

St Giles' C of E
Primary School



Lockdown Bulletin

Friday 26th February '21

LEARN, GROW & FLOURISH

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A message from the Head

I hope that you have had a pleasant and restful half term. It's been lovely seeing the sunshine today and hopefully this means that Spring has sprung! I am pleased to say that we will be opening up again to all children on Monday 8th March. We have had a lot of key workers children at school throughout lockdown, with over a third of the school coming in. Many of our parents are working in areas such as the police and fire services, education, health and social care, as well as national infrastructure and retail (and many, many more). Thank you to all of the key workers for supporting us during the lockdown. Let's hope that things open up safely for everyone so that the economy can get moving and we can all get back to life as we knew it. If anyone is finding things difficult, for any reason, please let us know and we will gladly help in any way we can.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our learning mentors for all their hard work at school during this period, and also to our teachers for planning and setting all of the work over this time. Thank you.

Hopefully you have all now read through my letter which runs through our reopening in detail, although much of what will happen is very similar to how we did things back in September. A couple of points to highlight:

- I have asked for children to return in school uniform, including school shoes, not trainers. I am wary that some children may have outgrown their shoes and replacing them in current

circumstances may be tricky. If you are having trouble in getting shoes, please drop us a line at school and let us know.

- We want to minimise the amount of equipment coming in and the sharing of equipment in school. This means we would like children to bring in book bags, filled water bottles and no pencil cases. A few larger bags started to creep in towards Christmas and some children were consistently forgetting their water bottles. Please make sure that children have only what is essential for the school day please. You can purchase book bags from the Friends who are also now providing school uniform (and if you purchase something new please name it).
- Drop offs and pickups are all outlined in the opening document but remain the same as before. Can I please ask that parents use the one way system so that you are not squeezing past people to get out of the playground. If you come into the office, you will be expected to wear a mask as they are mandatory for all visitors on the school site. We also encourage parents to wear masks during pick up and drop off.

One more week to go! I have said this before but I do think the parental engagement with the work set has been really positive. Thanks for the work you are all putting in. Have a great weekend!

Kind regards
Mr. Smithard

The Christian Value we are
focusing on at the moment is:

Humility

Humility and humanity come from the word humus – the earth. God made us from the earth and in being humble, we 'earth' our view of ourselves in reality. Humility has a central place in Christian teaching.

Birthdays

Here are the birthdays from over the half term and this week (up until today). Many happy returns!

Albert (Rec), Teddy R (Y4)

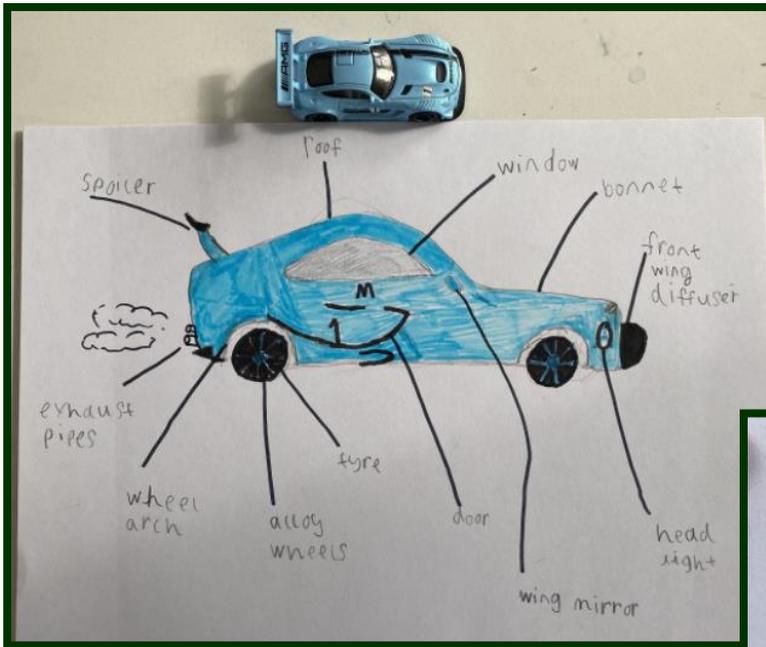
Glenn (Y3), Kian (Y3)

Jayson (Y4)

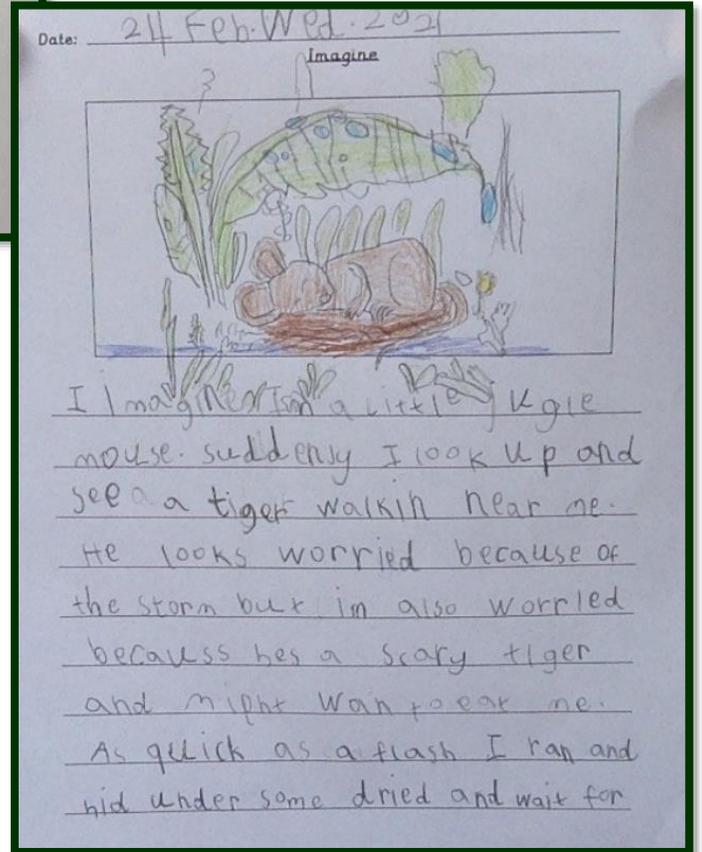


Weekly Gallery

Y2



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So many colours poured down from the sky and everyone became happy. Idris had no memories but he still didn't give up. Songs filled the sky and people started to sing. He had no hope for the future so he was sad. Idris didn't know if that wasp was his or somebody else's. Everyone stopped and smiled as hope filled their insides. So many tents and trees surrounded the camp. Everyone was filled with happiness with their wasps but Idris had no hope.

Y5

Y3

In the forest

Mini Rabbit hopped down into a clearing, in front of him was a dark cave surrounded by tall trees with large branches. Lurking in the shadows was someone watching him. "Looking for BERRIES" Mini Rabbit kept telling him self, trying not to get scared. Mini Rabbit noticed a single berry at the mouth of the cave. He hopped over, scooped up the berry and entered the cave.

Mini Rabbit looked around the gloomy cave, it felt very eerie. Suddenly a voice from behind him asked "you're a long way from home Mini Rabbit, you're not lost are you?" Mini Rabbit turned around and cried "NO - NO - Not lost, oh."