

❄️ Snowflake School News ❄️

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We would like to thank the **BERNARD SUNLEY FOUNDATION** for their generous donation that allowed us to create our ramp and shelter for our disability access.

Hello, Snowflake Families

I want to start by expressing a huge thank to you from Fay, myself and all my staff for the consistent support and understanding you have and continue to show towards us during this difficult time.

I know it has been difficult following zoom timetables or finding space to work on resources we send, but you are doing it and we can see how your children continue to benefit. When this is all over and we can be back together properly, we will have big party to celebrate all our successes.

School Trips

We were aiming to resume some of our school trips from this term, with the new lockdown it hasn't been possible. We will however aim to get access to Nevern Garden for Primary.

Staffing Updates

There were a few staff that we had to say goodbye to during this half term. If your child's key worker has been changed/ affected by this, you would have already received a letter from school.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday

22nd February 2021

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END OF TERM

Wednesday

31st March 2021

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SUMMER TERM

Tuesday

20th April 2021

SECONDARY TESTING

This half term we set up our downstairs classroom in Crown Street as a testing centre for staff and so commenced our programme of twice weekly testing.

Fortunately we have had no cases in Crown Street and only one in Earls Court this half term so I hope like the country, we are on our way to recovery.

We have welcomed several new pupils in Primary and also new staff across both sites, everyone has settled in really well and we are delighted to have them join us.

Next term and into the summer term , we will be working on a recovery curriculum,. This will be about helping the pupils manage the feelings of being without their friends and their key adults and the joining back together. It will be based around community and I hope we will be able to start building ours again.

In the meanwhile we will be continuing providing the remote learning whilst also encouraging you to start sending your children back to school. I will continue to spend every Monday in Earls Court.

We hope to be able to resume all our community activities as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

In the meanwhile, please take care and stay safe

Warm regards

Kerry Sternstein
Head Teacher

Our Pupil's Wellbeing

Mairead, our SALT has provided some useful advice to support our pupil's 'emotional cup'.

It's been a pleasure to work with many of you this half term and to continue to support the amazing pupils at Snowflake.

As we continue to be faced with the Covid restrictions, we should be mindful of the impact of these changes and challenges on the pupils and their 'emotional cup's.

THE EMOTIONAL CUP

Imagine that every child has a cup that needs to be filled -- with affection, love, security, and attention. Some seem to have a full cup most of the time, or know good ways to get a refill. But most children get a little nervous when their cup gets near empty.

Some ways that children deal with having an empty cup:

- steal from other people's cups
- misbehave to get your attention and show that they need a refill
- seem to have bottomless cups, or need constant 'topping off'
- can't sit still for refills or actively refuse them
- bounce off the walls when they approach 'empty'
- think they have to fight or compete for every refill

What fills a child's cup:

- play
- friendship
- one-on-one time
- love and affection
- connection
- succeeding
- doing what they love to do or what they choose to do

What empties the cup:

- stress and strain
- rejection by peers
- loneliness and isolation
- yelling and punishment
- failing
- fatigue
- doing what they're forced to do or they hate to do

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The more happy, calm and regulated the pupils are, the more they will be able to engage and communicate with us, to the best of their ability.

Over this half term, I urge you to take note and be mindful of your child's 'emotional cup' and what is required to keep this topped up.

Wishing you a lovely half term break.

Mairead Donnelly

Speech and Language Therapist

A MESSAGE FROM PRIMARY

Another challenging start to the school year. I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support, understanding and flexibility you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months.

As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together.

We will continue to try and keep all of our families and staff as safe as we can and will be in contact with all of you to keep everyone updated on any changes.

PRIMARY REPORTS, CLASSES AND HOMEWORK

We have been sending homework challenges home during this term when pupils were being provided remote learning. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any resources that would further support our pupils learning.

Thank you for enabling pupils to access online sessions, we really appreciate your support. Please do get in touch if you are struggling with

lack of electronic equipment or internet access as some local authorities have been providing support for families.

And Finally...

I am sure you will join me in thanking both students and staff for an excellent half term's work and once again I would like to thank you for your continued help and support throughout



this incredibly challenging time. I wish your family an enjoyable, restful and safe break.

Yours faithfully,

Andrea Moldovan-Grunfeld, BCBA
Assistant Head of Primary Site

Sapphire Class News

This half term has been different, some of us come to school every day, some alternative weeks and some of our friends have stayed at home.

We have welcomed four new tutors, Leanne, Magda, Stav and Vivian. All of the tutors have been incredible working as a team, helping each other, adapting on the spot and taking the time



to get to know our pupils. The tutors have continued to make sure targets are being executed in fun teaching sessions, for our pupil's to find really engaging.

Samantha, Sapphire class Supervisor



with water and putting ice cubes in the freezer and then working on adding the cubes up. James absolutely enjoyed making a cupcake using crazy foam and requesting for the items needed to complete this task!

This term during our remote session's children have been learning new phonics sounds and identifying numbers! We have worked on the first 3 sounds. s, a, t.



Diamond Class News

We have reached the end of another busy term ...and we are halfway through the school year already. Over the last few weeks in Diamond class the children have enjoyed exploring variety of textures. Wali has really enjoyed exploring

Star of this term goes to Leonardo for not missing a single remote session through out this

WELCOME TO JESS, EMERALD CLASS SUPERVISOR

This half term we have been working hard getting to know our new staff team! We have also been taking part in online lessons and therapies, been learning new phonics (s, a, t) and identifying numbers and we have produced some beautiful art work with our teachers. We have also loved our music and dancing sessions where we all have a shared love of the songs from Moana!

Have a lovely half term break.



term! Well done! Have a lovely half term break.

Paulina, Diamond class Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM SECONDARY

As another term draws to a close it has certainly provided many of us with great levels of challenge and unexpected turns. We have undergone much change once again.

We are currently faced with Remote Education of our pupils and ever changing expectations to respond to. We have responded as best as we can. Staff have worked incredibly hard to adapt to a world that none of us were ever trained for. I am a very proud that, despite the adversities and challenges we are facing we continue to grow and learn in the same way as we aspire for our children. I thank the team for their continued motivation and dedication. Trying to ensure safety of those in school while supporting the academic progress and emotional well-being of our all our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and staff for their hard work in making sure that all students were able to access online zoom sessions and

resource packs. We understand this has been a challenging term and we would like to thank you all for your help and co-operation.

We have welcomed a new Supervisor Poonam and her class Milky Way. It was not the start we had all hope for but she sat settled in brilliantly and we welcome her to the Snowflake family.

Shooting Stars have worked extremely well as a team under the guidance of Molly to continue with their laundry lessons and making videos for students to watch at home, with guided activities.

Supernova made great strides in accessing lessons on zoom and sitting patiently or taking brain breaks when requested.

We continue to remain as strong apart as we do together, we have hope that one day soon we can fully re-unite and continue our learning journeys without a screen between us.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Catherine Stephenson.
Assistant Head of Secondary Site

WELCOME TO POONAM, MILKY WAY CLASS SUPERVISOR

I am really excited to be joining the team as a Supervisor and I am amazed at the incredible work Snowflake is doing. With my collaborative approach to life, I look forward to supporting our learners and their families. Our individualised learning stations are ready, with a lot of personal touches for our wonderful learners. Adya has been taking advantage of the situation and have been enjoying the classroom to herself. We have been really enjoying our beautiful building and working towards creating a fun learning environment.



Shooting Stars Class News

Shooting Stars have been developing their essential for living skills by learning about laundry. We are lucky to have a brand-new washing machine and tumble dryer, so the pupils certainly have all the tools to practice.

Led by Molly, they learnt about sorting colours loading the washing emptying the machine and folding clothes. The activities also incorporated maths, counting, matching and sequencing; finding the matching pair and using pegs to hang them on the washing, labelling what is needed for example, washing line/ washing machine/pod etc.)using the, language of opposites; clean/dirty, sorting colours/whites, pretend play washing machine to learn the sequence then generalising to the real-life skills machine, folding real socks/clothes and putting them away into the 'clean' basket.

Lucky Shooting Stars families, looks like your washing is going to be done for you from now on at home, hoovering next ...

Supernova Class News

A Supernova is a bright explosive star which describes this class so well. Despite all the problems with Covid , they have managed to take part in their lessons both in school and remotely.

The staff have made some exciting resources and the whole class has been doing an amazing job this half term. Everyone has been joining their zoom sessions. Victoria has been delivering great national curriculum lessons via zoom. At the same time, Lee is also doing an amazing job delivering OT sessions, which everyone in supernova loves. Mairead and Roxy have been offering amazing SALT support to our students.

Tutors have been working very hard on site and at home, preparing excellent resources and delivering 1:1 zoom sessions to support home-learning for our pupils. We have continued to set up our classroom and get everything ready for the new term when we will be able to welcome everyone back together. We will be spending lots of time getting to know each other again and enjoying each others company and we can't wait.

SOME MORE GREAT PICTURES FROM SHOOTING STARS' LAUNDRY THEME THIS TERM!

