



Academy Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021
Spring Term
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There is only one week left before the Academy opens its doors to more pupils. We are very much looking forward to seeing your children and welcoming them back. Please read the information that was sent out to you yesterday so you are aware of the staggered start and finish times, PE days where the children will attend in their PE kit and any other information you will need before the 8th March.

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson has written an open letter to parents, carers and guardians following the news that all primary schools, secondary schools, special and alternative provision schools, colleges and further education settings will be opening to all pupils from 8 March as part of the Government's plans to lift the restrictions imposed on society due to COVID-19.

In it he thanks parents, carers and guardians for their sacrifices since the start of the pandemic and discusses why it is so important pupils return, the safety measures that will make it possible, and how rapid testing is key to suppressing the virus. You can read it by following this link: <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/>

Live lessons will continue next week so please remember to log on at the allocated time. Remember to consider the following when your child is participating in live lessons:

- **Make sure they are dressed appropriately - no pyjamas please**
- **Ensure there is an adult supervising these sessions**
- **Pupils should be in a safe space of their home - this should not be their bedroom**
- **Live lessons are private and they should not be recorded in any way**
- **Try to make sure there are no distractions**

Free BT WiFi Vouchers

We have acquired BT WiFi vouchers to enable pupils to access the internet at home. You do not need to be a BT customer to access this, we will send you a unique username and password which will give you access to a BT WiFi hotspot until the end of July 2021.

We will need to access the WiFi hotspot checker to look up your postcode to ensure there is sufficient WiFi at your address. If this is sufficient, we will forward you your username and password.

Please contact the Academy if this is of interest to you. We look forward to hearing from you.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We are encouraging all children to dress up as a literary character on that day. This will be the focus for the live lesson and of course those pupils and members of staff attending the Academy are encouraged to attend as a character. For more information about this and the £1 book token, please refer to the letter that was sent out earlier in the week. We look forward to seeing your costumes and selecting our winners for the most creative.

Lent



Pope Francis describes the journey of Lent in three ways:

Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.

Hope as “living water” enables us to continue our journey.

Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Lent in the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words: be silent and listen.

Keeping Children Safe – During Community Activities, Afterschool Clubs and Tuition

Please look at the following link with regards to the information above.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/931508/6.6903_DFE_OOSS_Parental_Guidance_v5_ac_.pdf

SEND/Mental Wellbeing – Academy Website

Please remember that we have SEND and Mental Wellbeing pages on our Academy website where you will find information, resources, website links and more.

Digisafe Daily

Every day while schools are closed, LGFL is publishing questions, tips or challenges for primary pupils to help you stay safe at home and on your devices. Head to www.digisafedaily.lgfl.net



Information Session for Nursery Parents/Carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Are you struggling to find answers to your questions that will help you to be well informed and may enable you to enhance the opportunities for your child with a Special Educational Need and Disability in your family?

I don't know...what I don't know... so zoom in and find out!!

This is an opportunity to meet a panel of representatives from the Children, Education and Families Service, together with **Colleagues from the Voluntary Sector.**

Date 8th March 2021

Time 1.30 pm

Remote Access via Zoom

If you wish to register your interest to join the session, please complete the section on the flyer and email it to laura.brophy-savage@bromley.gov.uk

For more details of the panel members who will be present see the attached flyer.

STREET TAG

We are delighted to announce that St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy will be participating in the Street Tag WORLD Schools Leaderboard program.

With Street Tag, participants record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting **virtual tags** with their smartphone at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up the Schools leaderboard; steps are converted into points by syncing their steps into the Street Tag app. This is designed to encourage families to walk and cycle to school, to be physically active, to connect with green spaces, and is an opportunity to rediscover their local area as well as earning rewards for their school.

Dates for WORLD PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADERBOARD are:

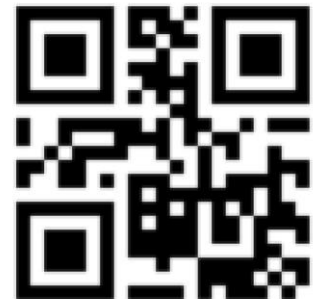
SEASON 1 -- 4th March 2021 to 14th July 2021

SEASON 2 --14th July to 18th November

SEASON 3--18th November to 10th March 2022

Steps to join your School Team.

- Download the App “Street Tag” from Play Store/ App Store.
- Click on Sign up.
- Fill in your details.
- Password should be at least 8 characters with 1 special character, 1 upper case, and 1 number.
- Click YES for Team QR Code.
- Scan the school QR Code
- Click Sign Up
- Verify either by email or phone number.
- Fill in the questionnaire.
- You are ready to go.



Features of the App:

Menu (top left) where you will see

1. Leader board: The leader board displays your rank, team name, and the number of points you have.
2. Opportunity: The opportunity section is a way for all users to know what's going on and new things they should look out for!! When a new opportunity is placed by Street Tag you get a notification.
3. Dashboard: You can see your team's scores and individual players' scores. Miles/distance covered.
4. Tags can be seen on the main screen map. The tags are yellow. Once they are scanned they turn red. A tag cannot be re-scanned within an hour.
5. Tags with Star are more than 10 points value.

All members of our Academy community can join, children and adults alike. The more people we have, the more points we can gain and move up the leaderboard. We look forward to seeing the Academy's progress from the 4th March.

Safeguarding – New perimeter fencing

The Academy has been most fortunate in securing Condition Improvement Funding to replace the fencing surrounding the Academy grounds.

Work will commence from Monday 1st March 2021 and will continue until approximately 14th May 2021. As there will be additional adults on site extra safeguarding procedures will be in place alongside our Covid19 risk assessment.

Thank you in advance for cooperating whilst the works are being carried out, we are sure that you will agree this will be an excellent improvement to further increase safeguarding at the Academy.



REMOTE LEARNING

