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Friday 19th June 2020

A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

As you will know, children and staff participated in a highly successful series of workshops for our Black Lives Matter awareness day on Monday via our home learning platform on Microsoft Teams. Many teachers held video conferences with children to discuss key issues, as well as important discussions about diversity, celebrating differences, respect and standing up for people. Thank you to all teachers, parents and staff for their engagement during our awareness day.

Although the school has been closed to the majority of pupils for some time now, teachers have continued to monitor children's engagement and progress on Teams, and so we shall be sending home your child's annual school report as usual in the coming weeks. The senior leadership team are currently reading all of the reports and once this is complete, we will look to send these to you via email. Therefore, if you haven't provided us with an email address since the school closure then please provide this to your child's class teacher during your weekly phone calls next week or email us on admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk

We hope that our home learning solution on Teams continues to provide for your child's needs, however if there are any issues then please raise these during the weekly phone calls. I have been very impressed with the level of engagement from pupils and I look forward to seeing this continue for the remainder of the academic year.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

Free School Meals—Summer Holiday Payments

The government has confirmed that Free School Meal vouchers will continue to be offered during the summer holidays. Pupils receiving Free School Meals will continue to receive their £30 fortnightly vouchers covering the period up to 17th July 2020. From Monday 20th July, a £90 voucher will be issued to pupils receiving Free School Meals.

Please ensure you have updated your email address with the school. If you experience any issues with your voucher, please email freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com who will assist you with any queries. The school will be closed during the summer.

Receive £15 Per Week Free School Meal Vouchers

Apply for Free School Meals if you would like your child to receive Free School Meal vouchers. Full time nursery children could be eligible for free school meals too.

If your circumstances change you need to tell the DWP. Change of circumstances you must report include:

- losing your job or decreasing your hours of work
- someone joining your household
- birth of a child
- if your health condition or disability gets worse
- you become ill and are unable to work.

* Report a change here:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-benefits-change-circumstances>

* Apply for Free School Meals here:

https://ems.learningtrust.co.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en/Account/Register



Black Lives Matter

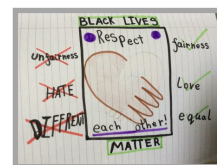
Monday 15th June was our Black Lives Matter Awareness Day when children had the opportunity to discuss racism and equality. In light of the death of George Floyd and the protests that followed, the children discussed why racism towards black people is wrong, how people are feeling about it what they think we should do to make sure everyone is treated equally.



During the morning, the children produced some beautiful artwork, stories and poems around equality, some of which you can see here.



It was fantastic to see so many children in their year group video call where they asked lots of questions and contributed responsibly to the discussions about anti-racism. Congratulations to our "leaders of the future", we are very proud of you!



"There is so much going on currently in the world but everyone is staying strong and we are going to get through this."
Ja'Viah, Y5



Competition Time!

Watch out for a text with information and join in to win prizes!



Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June

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