

Friday 9th October 2020



New videos to use at home with 6-9 year olds  
looking at online safety

Online Safety

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have felt the change of season, with autumnal winds and rain impacting us at inconvenient moments during the day. It is vital for the children to have **coats and wellies**, as they need fresh air and space out of class. We have had to reduce the use of the school field at weekends, so that our children can have more use during the week. However, when it is exceptionally wet, classes will use separate areas of the playground for PE/ play, so that the grass does not become too churned. A dry winter would be really helpful!

The children and staff have continued to develop their skills in using IT in order to stay connected. By sharing Acts of Worship, we have managed to find alternative and safe ways to 'gather' and share experiences and time together. As the impact and restrictions of COVID continue, the need to find creative solutions increases. So, our Heads and Deputies of School will be virtually meeting with Mrs Burrlock next week to discuss how they can contribute to virtual Open Morning Tours of our school. Our Class 6 Journalists are preparing to interview Rev Hannah next week, again by courtesy of IT. Perhaps our continued IT development is the one unexpected benefits of the restrictions that we are experiencing, along with other firms, businesses and schools.

We look forward to sharing our continuing learning journey with our Newsletter readers, our Twitter followers and our website watchers!

Have a great weekend!  
Miss Minnis

We regularly feature **online safety**, as our children are fortunate to have access to many useful apps and websites on mobile phones, laptops, iPads, etc. These can provide access to a wealth of information and opportunity, **but** do need careful monitoring. There are many useful tips, advice and support available to guide parents/ carers—one of these is Safer Internet, which can be found by clicking the image above.

## Christian Value Certificates

This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying our school values;



**Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)**- Joshua for showing **love** and being so helpful in class this week

**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- Grace G for showing **love** and being caring to all her class mates.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Seth for showing **perseverance** and continuing to work through tasks, even when he finds them difficult.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Ted for always showing good **faith** in others, for always being so upbeat and positive believing in the best of others.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- A large group of Class 5 children have shown **perseverance** as they chose to tackle the maths 'Super Challenge' as well as those who joined in when we found a pattern to explore.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**- Digby for **love** as he showed real enthusiasm for our English work on Beowulf.

## Early Morning Club

EMC has relocated to the Hall, so that the children have more safe space for their activities. Arriving from 8am, the children have plenty of time for fun before they go to their classes. Mrs Burton has arranged a number of creative competitions over the last couple of weeks and has been impressed with the children's ideas and ingenuity. Here are some photos of the winners:



**Abbie:** Winner of the Bridge Building competition, her design held 5kg.



Distance flying paper aeroplane competition:  
**1st Place: Abbie**  
**2nd Place: Aaron**  
**3rd Place: Jacob**



Congratulations to **Soraya:** Winner of the Chevening Lego Car Grand Prix Final!

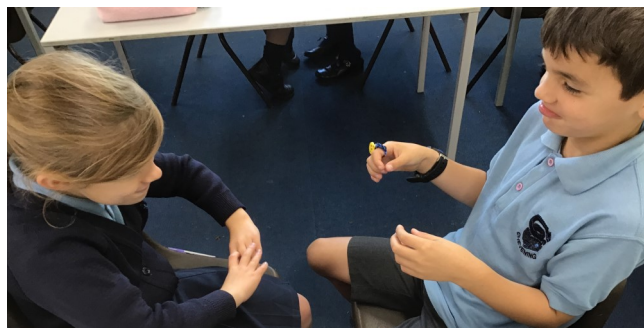
## Key Dates

Date	Event
15th October	Kent Test (PESE) for Class 6 entrants
21st October	School Photos
22nd October	Last day of Term
23rd October	Inset Day (no children in school)
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	First Day of Term 2

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID-19.

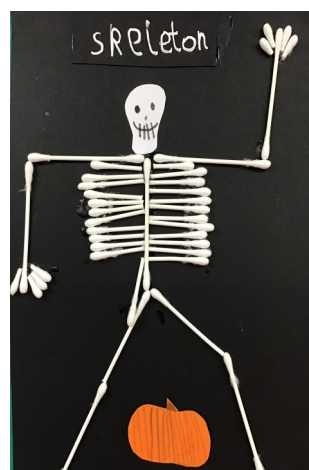
## Class 3

The children have started reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. They have thought carefully about the main character's thoughts and feelings and what kind of life she has. Here they are freeze framing a scene between the girl and her dad. What do these photos reveal about their relationship?



## Class 1

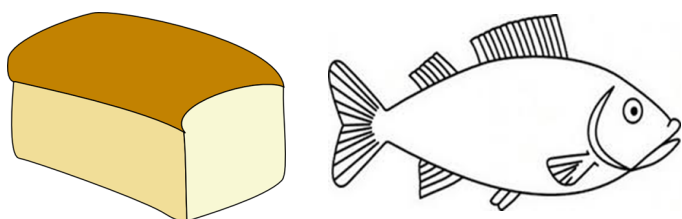
Class 1 have been working hard on their ourselves topic. They have tested how far away they can hear things, identified different sounds and taste tested some foods to find out whether they are salty, sweet, bitter or sour. The lemon was not a very popular taste! For homework, they have been thinking about the parts of the human body on the inside and outside and have made some lovely models of skeletons with labels for some of the main bones. They have decided we really do have amazingly clever bodies!





## Worship

This week, the classes have been focusing on **compassion**, looking at a Bible story from Matthew and thinking about how we too can show compassion to others in school and elsewhere.



The images above remind us of the famous story. Click [here](#) to see a modern painting of the story by Eularia Clarke.

## Harvest Donations Needed

Following on from this week's Worship theme of **Compassion**.... Loaves and Fishes is one of the local foodbanks, supporting up to 40 families with young children by providing a large bag of non-perishable food every week for a year.

Although we are not able to gather to celebrate Harvest in our usual style, it's really important that we remember to be thankful for all we are able to enjoy. This year, we would like to send Loaves and Fishes our Harvest food donations. If you are able to make a contribution, please ask your child to bring their offering to class. The school will then arrange the delivery to the Foodbank.

**Loaves and Fishes need:** Breakfast cereals (**not** porridge oats), Tinned meat for hot meals: especially stewed steak, beef casserole/lamb stew, minced beef & onions, chicken in white sauce, Hot dogs, Ketchup, Tinned vegetables (preferably peas/carrots/green beans/sweetcorn), Biscuits, Toiletries and Washing capsules or liquid **and also, in order of importance...** Fruit juice (long-life)/fruit squash. Sauces for rice dishes: Curry/Sweet & Sour, Tomato ketchup/mayonnaise (but not brown sauce), Tinned ravioli, Tinned macaroni cheese, Tinned meat for cold meals (eg ham, luncheon meat, corned beef), Custard (tins or cartons, but not custard powder), Rice pudding (tinned), Coffee/hot chocolate, Rice, Sugar, UHT milk.

**See if you have anything (in date and sealed!) in your kitchen cupboards!**

## Reminders

**Please could parents/carers remember:**

- The School will be updating the IT systems on Friday 16th October to Sunday 18th October, so please call the Office for anything on Friday 16th October rather than email.

-if your **child is unwell** & has **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms, they cannot attend school—please seek advice from NHS 111.

- Please call the office to if your arrangements for pick up are changing, so we can inform the class staff.

- Thank you to everyone on returning the Home School Agreement please remember we need all forms back by Friday 9th October 2020

- Please do not forget to order your child a lunch, the menu starting 12th October is Week 1.

- Please return the PTA Christmas cards by Monday 12th October.

## Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future. So far, punctuality has been brilliant—please keep it up!

Attendance and absence are closely monitored each day, so staff notice concerns and successes, even during COVID. The Government have said that absence for reasons linked to COVID Guidance will not impact children's attendance rates. We inform parents/carers of their child's attendance routinely, especially if absence impacts learning.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
<b>Class R</b>	100%	97.1%
<b>Class 1</b>	100%	98.1%
<b>Class 2</b>	99.7%	98.1%
<b>Class 3</b>	96.8%	96.2%
<b>Class 4</b>	100%	97.9%
<b>Class 5</b>	99.3%	98.1%
<b>Class 6</b>	95.9%	95.3%
<b>Whole school</b>	98.9%	97.3%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	