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Our minute's silence on Wednesday was a moving sight, as it is every year, to see our pupils remembering the men and women killed in conflicts around the world. The two World Wars are traditionally Year 6 topics – it is so important that through our curriculum and assemblies children are aware of the impact these moments in world history still have on our lives today.

This year, it is impossible to talk about sacrifices made without thinking of all the people, in a variety of jobs and walks of life, who have worked so hard and given up so much since the start of the pandemic. In particular, our thoughts are with those who have lost family or friends, or been ill through COVID-19 and are suffering from the awful long term effects of this illness.

SJS STARS OF THE WEEK

- Y3AH: Carson Bullimore
- Y3CP: Ted Goff
- Y3RD: Lottie Siddall
- Y4KT: Josh Mudd
- Y4RL: Holly Swales
- Y5CS: Lucas Emson-Brown
- Y5DW: Tommy Siddall
- Y5HK: Ava Pedler
- Y6ER: Myles Grocock
- Y6MC: Miley Moss
- Y6CH: Finn Pritchett

Mrs Foster: Sophie Beechill
Mr Tee: Frankie Brookes

Lower School Lunchtimes: Freya Bradbury
Upper School Lunchtimes: Jack Moore

READING AROUND THE WORLD

Y3 - LONDON

Niall Pritchett
Archie Haigh
Millie Morgan
David Staniforth
Kate Blake

Dante Attard
James Gourley
Imogen Fleetwood
Nolan Robinson
James Reed

Y5 - BEIJING

Jake Crooks
Brooke Millington
Tayla Corcoran
Ellie Gaymond

WORD MILLIONAIRES

This week, one of our Y5 pupil has read her way onto our roll of Word Millionaire - congratulations to Jessica Proctor. We also have our first Word MULTI-millionaire. Congratulations to Faye Jepson who clearly reads at lightning speed! Well done to both children for these phenomenal achievements.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and will kick off on Monday with Odd Socks Day. This national day of odd sock wearing is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is 'United Against Bullying'. Activities and discussions will take place in class plus a home learning task will be available on Seesaw.



THE POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal. We raised £325 - that's £100 more than last year!



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your generous support of Children in Need. We are extremely pleased to let you know that as a school, we raised a grand total of £297.



GET ACTIVE WINNERS

We are very proud to announce that Stocksbridge Junior School are the winners of the Sheffield School Games Get Active Award 2020. We have not been able to accept the award in a formal setting but today we received our trophy and certificate to be displayed in school.

SJS has traditionally engaged in School Games since it began in 2010, but has been able to significantly increase our participation since we were joined by our specialist PE teachers, Mr Tee and Mrs Foster, in 2015. The aim was to provide as many children as possible with the opportunity to actively participate in sports and physical activity, whether that is a festival, a whole school fun run or elite level competition. We value the work Links School Sports Partnership do in providing a vast range of opportunities, including the local boccia/curling cluster competition, the community fun run and elite events such as gymnastics, where this year, we had four successful teams progress to the level 3 South Yorkshire Games.

As well as taking part in Links led festivals, fun runs and competitions, we also recognise and promote the 'Spirit of the Games' values during our PE lessons and events such as our School Games Sports Day. We also have Change4Life clubs where carefully selected children can develop their knowledge and understanding of what living healthy looks like, whether that is cooking, health or food education. In addition, our Links run Mini-mermaids club, has been hugely successful over the last two years in encouraging cohorts of girls to improve their health, fitness and wellbeing. Our Y6 Sports Leaders are fundamental to running lunchtime activities and gain leadership skills in the process.

At our school, blended learning opportunities have had a huge success in these recent challenging times and the inclusion of the Sheffield Virtual School Games 2020 has been extremely popular. This platform provided our school with virtual competitive physical activity and fundamental skill development for our children to enjoy. We have also achieved the Gold Sportsmark award for our contribution to school sport and competitions.



CLUBBERGISE

Over the next few weeks, Megan Pinder from the Links Sports Partnership will be coming into school to give children the opportunity to take part in a different type of physical activity in addition to their PE lessons – Clubbercise!

Sessions have been risk assessed to ensure we can safely welcome a visitor into school to lead these sessions. Megan will remain at least 2 metres from children and staff at all times and will ensure glow sticks are properly cleaned between classes.

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit (including suitable footwear) on the following dates. Children will still be required to wear their PE kit on their normal PE day too, please.

Year 3 - Tuesday 17th November

Year 4 - Tuesday 24th November

Year 5 – Tuesday 1st December

Year 6 – Tuesday 8th December

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SCHOOLS

If you would like to buy your child's unique cards and gifts, the deadline for orders to be received back in school is Monday 16th November. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and restrictions in place, we are extremely limited in terms of fundraising in school. For every product purchased, we will receive a percentage of the cost which will go directly into school funds. We hope you will be able to support us with this whilst making a start on your Christmas shopping. Thank you.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Stocksbridge Junior School will be taking part in Brake's Road Safety Week 2020 next week. The theme this year is 'No Need to Speed'. With someone injured on a UK road every four minutes, and vehicle speed playing a part in every crash, it's time to come together to say that there is **No Need to Speed**. To promote this important message, we will be holding a design a poster competition with a winner from each year group winning a prize.

Our fantastic School Council Reps will be giving further details next week.

We are also hoping to appoint three Junior Road Safety Officers from Year 6. If you think your child would like to apply for this special role in school, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Next week is Week 2!

WEEK 2 7/9-28/9-19/10-16/11-7/12	MONDAY <small>MEAT FREE</small>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Pizza of the day With herby diced potatoes	All day Breakfast, Sausage, Hash Brown, Beans and Tomatoes	Roast Turkey and stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy	Sweet and sour chicken with mixed rice <small>5 A DAY</small>	Fish fingers with chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Pizza of the day (vegetarian) With herby diced potatoes	Vegetarian pasta bake <small>5 A DAY</small>	Quorn roast with gravy and mashed potato	Vegetarian chilli with mixed rice	BBQ Bean Burger with Chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
DESSERTS	Spiced apple Loaf	Carrot and orange muffins	Fruit and ice cream <small>5 A DAY</small>	Pineapple upside down pudding <small>5 A DAY</small>	Chocolate orange cookies
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt	Fresh fruit and yoghurt
JACKET POTATO OPTION	Jacket potato selection	Jacket potato selection	Jacket potato selection	Jacket potato selection	Jacket potato selection

SJS COVID-19 WEBPAGE

Our webpage ensures parents can access to the latest COVID-19 information from school and Sheffield news and resources. Please visit <https://www.stocksbridge-jun.sheffield.sch.uk/covid-19-parent-information/>

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We have been invited to take part in a Christmas Card Competition by Stocksbridge Town Council. There will be two finalists chosen from each school in the area with one chosen as an overall winner. A Christmas Card with the winner's design will be produced with smaller pictures of the finalists' designs on the inside. All finalists will receive a pack of the cards plus the card will be used as the official Town Council Christmas Card. All entries will need to follow the criteria:

1. Submitted on A4 paper
2. Only drawn using felt tip pens or crayons
3. NO glitter, stickers, glue or anything attached
4. Use bright colours as they show better on the finished article
5. Names must be written on the back of each entry

Entries should be handed to your child's class teacher on Monday 16th November 2020. Cards received after this date will unfortunately will not be entered.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks: however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.

