



Newsletter – 23rd March 2020

“Every Achievement Counts”

Dear parents, carers, friends and families in our Greenmead community,

We are in the middle of extraordinary times; something we never could have imagined or planned for. As I write this newsletter I know that many of you will be worried about your children, other family members, yourselves, finances and/or work commitments. This is a feeling we are all experiencing and it's good to be able to have a network around you to talk to. The school community is here for you too; whilst we are still open you can contact us on the phone during school hours or use our dedicated enquiries email at enquiries@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk.

As a school we are making big daily decisions that can change from day to day to ensure that children, families and our staff remain safe. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my incredible team of staff; they have worked hard to make up learning activities bespoke to every child in school, they have been travelling across the local authority delivering packs to your homes, they have come into school each day with a smile on their faces and with a commitment to making every day count with your children, putting themselves on the frontline. Many staff have their own families that they are anxious about, they travel on public transport exposing themselves to the risk of contracting COVID 19, they too are worried for your children and families and yet they have all come together as one to support you and each other.

We also have parents who are keyworkers in the NHS and we would like to thank them for putting themselves on the frontline to help those who are vulnerable and sick.

In the midst of difficult times there are also things to be thankful for; as I write none of our children or staff are displaying symptoms and I pray that this will remain the case over the coming weeks. The sun is shining, the daffodils are out in full, the sky is blue and the birds are singing. On Friday a little message popped up on my phone announcing it was the first day of Spring; spring is a favourite time of the year for me as it reminds me that although the winter has been bleak, dark and a bit depressing good things are coming. We may not know what the next few weeks will hold for any of us but we will come through the other side and we can look forward to good things.

Can I please encourage you to enjoy the little things in life, to hug your children a little closer, to spend time reading, playing and giving time to your children. To pick up the phone to ask for help, to offer help, to tell someone you love them, to make memories and to stay safe. Please be serious about social distancing to keep yourselves and others safe. The advice is only leave your house if it is 'absolutely necessary'.

I plan to keep sending you a newsletter each week and I'd love to fill the pages of you and your children enjoying time together, achievements your child has made and messages to staff and to each other. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter in this way you can send me photos and messages to my email address; head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Kind regards

Toni

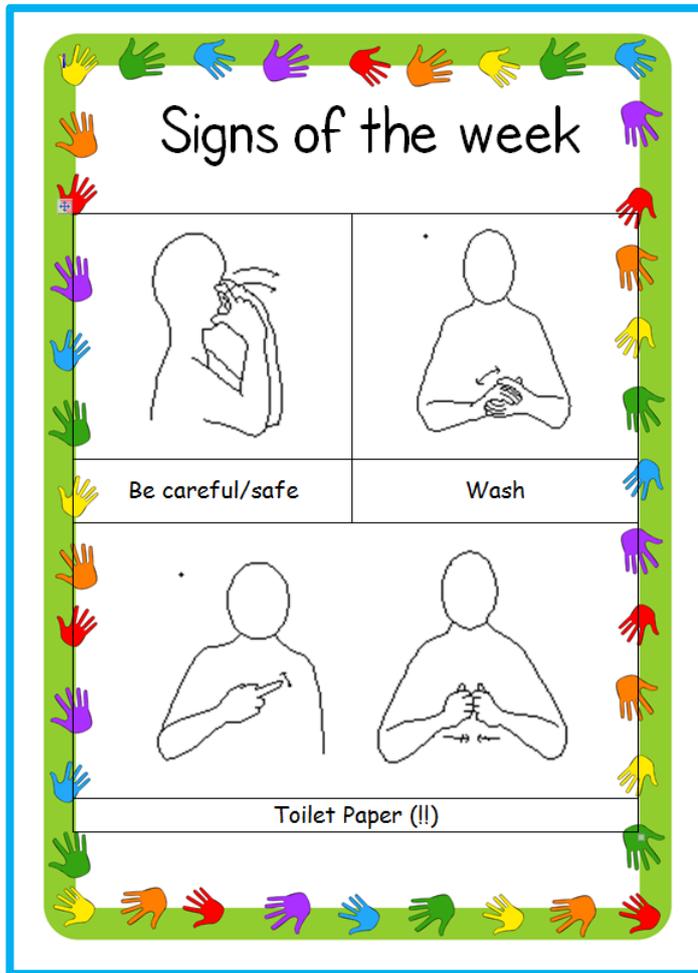


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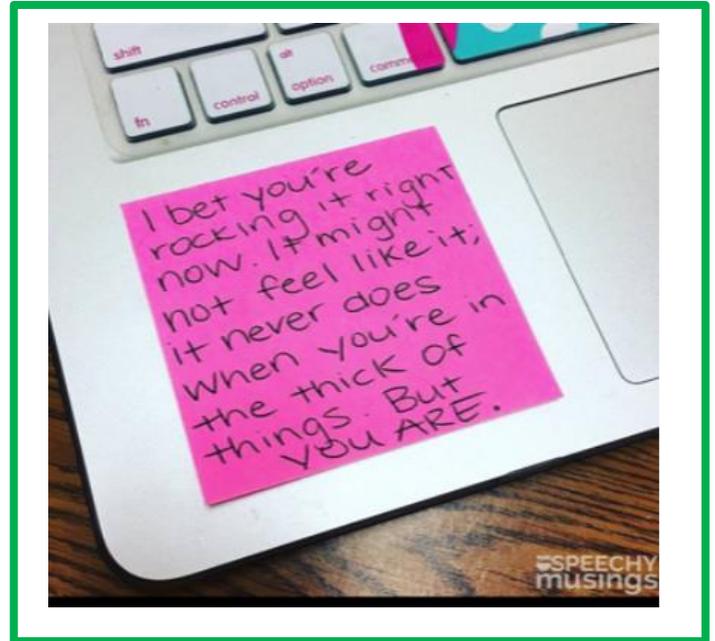
If you are an Instagram user then log onto our page. Teachers have been working away on putting posts onto the page to help keep you and your children busy at home.

Communication Focus

Signs of the week



Thought/Meme of the Week



Training postponed

Due to current events the Zones of Regulation training on the 31st March will be rescheduled.

Communication Strategies at Home

The Speech and Language Therapy team are supporting class teams to put together "things to do at home" packs for those students who are not able to make it in to school.

We will be sending advice sheets for skills relevant to your child's current programme and also their curriculum pathway.

If there is any specific advice or information you would like please do not hesitate to contact:

hayley.soper@stgeorges.nhs.uk or barbara.coward@stgeorges.nhs.uk

However, don't forget to keep using your Core Vocabulary keyrings, Zones of Regulation keyrings, and to model lots on your child's communication device or communication book.