



Together Everyone Achieves More



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful half term, and managed to have a well-deserved break from screen time. As you will have heard from the government announcement on Monday, next week will be our **last week** of home learning. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, however **please** make sure that you read the letter about this carefully. Although the covid-19 levels have gone down massively, we must all still work together to ensure we keep each other safe.

As you are hopefully aware, we are celebrating World Book Day next week. At Curwen we love to promote reading, and to see children getting excited about books. Please do encourage your child/ren to get involved wearing pyjamas and making a story jar to share with their classmates. We would love them to bring these in with them when they return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

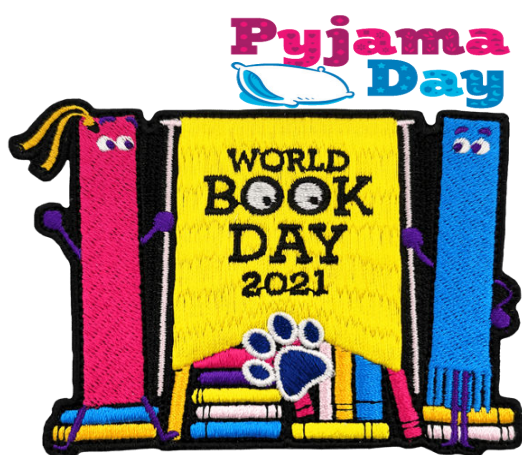
We have some fantastic news to share this week, as we had our annual re-assessment for our Inclusion Quality Mark. This involved an external assessor speaking to staff and pupils and observing learning over Zoom. We are delighted that the assessor was very pleased and is happy that we keep our 'Flagship Status'.

We are continuing to update the information on our school website, so please do have a look there for ideas and activities as well as support <https://www.curwen.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=317>.

We wish you a lovely weekend, and all the best for the last week of home learning.

Mrs Mansfield

*Can't wait*  
**TO SEE YOU**



### World's Book Day—2021

This year to celebrate World Book Day we're going to have a Pyjama and Hot Chocolate Day. Whether children are learning at home or in school, we'd like them to get dressed in their pyjamas and relax with a nice hot chocolate whilst they listen to their teachers read fantastic stories and have fun discussions with their classmates about their favourite books and authors.

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March so the children have got plenty of time to start thinking about and creating their story jars. Class teachers will tell you more about the other activities they'll be doing on World Book Day itself, nearer the time.

If you need inspiration or ideas of what your child might put in their story jar please check your child's Google Classroom or the school website for a video created by our Literacy Lead – Mr Smale.

### "Write Your Own Future" - An open letter of support

Our children and young people need hope. They need to know we understand what is important to them and will be there to support them. As Headteachers, teachers, parents, CEOs and stakeholders we have written this open letter to you all young people.

The past year has been a year of relentless challenges. It was been undoubtedly tough, yet, we have repeatedly been blown away by the immense kindness, infinite strength and immeasurable generosity of our students, parents/carers and staff members.

Mr Levinson (Head Teacher – Kensington Primary School) has written an open letter in partnership with "Well Schools Network" to share a message of hope and positivity – challenging the negative messages and voices that are being so frequently shared. Please take some time to read and support this letter, the letter can be accessed here: <https://www.tlt.academy/news/?pid=347&nid=1&storyid=315>

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### Parental Hotline

We understand how difficult this period has been on everyone, therefore we are here for you.

Parent Hotline for Non-Medical Issues/ Signposting parents to essential services. This line is monitored by our staff Monday to Friday 10am—3pm. **Contact : 07944 224 266.**

### Our Official YouTube Channel

The Tapscott Learning Trust are pleased to announce the launch of our YouTube channel. This was created to support parents with home learning and other educational videos. Find us at: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) - Tapscott Learning Trust

### Family Support

Family Support services are available on Monday—Thursday, between 9:00 AM -4:00 PM (term-time only.) Family support can help with a variety of issues that you and your children may encounter. Support includes: Health and Wellbeing advice, Emotional Support, Employment and Training, Housing and Benefit advice, Community Participation, Child Development, Safety at Home, Free Early education, Parenting programmes, Domestic Violence support, etc. If you feel you will benefit from any of the services on offer you can contact the Family Support



Worker on her **Mobile number:**



**07494749890**



## Pupil of the Week



AM— Sarayah

PM— Danny Lee

RDR— Zayna

RM— Jessica

RF— Amara

RS— Mia

1K— Rome

1C— Myla

1M— Lorenzo

1D— Eesa

2L— Henry

2B— Alice

2R— Adam

2M— Anas

3B— Nabiha

3G— Nawal

3H— Janel

3L— Rafin

4C— Cleopatra

4N— John

4B— Saima

4A— Musa

5C— Jenar

5B— Anna

5W— Raj

5L— Yu-Xiang

6I— Bradley

6K— Ibrahim

6U— Shayah

6B— Thomas

LST1— Hanup

LST2— Aziz

# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM CYBER CRIME

We all want to continue being informed and inspired by the ever-expanding capabilities of the internet. But we also need to be able to safeguard ourselves against the growing amount of online hazards. Knowing what is fact, understanding what dangers exist and taking appropriate steps can go a long way towards protecting yourself and your family. National Online Safety has collaborated with the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Cyber Crime Unit to compile 10 pointers to help you keep your children safe from cyber crime.

## 1. Spot Phishing Bait

Phishing messages are untargeted mass emails asking for sensitive information (e.g. usernames, passwords, bank details) or encouraging recipients to visit a fake website. It's safest to learn the warning signs of phishing and increase your child's awareness. Too good to be true? Spelling or punctuation errors? Odd sense of urgency? These are all red flags. Don't click on links or follow demands: if you're unsure, contact the official company directly online to enquire further.

## 3. Encourage Strong Passwords

Weak passwords make it faster and easier for someone to gain access to your online accounts or get control of your device – giving them a route to your personal information. For a strong password, national guidance recommends using three random words (e.g. bottlegaragepylons). Consider paying for your child to access a password manager. Encourage them to have a separate password for their email account. Ensure the whole family uses two-factor authentication where possible.

## 5. Back up Your Data

Some cyber attacks can lead to the theft or deletion of important (and possibly sensitive) data or loss of files (like photos and videos) that can't be replaced. Backing up your data to the cloud – or to another device – will help prevent data loss if you ever become the victim of a cyber attack. Where possible, set your child's devices to back up automatically. Also encourage them to back up their data prior to installing any updates.

## 2. Don't Over-Share

Is your child sharing too much on social media? Do they post things about their private life, upload images of your home, or discuss their friendships and relationships online? Criminals will gather this information and may try to use it for identity theft or other offences such as fraud. To combat this, ensure your child's privacy settings mean they are only sharing information with family and close friends. Use parental controls where appropriate.

## 4. Stay Updated

People often put off installing updates to apps or software because they don't feel it's necessary, it can be time consuming, or could cause problems with programmes they rely on. But updates help protect users from recently discovered vulnerabilities to malware. You can usually set them to run automatically – encourage your child to select this option. Ensure updates are installed as soon as possible after you're notified they're available.

## 6. Be Wary of Public WiFi

Free public WiFi is commonplace – but it's often not secure and sends unencrypted data via the network. A hacker on the same network could access personal data (like financial information) without you even realising they'd done so. To avoid this, suggest to your child that they use their 3G or 4G mobile data when they're out and about, rather than free WiFi. Consider purchasing a VPN (Virtual Private Network) where possible.