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#### THIS WEEK'S NEWS

As I mentioned in my post on Dojo yesterday, it is worrying that cases are still on the rise in Plymouth. I know some of you are finding things tough and I want to reiterate that we are still here. We have staff available who are available to listen and be on hand to support you, through telephone, dojo messages or through a google meet. If you are struggling with anything mental health, food, money, getting your children to do work, we are here to try and help. Please do reach out to us. Since my message on dojo - I have had some parents say they have made alternative arrangements. This is hugely appreciated. If you do not need your child in every day, please do let us know.

Our children have been working incredibly hard. I have seen and heard children engaging with their live lessons and I even managed to drop into one of the friendship groups' chats yesterday with Mrs Nankivell. Well done to everyone who has managed to log in to see their friends.

Next week I will be sharing some PE competitions with you that can be done at home. There will be prizes on offer for children who participate!

Have a good weekend and please continue to follow the rules.

God Bless, Mr Dyson

#### **MAGIC BREAKFAST**

We still have LOADS of cereals and bagels. Please come to the school next week and collect them.





# THIS WEEK'S HEART OF GOLD AWARD WINNERS ARE...

Class 1 - Tala for ASPIRATION. Tala has demonstrated an aspirational attitude towards her learning in the last couple of weeks. She has applied herself to all areas of home learning, trying her hardest and listening to feedback. Through photos and videos I can see how hard you are working. Tala, it is admirable. Keep it up, you're doing a fantastic job!

Class 2 - Nevaeh for ASPIRATION. She is just working so hard and is making some massive steps in her learning. She has moved up in her RWInc phonics group, and is becoming more independent in her writing and maths. I am so proud. Well done Nevaeh!

Class 3 - Ignacy for ASPIRATION. Ignacy has been doing his learning from home everyday and sending pictures of everything he has done through to me. He has logged in to speak to me when he has needed support and is trying his best with everything. We are very proud of him.

Class 4 - Justin for RESILIENCE. He has worked incredibly hard to develop his understanding of working with fractions. Great effort Justin. Well done!



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Lily B - For her brilliant Harry Potter inspired PE video

William - For hi<mark>s fant</mark>astic attitude towards his learning

Saoirse - For all her brilliant questioning in the live lessons

Charlotte - For her amazing explanation of how to defeat her beast

Ryan - For brilliant commitment to his spelling and handwriting

Gabi - For taking part and giving an input in pretty much every online lesson

## Help & Support

Plymouth City Council's dedicated Covid-19 webpages are updated frequently:

https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information

There is help with food, money and supplies for anyone needing to self-isolate:

https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information/ineedhelp

Advice and help is being co-ordinated by Caring for Plymouth, a partnership between Plymouth City Council, Livewell South West and a wide range of voluntary and community organisations:

https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information/caringplymouth

Plymouth Public Dispensary offers financial assistance for people in need who live in Plymouth and are unwell or convalescing to assist their recovery:

http://www.ppdtrust.co.uk/about\_us.html

Or phone 01752 782758

If your circumstances have changed and you feel your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please apply using the following link:

https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducation child careskills and employability/school meals

### LATERAL FLOW TESTING

Next week, primary school staff will be given the opportunity to take Lateral Flow Tests twice per week. The aim of these tests are to try and establish the early identification of asymptomatic people which will help reduce transmission. If any staff member tests positive using the Lateral Flow Tests, they will be asked to self-isolate and get a PCR Covid Test which is a more accurate measure of testing for the virus.

The bubble will then close and children in the bubble will be informed to isolate until we get the results back from the Covid test. We will follow the usual advice from Public Health England and inform you if your child needs to self-isolate or not. These tests will be starting from next week and may well lead to intermittent bubble closures but we will, as always, keep you informed.

## **PLYMOUTH RAIDERS**

Over the lockdown we have decided not to charge for any of our online dance classes in the hope this will help children at home participate in physical activity but more importantly the benefits of the social interaction whilst having fun.

There are two classes:

#### **KIDS CHEER**

Age 10 and under

Saturday morning 11am to 11.30am

#### **TEEN CHEER**

Age 11-16

Wednesday evenings 5pm to 6pm

As a club we have seen an increase in enquiries for our online community classes for children over the lockdown period.

To register, we require an email from the parent/guardian to cheerleaders@plymouthraiders.com stating the class they wish to register for.