



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead with a rest from home learning and google classroom.

Well done to all of our families this week, the level of engagement of pupils has been excellent. Every day I log into google classroom myself to see how the pupils are getting on and I can see some brilliant learning happening across the school which is of a really high quality which is great.

Also, thank you to our pupils for remaining sensible on live stream messaging! The website attached is very useful for support online safety: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> . This is particularly useful as the children are using their devices so much more at the moment.

Nasa Workshop:

Last Thursday (7th) our Year 5 pupils had the amazing opportunity to take part in a space workshop led by Nasa. It was a very informative and interesting session and they learned about the different projects at the Goddard centre they are currently working on, and what they are planning for the future. Some great questions by the children throughout and clear enjoyment during the session was evident. Teachers will upload a recording on google classroom for anybody who is interested.



Remote Learning Updates:

- We have devised a questionnaire that we will be sending out early next week to gather your views on how home learning is going for you so far as well as supporting us in evaluating the provision so that we can continue to enhance and improve our remote learning programme
- Teachers have added to google classroom a video guide to support both parents and pupils in understanding how to turn in work via the app or on the computer
- Please can we ask that you ask for support on the stream as opposed to privately messaging the teacher as the google stream notifies the teacher immediately and we can support much more quickly this way. Thank you

School Office News:

Workbooks:

A reminder that if you need to collect exercise books for your children to complete their work in before they upload onto google classroom, these are left outside the main entrance of the school from 08:30 am each day in a box for you to collect. These books do not need to be sent in once we return to school as the teachers will already have the evidence of learning via google classroom; and this will have also been marked.

Key Dates:

Monday 18 th January	Health Week – Remotely (teachers will upload activities throughout the week to support with this)
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Collective Worship / Assembly until half term

Monday 18 th January	Health Week
Monday 25 th January	Respect and Chinese New Year
Monday 1 st February	World Religions
Monday 8 th February	Valentines

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal



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