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Headteacher Update 5th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Fantastic work this week on Seesaw and huge congratulations to all our writing project winners. Great writing, presentation and content and effort to get this done so we are all super proud of you all! Check out the schools Facebook page to see the winners! A huge thank you to Mrs Inman and all the staff for their planning and preparation of the project but huge congratulations to the children who despite all the difficulties they have faced since the start of term have done brilliantly!! Don't forget to pick up your prize from school if you have won one.

Next week: join in with two things:

Safer internet Day (Tuesday 9th February) and Miss Pocock will be posting some resources and assembly next week for you to watch.



and on Friday 12th February we will be doing:

'Express Yourself' dress up day (as part of our mental health focus). You can do it at home too! Wear what clothes that are in the colours that express how you are feeling or your personality. You can post it on SeeSaw (if parents/carers are happy for us to put a montage together on school social media please say so). I wonder which colour I shall wear?





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Reminders

We will be asking parents to feedback on the remote learning over the next week via our calls to families, this will enable the school to tweak our offer going forward, so look out for our phone call. Alternatively, you can email Admin: Remote learning.

Also, here are a couple of other reminders for this coming next week;

We would really like to children to join the Monday, Year group 'ZOOM'. If your child doesn't join then staff will call to check everything is ok, as a follow up.

Children can also drop in to 'zoom' call on Thursdays to check in about work and meet teachers.

School staff will not only call if your child has **not** been on any of the hosted 'Zoom' calls for their Year group for that week and/or if we have not had any work posted on Seesaw. The call (often from a withheld number) is to check that everything is ok and if we can support your family further.

Additional calls will be made by a member of the Year group team, if your child is receiving additional emotional or learning support during this period. This will have been agreed by parents, so please make every effort to pick up the calls at the agreed times.

Throughout the school, staff are working in Year Group teams, depending on the availability of staff (due to COVID related issues / illness), the numbers of children in and the needs of the children in school depends on the capacity of the staff to make additional calls to parents.

There has been a really good engagement with Seesaw, so thank you so much if you have posted your children's work. As a reminder staff will respond to SeeSaw posts within school hours (up to 5pm) but might not do so immediately, so please be patient they are managing a lot of posts. I know some parents post in the evening, so these posts won't necessarily be commented on until the following day. Like you many of you, some of our teachers have families and other responsibilities to attend to.

Mrs Evans Assemblies

The next weekly 'Live' assembly will be on **Friday 12th February at 09:05**. This is the new link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73109609614?pwd=UU0vbWFnUE5CZGtZQVVoeGRLZ0Zodz09>

Meeting ID: 731 0960 9614

Passcode: mKZ1e8

Congratulations to all the children whose work was put forward for a Head Teacher Award.

I had a peek at children's seesaw posts on teacher recommendations

This week's winners were:

Y3 - Amelia B, Samuel LH, Beth C

Y4 – Jessica C, Emilia Mc

Y5 - Isabelle A

Y6 - Imogen F, Zalen L, Max H, Louis G



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Children's whose work has been shared will get a Headteacher's Award badge, a real one which will be with the child's name in a box in the Office Reception Area plus a MME one too! This is the same place where the birthday badges will be kept. So please pop in to get your child's badge.

These assemblies are our 'Celebration' of learning and so there will be an opportunity for children who are remote learning to share news/activities and work they have been proud of for the week. We will always say hello so the children can wave and see each other from different year groups but we enter and we turn our cameras and mics off.

If you have any information or pictures you want share for our circumnavigation of the world, send your work / activity that you want to share to schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk, **subject line** – Around the World in 80 days - child's initials and year group. Then Miss Lyons can show you in her place montage which she will share on a Friday. Let's make an effort to see if we can get to Egypt by next week before half term!

Family Activity

It's Chinese New Year next week but if you feel like getting in the mood to explore this festival one of our families (Emilia's parent in Year 4) has a link with Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge who were going to be hosting a family activity weekend on it. Sadly, it's only happening virtually; however, you could do the attached trail and here are also some other links you could try. These activities were created in partnership with the Cambridge China Centre, so I hope you can use them. I will also get them posted on the home learning tabs next week too!

<https://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/calendar/whatson/family-first-saturday-chinese-new-year-0>

Below is also the link to the youtube video demonstrating how to make a lantern. It is captioned in both English and Mandarin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhhsN1NL-6o&feature=youtu.be>

Help and support

As always please contact the school if you need any help or want to speak to another adult about any issues, we will do our best to listen and help where we can. School staff are regularly contacting families; you might find a call from a number withheld come up so please answer if you can or phone the school back and we can find out who called you and get them to ring you back.

If your query is related to the Remote Learning please contact the Year group teachers in the first instance on schoolteachers@pixmore.herts.sch.uk.

During school hours you can also contact

Mrs Willans – Assistant Headteacher on: 07529220197

Mrs Kennedy our Family Support Worker can be called / or texted on: 07422 678961

I am in school the majority of the time as are the office team so you can always ring to speak to us and we'll do our best to help.



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I got very muddy last weekend on a walk with my friend (socially distance of course) and her mad border collie!

My embroidery is getting there - a few more squares completed – I might have finished it during half term?!



Make sure you get some 'fresh air' over the weekend and I'll see hopefully more of you in your colourful clothes next Friday at 09:05!

Take Care

Mrs Alex Evans
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