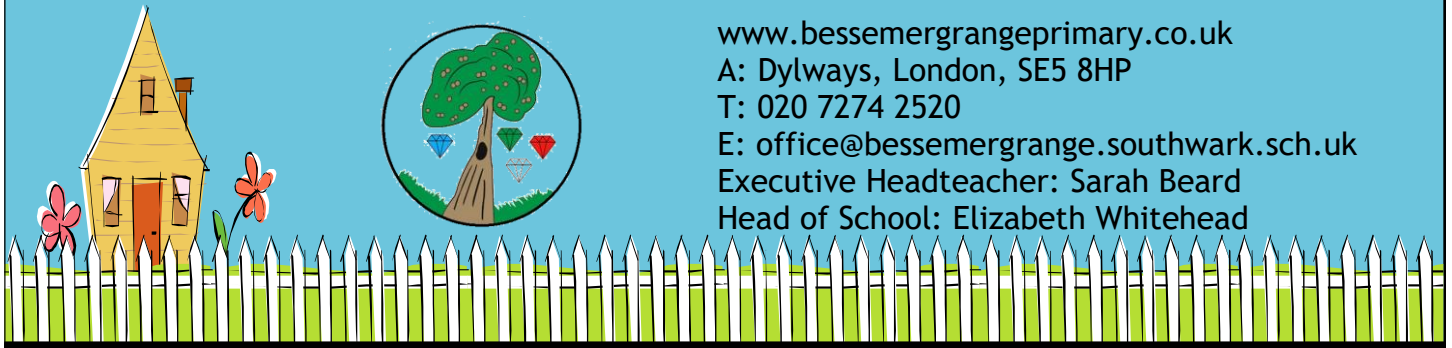


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Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th February - Express Yourself Friday! (see this newsletter for details)

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February, half term holiday

Please note that the tutorial day planned for Friday 12th February has been postponed until school reopens.

News

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and as we all know it has never been more important to look after our mental health. We have added lots of mental health resources to Google Classroom over the week which can of course be used by children who are in school as well as those learning from home. If you are worried about your child's wellbeing please remember we are still here to help, you can contact us by email or phone for support, advice or just for a chat.

Live Lessons

Attendance at live lessons continues to be very good, thank you and well done! It is fantastic to see so many children joining the lessons and participating actively in the learning. In order to ensure that lessons go as smoothly as possible please could you remind your children of the rules for live lessons that we shared in the initial letter which is on the website. In particular, please could you remind children that they must remain muted until asked to unmute by the teacher and that they should be sitting up sensibly in a quiet place with no TV or other background noise if possible.

Express Yourself Friday

Next Friday we are inviting children to express themselves through their choice of clothing! For those children in school that means coming to school in their own clothes or in costume, whatever they feel expresses their personality. For children learning from home, this will take place in the wellbeing meetings - again, children can wear costumes if they like or just their favourite clothes. The more expressive the better! If your child's class has wellbeing meetings on a day other than Friday, they can dress up for their meetings on whichever day they are held, and again for their live lesson on Friday if they want to.

Assemblies

Please look on Google Classroom for a P.E. assembly featuring a member of Great Britain's rowing team, and don't forget to check the rewards assembly videos for this week.

Covid Vaccination Information

As you will know the national Covid vaccination programme for adults is well underway. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccination this link provides helpful information:

<http://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

There is also a parent line text service which you can use to find answers to your questions which you can access using this link:

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/parentline.aspx>

Community Southwark are recruiting ambassadors to help to share information about Covid, testing and vaccinations in their community. If you feel this is something you could help with you can find out more at:

<https://www.communitysouthwark.org/community-health-ambassadors-network>

Free Wifi

Below are some links which you can use to access free wifi to support children's online learning. We also have a limited number of free wifi codes to give out ourselves, so please email the office if you need one.

<https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2021/01/hyperoptic-gifts-free-fibre-broadband-to-disadvantaged-uk-kids.html>

<https://www.thinkbroadband.com/news/8906-free-50-mbps-full-fibre-from-community-fibre-to-help-with-home-schooling>

Word of The Week

The word of the week next week is **Indignant**. Please help your child to find out the meaning and origin of the word and to use it as much as possible at home! Teachers will be looking out for it in children's writing and it will be discussed in Zoom meetings or in class.

Celebrations

I wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate the children's brilliant efforts in their remote learning, but there were just too many examples to put in the newsletter, so I'm thinking of another way to celebrate their efforts. For now I thought I would end this week with a celebration of some fantastic input into remote lessons by some of our amazing teachers!

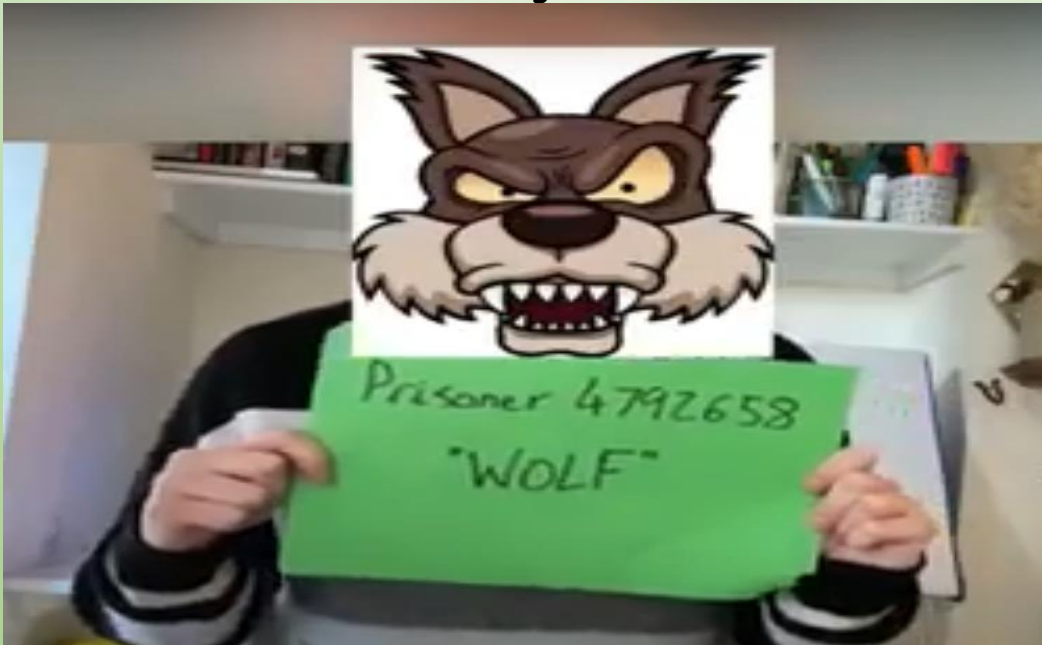
Miss Howard the astronaut!



Miss Sotiriou the artist!



Mr Mellett The Big Bad Wolf!



Thank you as always for your ongoing support and for all of your hard work supporting your children's learning.

Have a great weekend, *Elizabeth*