



NEWSLETTER 1 April 2021

Home learning suggestions, links to activities and details of organisation who can provide support and advice during the school closure can be found on the **Covid-19 page** on the school website www.guisleyprimary.org

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I hope you have had a good week and had opportunity to make the most of the sunshine. It has been lovely to see the children out in the playground without needing coats, hats and gloves, even if only for one week.

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Munnings after 28 years as a Teaching Assistant. The children in Year One had written some lovely messages to her and we watched a video of them saying their goodbyes. We wish you a happy retirement!



There were lots of Easter activities taking place throughout school this week; Easter egg hunts in the quad, Easter crafts and learning about why we celebrate the occasion.

In Year 4 the children were learning about water and fire safety and some First Aid skills and in Year 5 there was the delicious smell of their Montserrat Johnny Cakes being made – I didn't get a sample so I have decided they must have been delicious!

I was pleased to be invited up to Purple class to be given a demonstration of some of the children's 'Covid raps'. The children have done so well in their assessments that they deserved some fun.

Mrs Jordan was thrilled with the homework that the children had completed this week. Linked to their science topic on 'Magnetism' the children had designed and made games using magnets. Well done to the children (and parents) of Year 3. Here are just a few examples.



The bulletin from Leeds City Council this week has asked me to remind our school community that pupils and parents that are symptomatic must have a PCR test and unfortunately we are not able to use the result from an LFD test alone – I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

"PCR vs LFD tests - a number of schools have contacted us regarding parents taking pupils who are symptomatic to get a test and then having a LFD test and not a PCR test. We have checked with Health Protection and can confirm symptomatic persons must have a PCR test and a LFD test is not sufficient. As many of the test sites are open for different purposes at different times of the day e.g PCR testing in the morning and LFD test collection in the afternoon it may be that parents / carers are not aware of this and have arrived at the wrong time. We recommend you ask parents / carers to make it clear when they are booking tests or arriving at a test centre that they need a symptomatic PCR test and not a LFD test." LCC

Please continue to notify us of test results received over the school holiday (both negative and positive) as we are required to keep our school Covid-19 records up to date.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes

Mrs Buckton
Headteacher

Stars of the Week



Gold Class - All the children for being fantastic this term!

Rainbow Class - Everyone in Rainbow for a fantastic half term, enjoy a well deserved rest!

Red Class - Olivia who is always a good friend and Jai who used his phonics independently when writing about Spring

Orange Class - Penny for accurate counting during her egg hunt and Dylan for his wonderful enthusiasm!

Yellow Class - Matilda for some great work with capacity in maths and Alfie W for great enthusiasm when learning about sharks this week

Green Class - Ava for excellent writing about sharks and Dexter for trying hard with his writing

Blue Class - The whole class - for settling back in so well after a challenging term. Mrs Roberts is very proud of you all!

Indigo Class - The whole class - for working really hard both at home and at school this term!

Violet Class - Elsie for her brilliant descriptive writing in English and Gracie for working unbelievably hard all week in every subject - you have impressed all the staff in Violet class with your hard work!

Pink Class - Theo for his excellent work on perimeter in maths and Charlotte for writing an excellent playscript in English

Coral Class - George for his fantastic progress in netball, which includes pivoting and accurately passing the ball, and Isla B for working really hard in everything she does and being such a kind and supportive member of the class

Amber Class - Nellie for working hard and bringing a positive attitude to school each day and Poppy for working hard, listening effectively and contributing to all lessons

Jade Class - Jack for writing a brilliant rap in music lessons! Jacob for writing an excellent rap in music lessons!

Lime Class - Luca for getting his hands stuck in and enjoying our baking this week and Libby who also got her hands stuck in and enjoyed her baking this week

Purple Class - Lottie, Amelia and Owen for working together to create a brilliant Covid rap!

Turquoise Class - Charlotte, who wrote an excellent biography of Charles Darwin and Eddie, for fantastic levels of effort - you've made so much progress this term!

Well Done everyone!

Diary Dates

Thurs 1 April - School closes for the end of the Spring Term

Mon 19 April - School opens for the Summer Term

Mon 19 to Fri 23 April - The Big Pedal (more details on page 3)

Thurs 22 April - Swimming lessons start for Amber class

Mathlete of the Week

The Mathletes of the week are:

KS1 **Hannah (Yellow)** and KS2 **Thomas (Turquoise)**

A Gold Award has been achieved this week by:

Emma (Amber)

Houses

Nethermoor, Nunroyd, Parkinson and Springfield

Children can earn points for their house by displaying behaviours that follow our Rainbow Code:

Respect (for all)

Achieve (always do your very best)

Inclusive (we all matter)

Nurture (we care and are considerate)

Belong (it's good to be part of something)

Outstanding (effort and perseverance)

Whole (whole child, whole family, whole community)

The points for this week are:

Nethermoor	200	Nunroyd	117
Parkinson	142	Springfield	140

Well Done to everyone in **Nethermoor** house!

The total points for the half term are....

Nethermoor	847	Nunroyd	712
Parkinson	790	Springfield	739

A second Well Done to everyone in **Nethermoor** house!

The Big Pedal



The Sustrans Big Pedal aims to inspire pupils, staff and parents to take active journeys to school. Schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their school community cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school.

Our school will be taking part from **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd April**, when we will be encouraging everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Class teachers will record how their class, including parents, carers and staff, have travelled to school. These numbers will then be recorded on the Big Pedal website to enter the competition.

Please support the Big Pedal and let's see if we can win some prizes for school!

Leeds City Council Job Vacancy

Catering Leeds are looking for staff to join their teams, working in schools within this area.

They pay the Leeds Living Wage (a minimum of £9.30 per hour) and have part time roles available which are term time only.

If you are interested please visit www.jobs.leeds.gov.uk and complete an application form.

Please note it is Catering Leeds policy to try not to place staff in the same school as their children.

Covid-19 Reminders

* If your child receives a positive Covid-19 test over the Easter weekend, please email a screenshot of the test result to office@guiseleyprimary.org as we may need to inform the contacts in their 'bubble'.

* For anyone who has a positive test result, the whole household and close contacts must self-isolate at home for 10 full days. If your child is unable to return to school on Monday 19th April due to self isolating, please email the school office a screenshot of the positive test result.

Wellbeing and Safeguarding



If you need someone to talk to, there are people you can call on for support including:

Samaritans - confidential support for people feeling of distressed or in despair. Phone 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline) or visit www.samaritans.org.uk

Safeguarding, child protection, domestic violence - If you have concerns about any of these, please seek help as soon as possible. You can contact school, the children centre or any of the organisations on the school website including the Leeds Domestic Violence Service <https://ldvs.uk/>

Support available for children and young people

Kooth - an online mental health and emotional well being service for young people aged 10-18 it offers free, safe and anonymous support, commissioned by Leeds NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. For more details visit www.kooth.com or join the Parents/ Carers session on Tuesday 30th March, 5-6pm via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-parent-session-tickets-144404344281>

YoungMinds - a children's mental health charity. Phone 0808 802 5544 (Mon to Fri 9:30am-4:00pm) or visit www.youngminds.org.uk

Grief and Loss Service

If you are experiencing feelings of grief or loss, from any cause, you can access support seven days a week, 8am – 8pm from [West Yorkshire and Harrogate Grief and Loss Support Service](http://www.griefandlosswyh.co.uk). Call the service on 0808 196 3833, or use visit www.griefandlosswyh.co.uk

The service is staffed by experienced counsellors who offer information, advice and emotional support, as well as signposting into local place based services.

Financial Support



Free school meals - If you think your child may now be eligible for benefit related free school meals, please use the online claim form: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Benefitclaimform.pdf>

Families in difficulty - Aireborough Children Centre has access to support for families. They can be contacted by: email - office@aireboroughcc.org.uk / telephone - 01943 87410 / visit www.guiseleychildrencentre.co.uk