 'Fashion Parade Day' photographs and I hope you all enjoyed dressing up at home. I know the team did and we hope that the video made you smile. My thanks to the whole team who participated and to Ash, Jack Holme's Daddy who put it all together for us. **I have also really loved all the art recreations** but I think I have said this several times! Every time a new one pops up on Dojo I am just amazed all over again. Mr Andre has put them all in one place and adds to them every time a new one comes in. They look really impressive when they're all together. I really am going to have them all up in a gallery in school.

The home learning this week has been great, again. I am so impressed by the children's love of learning that shines through in all that they do. It was great to celebrate Kodomo no Hi (Children's Day) on Tuesday in school and lots of children made great carp flaps to take home. If you made carp flags at home, please do send them in. I would love to see them! The children in school felt that we should have a National Holiday for children. Even though I cannot get this one done we are going to put this into the diary each year and celebrate how fantastic our children are.

Also this week in school, I did a video call with Cowes Enterprise College to talk through transition plans and I just want to reassure our Year 6 children that secondary schools are putting in place transition arrangements for you all. I know the Year 6 team are meeting today and Chloe has put in video meetings with Cowes Enterprise College initialising for a transition question and answer. We will arrange this with the other secondary schools next week too.

Thank you to the families of current Year 3 and 4 who completed the survey about a possible structure for next year. I have now gathered the comments and I will email you with responses early next week. Please be reassured, I am considering other options too and as always the children will come first.

Monies: an automated text went out this morning regarding the different trips that we had already planned. Unfortunately this was all set up before we shut down and this may continue to be generated. Please ignore any activities that are unable to take place because of the current situation and only pay outstanding debts. Once we are back in school we will hope to correct this as we will know more of what the future will hold.

Free School Meals: just a reminder that you may be eligible to claim for Free School Meals, particularly if your circumstances have changed and you applied for universal credit. Please give the school a call between 9am and 3pm and we will set this up for you.

Tomorrow, is the May Bank Holiday in remembrance of the end of the Second World War in Europe. I know the team have been sending home lots of information about it and key worker children in school tomorrow will be taking part in lots of activities about VE Day too. The rest of the school team are taking the bank holiday tomorrow and will enjoy the sunshine which is meant to be very warm and lovely. Which leads on nicely to it being sun awareness week. Please remember that even though it is early in the summer season the sun is very strong and sun cream is a must as well as lots of water to keep hydrated.

As I look through the diary I see **next week would have been Year 6 SATS** which the children had been working extremely hard towards and had made some great progress. Please do not worry about data transferred to secondary schools as we will pass on teacher assessment to the children's new schools and have in depth conversations with them all too.

It is week four of our Japan topic and I continue to be impressed with the interest and activities that are coming both from school and home. There are also quite a lot of television programmes on about Japan at the moment which are really interesting. Even though I spent some time living in the Far East, I never got to Japan and this is on my wish list, (if and when I retire!).

Half term: again dependant on Boris's announcement on Sunday, we will either take our two weeks half term as planned from the 22nd May returning on Monday 8th June, if schools are not planning to open before this. If however, the date to start reopening is earlier than the 8th June, we will have our half term from Friday 22nd May to Monday 1st June. The Squirrels Den will be open as it would have been normally during this half term break. Once we know the detail we will send out a text for you to book den places via School Money. I am sure there are many families and staff who have a holiday booked over our original two weeks holidays (I was one of those!) I know that some have not been cancelled yet, but I am pretty sure that they are unlikely to go ahead. I am now looking forward to it in the October half term break and I am hoping to rebook for then.

GoTo Meetings: we are now up and running with class meetings and it has been lovely for the children to see their friends and check in with their adults. I have also gate-crashed to say hello when I can but now we know that the system work we will be able to set up some one to one meetings and small group meetings, as well as whole class ones too. How my days have changed that I now spend more time on video meetings looking at myself! It is quite unnerving! I am sure this is also going to be the future too and lots of meetings and work will be done through the internet rather than in person. I am also an expert in the different platforms now too!

I hope that you have a lovely bank holiday Friday and I will be in touch the early part of next week once Boris has spoken.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



This week's TRICK BOX is: BIG VOICE!

Why?

Our brain is not fixed and neither should be our mind-set. If we develop a "growth mind-set" then we can turn all our mistakes into opportunities to learn and grow. Self talk plays a key role and gives us opportunities to take ownership of our attitudes.

How?

If you feel like giving up because something is challenging or you don't feel like doing it then you need to use Big Voice. Say to yourself inside your head "come on! You can do it!". Say this whenever you need to!

Give it a go!

Lanesend Fashion Parade

Day 2020



3 Walk the Wight with Mountbatten Your way!



We have Foodbank Vouchers here in school if any families need them, please ring the office.



ACTION CALENDAR: MEANINGFUL MAY 2020



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

"Start Where You Are. Use What You Have.

Do What You Can" ~ Arthur Ashe



4 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

5 Send friends a photo of a time you all enjoyed together

6 Take a step towards one of your life goals, however small

7 Let someone you love know how much they mean to you

1 Take a minute to remember what really matters to you and why

2 Do something meaningful for someone you really care about

3 Reconnect with nature today, even if you're stuck indoors

11 What are your most important values? Use them today

12 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

13 Today do something to care for the natural world

14 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

15 Find out about the values and traditions of another culture

16 Look around you and notice five things you find meaningful

17 Take a positive action to help in your local community

18 Hand-write a note to someone you love and send them a photo of it

19 Find a way to craft what you are doing to give it more meaning

20 Reflect on what makes you feel really valued and appreciated

21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

22 Ask a loved one or colleague what matters most to them and why

23 Share an inspiring quote with others to give them a boost

24 Do something special today and revisit it in your memory tonight

25 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about

26 Recall three things you've done that you are really proud of

27 Today link your decisions and choices to your purpose in life

28 Tell someone about an event in your life that was really meaningful

29 Think about how your actions make a difference for others

30 Find three good reasons to be hopeful about the future

31 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

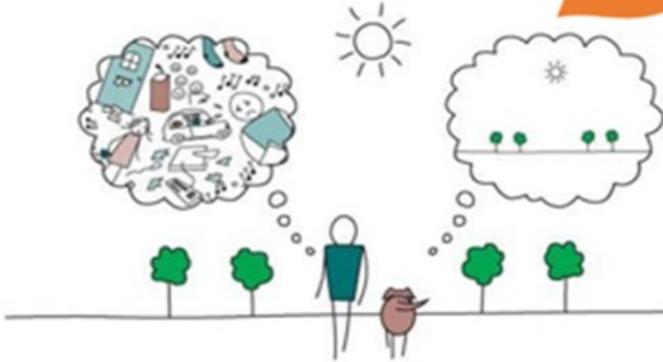


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31 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

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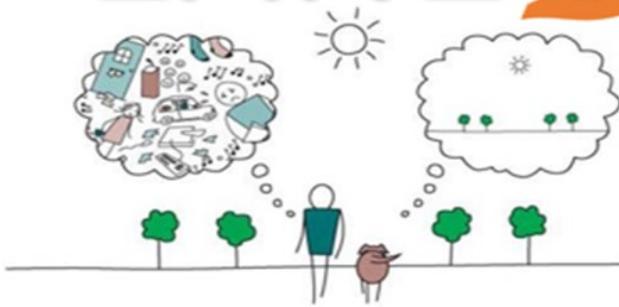
*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

We are all **FULL** of feelings and it is OK to feel every type right now. If we let them build up inside, they might explode like a bottle of fizzy pop!

Share a book with pictures of feelings or a TV show that will help you to name your mood and release the fizz slowly.



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Mind Full, or Mindful?

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this week's activity a go...*

We all need things to look forward to and focus on. Write letters and postcards to family and friends and remember this one from New Year?

