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Kentish Town CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Virtual Workshop—A Parent’s Guide to De-colonising the Curriculum

As many of you will remember, this year we are working on a full review of our curriculum and have been working with Consultant Karen Brooke on this. Karen is leading a Zoom workshop on Wednesday 10th February from 9.30am about the need to de-colonise our curriculum. She is happy to take questions from parents and carers so please email Pam:

admin@kentishtown.camden.sch.uk if you would like to join this session. Everyone is welcome. Here is the link to Karen’s website: <https://www.oshuneducation.co.uk/karen-brooke-1>.

Camden Music Resources

As you know, Coren leads singing on Thursday and Friday mornings and she regularly shares resources from this site: <https://camdenmusic.org/>. Please do take a look as there are a range of great things to dip into: “Things to sing” is great, as are the “Living Room Ceilidh” resources. Please do encourage your child/ren to join on with the Thursday and Friday assemblies.

Healthy School Street Consultation

We are very keen to have a Healthy School Street in Islip Street. This would mean the street is closed at key points in the day thereby reducing emissions, making the street safer for children and adults to cross, and enabling more effective social distancing. Please see the plans and give your response by following the link below.

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/healthy-school-streets-kentish-town/>

Remote Learning

I thought you may want to take a look at the latest guidance from Ofsted. This is gathered from “fact finding” virtual visits to a number of schools nationally since September 2020. I have shared this guidance with my teachers and we are mindful of the main findings. This guidance is helpful as it is evidence based, rather than personal opinion. The fact is that remote learning is completely new for most families and teachers. It isn’t easy, as we all know and what works for some families doesn’t work for others. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whats-working-well-in-remote-education/whats-working-well-in-remote-education>

Welfare Calls

Our Teaching Assistants will be making welfare calls to you and your children throughout the week. As they are sometimes working remotely, you may receive a call with “caller ID withheld”. Please do take these calls and appropriately let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.

Well Done!

I genuinely want to congratulate everyone on getting through four weeks of remote learning. Everyone appreciates how hard this time is for families. However much work your child/ren have accomplished, you have done your best and that is great. This is a marathon and not a sprint so please pace yourselves! Please keep well and stay connected with us. We are all hoping that there will be good news before March 8th about school reopening.

National Mental Health Week

Shared on the next page is a simple guide offering some ideas about what you could do to support your child/ren’s mental health. I have shared this in assembly and it would be great if you could follow up at home. I think open and frank conversations about mental health are one of the big wins from lockdown.

Best wishes,

James Humphries — Headteacher

<p>As a family, design outfits that express who you are individually!</p> 	<p>Put on your favourite music and sing your favourite song!</p> 	<p>Talk to someone at home about how you're feeling.</p> 	<p>Spend time doing something that makes you happy!</p> 	<p>Draw/paint your emotions – what colour are the different emotions to you?</p> 
<h2>Children's Mental Health Week – Express Yourself</h2>				
<p>Spend time with your family – play games, go for a walk or do something creative together.</p> 	<p>Spend time doing something that helps make you calm.</p> 	<p>Dress up in your favourite outfit!</p> 	<p>Create (draw or build) a place you'd like to visit!</p> 	<p>Draw a picture of yourself and write on it the things that you like about yourself!</p> 

National Mental Health Week: 1st—5th February 2021
Please send in photos of any of these activities that you complete and we will develop a Positive Mental Health page on the school website. It would be great to have as many families and staff represented as possible. Thank you for your support!