

AYIOS NIKOLAOS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Believe & Achieve"

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term!

The children have been busy starting their new topics and of course Forest Schools has started up again with our FS children making their first visit to the Forest this morning.

We also welcome Miss Zoe Pionides to our school teaching team. Miss Pionides is currently having a handover which involves working closely with Mr Smith and Mrs Gregg and will take over her role as Y5 Class Teacher and SENDCo week beginning 26th April.

Following the recent spike in cases on the base we have had a drop in visit from the Joint Health team who will be carrying out a formal visit on Monday to review our revised Covid-19 assessment and look at the measures that we have in place to keep the children and staff safe. I am sharing with parents that I have been informed that it is a critical time at the moment and as adults we have to be really careful to maintain our 2 metres distance from other adults over the next couple of weeks in order to reduce the number of adults who would need to isolate as a 'close' contact. This has to be a priority for us to prevent the closure of school for classes should we have a positive case.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Baillie
Headteacher



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Covid-19 Measures

As mentioned in my message to parents, we are needing to be extremely vigilant at the moment to reduce transmission of the corona virus across our community. One of the ways you can help is by following the latest guidance from the medical team that is shown over the next two pages.

1. Being Symptomatic

Existing Measure - If any member of staff or child has the main COVID symptoms they must isolate, **contact the medical centre, and not attend school or meet anyone.**

The main COVID symptoms are;

- Temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss to change to your sense of smell or taste.

Staff and parents of children to report illness to the main office in school.

Additional Measure due to the increased number of COVID cases within the Ayios Nikolaos Station.

If any member of staff or child is generally feeling unwell with the following symptoms they should **not attend school and stay home until they are better.**

- Headache
- Muscle-Ache
- Fatigue

If there are any concerns that adults or children may have COVID-19 then staff/parents should call the medical centre. Staff and parents of children to report illness to the School Office.



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2. Spacing between adults

Existing Measure – We have reduced the number of parents who come on the playground with Parents of Y1-Y6 children saying their goodbyes at the two gates each morning. At the end of the day parents wait on the playground ensuring social distancing (over 2 metres apart) and all adults wear facemasks when waiting.

Additional Measure – From 19th April we will be changing the time we open the gate from 13:20 to the later time 13:25. This will allow FS parents to go directly to the FS2 class room to collect children and go without any need to wait. It is really important that parents of KS1 arriving at 13:30 maintain their 2 metres distancing and don't allow any younger siblings to play on the KS1 or Y5/6 designated playground zones.

In the similar way that our mornings ask you to 'drop and go', we please ask that after school you 'pick up and leave'.

As ever, we are truly appreciative of your active support in keeping to these measures.



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Forest School Summer Term Programme

This is our last set of Forest Schools sessions for this academic year. The children don't use the Forest in the second half of the summer term as it is too hot for them to walk down safely.

Outdoor Learning – Forest School			
		08-09:30	09:50-11:30
Tue	20th April 4th May 18th May	Year 2	Year 2
Wed	21st April 5th May 19th May	Year 1	Year 1
Thur	22nd April 6th May 20th May	Years 5/6	Years 5/6
Friday	23rd April 7th May 21st May	Year 3/4	Year 3/4
Friday	16 th April 30 th April 14 th May 28 th May	0830 – 1030 FS1 and FS2	

Clothing

To enable our children to have a positive learning experience, it is important that they feel comfortable in all weather conditions. Children need to wear appropriate clothing for the weather condition.

Clothing includes:

Fine weather: practical and hardwearing shoes, long trousers long sleeved top, trainers, hat

Cold or rainy weather also include: wellies, warm hats and gloves waterproof clothing (jacket and trousers)

We will go to the forest in all weather conditions. However, if there is thunder/lightning, we will return to school.

Deborah Smith.

Forest School Lead Teacher

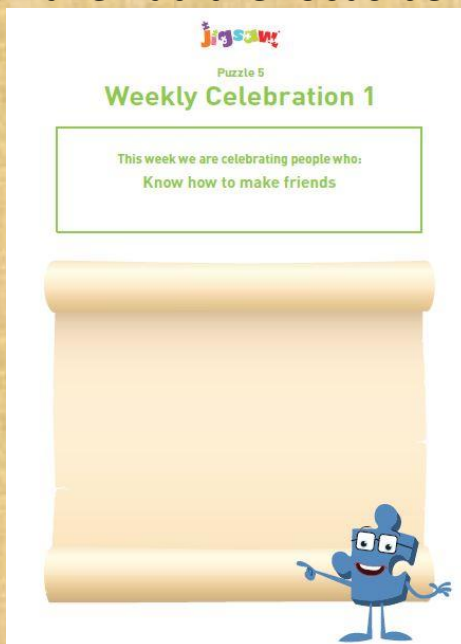
Jigsaw

It's the start of a new term and that means a new Jigsaw puzzle.

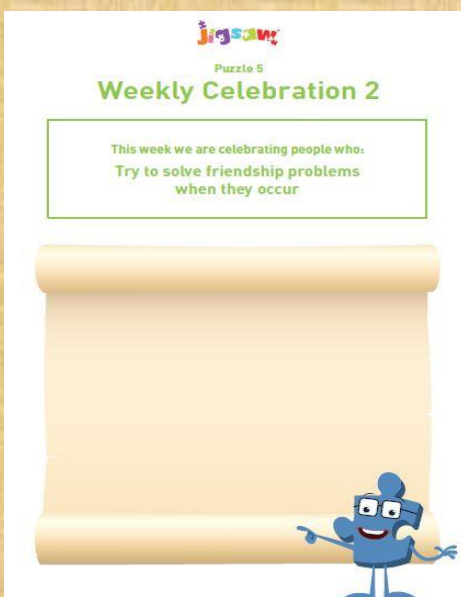
Relationships has a wide focus, looking at diverse topics such as families, friendships, pets and animals, and love and loss. A vital part of this Puzzle is about safeguarding and keeping children safe; this links to cyber safety and social networking, as well as attraction and assertiveness; children learn how to deal with conflict, their own strengths and self-esteem. They have the chance to explore roles and responsibilities in families, and look at stereotypes. All Jigsaw lessons are delivered in an age- and stage-appropriate way so that they meet children's needs.

If you would like to find out more about any of our Jigsaw units, please do not hesitate to either get in touch with your child's class teacher or Miss Milner.

This week's lessons have had the focus below.



Next week's lesson focus will be...



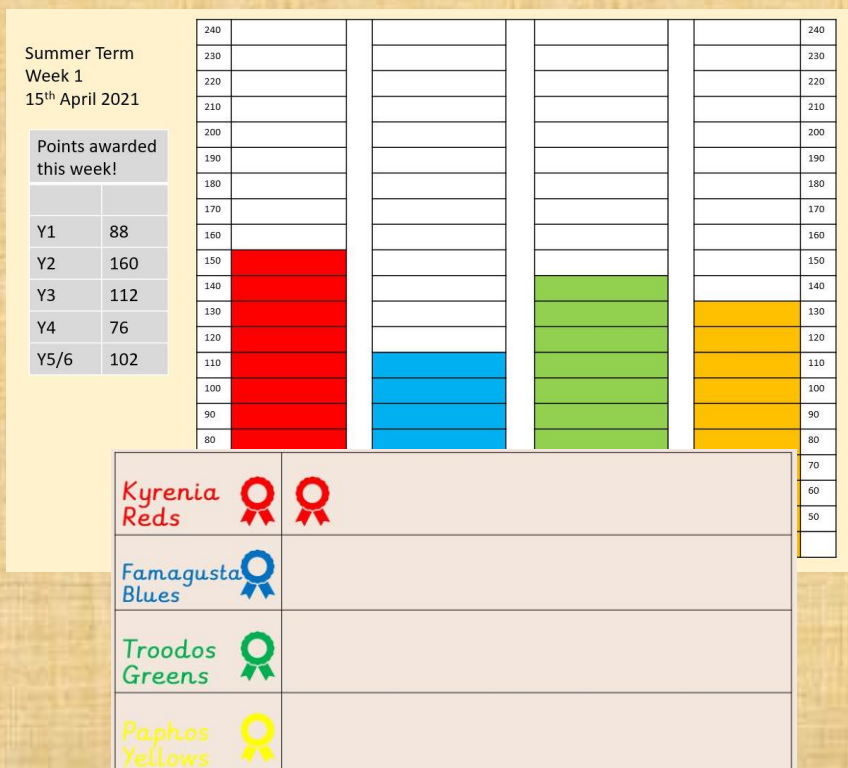
Golden Mention Certificates

A huge well done to our recipients of a Golden Mention certificate this week. We're sure you and your families are just as proud of you as we are. Great work!



Housepoints Rosette

It's the start of a new term and all of our children have been working hard on earning housepoints. Well done to Kyrenia Reds for taking the first rosette of the summer term.



Charity/Fundraising

SSAFA Fund Raising – Saturday 24th April

SSAFA will be raising funds next Saturday as part of a special 'Go Kart Day'. There will be a tombola and school has been asked if we can help with some prizes for the tombola. Please could we ask that our families make a donation where possible. It could be tins, bottles or unwanted Christmas gifts.

The trolley for donations will be outside the school gate on Monday and Tuesday morning so that all the prizes can be forwarded (following the quarantine period) to SSAFA, ready for what sounds like a great family day out on the 24th April.

Wear Red to celebrate 100 years of the RBL - Friday 14th May

On Friday 14th May we will be asking the children to wear red to mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion. We ask that children bring in one euro which we will donate to the RBL. Les Briggs who is the Chairman of the Larnaca branch of the RBL will be coming in to school on this day to lead an assembly for the children and answer their questions about the work of the RBL.



After-School Clubs

We will be starting after-school clubs for our KS2 pupils this term. Unfortunately, we won't be able to start clubs for the other year groups which we will endeavour to do when we start the new academic year.

For our older children we are very much looking at the after-school clubs as our 'wider curriculum' and the 'clubs' will allow our older children further opportunities to develop their social and emotional skills. The club choices will go out next week with clubs starting week beginning 10th May.

Sports Days

We will be having three sports days this year to allow us to follow the Covid-19 protocols and measures we have in place to keep us all safe. More information will follow about how the different sports days will work, but for now we just want to give you the 'heads up' so that you can get the dates in your diary.

Wednesday 28th April – FS1 Sports day – this will be held at school using the hall and netball court. Starting time will be 0830

Thursday 29th April – FS2 & KS1 Sports Day – this will be held at the Sports Pitch in Mercury Barracks. Timings for parents are 0830 – 0930

Friday 30th April– LKS2 & UKS2 Sports Day – this will be held at the Sports Pitch in Mercury Barracks. Timings for parents are 0830 - 0930

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that our policy is that only school sweatshirts or cardigans can be worn inside. Whilst these do not need to be 'logo' sweatshirts or cardigans, they should be in the school colour. If children wear hoodies to walk to school, then they are asked to take these off when they enter the classrooms. We're at that stage of the year where we sometimes still need a cardigan or jumper on when working indoors and these need to be 'blue' as part of our school uniform policy.

Our Y5/6 children have been reminded of the rules!

Thank you

As we welcome Miss Pionides to the school we also need to say a huge thank you to Mrs Louise Gregg who has providing both quality and continuity of teaching provision for our Year 5 children since March 2020 when the children were in Year 4.

We will still see Mrs Gregg in school but on an 'ad hoc' basis when she will cover teacher absence throughout the school.



FS2/KS1 – Well done to FS2 for getting 100% attendance.

KS2 – Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 for getting 100% attendance.

Dates for your diary



24 Apr – SSAFA Tombola

29 Apr – FS1 Sports Day

30 Apr – FS2 – Y6 Sports Day

3 May – Bank Holiday – School closed for staff and pupils

4 May – ‘No hat, no play’ policy starts

24 – 26 May – Y5/6 Water Sports Residential

28 May – Celebrate and Evaluate

28 May – School closes for half term break

7 June – First day after half term break

25 June Camo Day (Supporting Armed Forces Day)

20 July - **Last day of summer term** - School closes at 12:30

‘No hat, No play’ policy

From May to October, the school runs a ‘No hat, No play’ policy to ensure that we keep children safe in the sun. This means that children need to start getting into the habit of wearing hats after the Easter holidays. Children are able to bring their own hats or school hats can be purchased from the school office.

Water bottles

School policy is that all children should have their water bottles in school which they can then top from water stations during the school day.

Calendar for 2021 – 2022

Please see attached calendar for the next academic year.