



Dear parents: things were settling down this week in school and online and in the world at large and then people started getting messages about family and relatives, carers had emergencies and Friday morning 6.00am a member of staff tested positive and we had to shut down a 'Bubble', not my favourite word of Year 2 and 3 and send them and staff home for the next 10 days. Then contact DFE, LA and every parent. We have large numbers of pupils on site and the rest at home remote learning we are now operating on a skeleton staff so we carry on towards next week. We are not a large secondary school with hundreds of staff and subject tutors so absences can be difficult please do bear this in mind. Staff have their own concerns and families too. Please also be aware school staff are vulnerable too and we have had some local tragedies recently of school staff.

Breathed a deep sigh of relief as on January 20th Joe Biden vowed (he's Catholic) to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United Statesgood old Constitution came through in the end and the world suddenly seemed a happier and safer place. I did feel very emotional at that second a mini tear in my eye.

Anyway we are now expanding every week our live learning and this week it was music. Ms Dyer asked me to thank everyone for the fantastic turn out online - I've seen the attendance figures.

A big push on Reading next week and possibly another area but today has slightly kiboshed our plans. I have added to the website Support for pupils and families with children who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). I have posted really good new free resources from the National Literacy Trust and Jacqueline Wilson all under Remote Learning. It is hard to motivate young children from home. School is where they should be but sadly not for now. With this in mind we are linking up next Thursday for a Hackney Well being and Mental Health Services (WAMHS) live session. Full details below. Off to do playground duty and the sky is blue so next week is another week. Say your prayers and count your blessings ...

School news next week ...

.... Meeting with Sarah Woodhouse and Beth (from the WAMHS project) virtual presentation - Supporting Children's Motivation - during Remote Learning. Thursday 28th January 2021 @ 4.00pm. Please email swoodhouse@olsjschool.net no later than 4.00pm Wednesday 27th of January 4.00pm to book a place. Thank you for your interest.

Pics of the week:

Thank you to the parent who dropped off the lovely tea and chocolates for our staff very much appreciated..... a Chromebook still waiting for collection ... we may get more soon and Lady Gaga JLO and ... Amanda Gorman 'The Hill We Climb'.... January 20th Washington.



and finally ... Rare Metal Wars by Guillaume Pitron: the Dark Side of Clean Energy been reading at night slowly all week jaw dropping stuff highly recommended equally ICARUS ... 2 hour documentary on Netflix about doping and Russia and Putin ... gripping couple of hours and is like true life spy / crime thriller really worth a look wrote last week about Burnley kicking West Ham around .. we won 1-0. Sorry to all our Liverpool supporting parents about last night loved Lady Gaga singing The Star Spangled Banner and JLO and my beloved Woody Guthrie classic, Garth Crooks great too and young Amanda Gorman lovely words ... my only fear was William Henry Harrison in 1841 ... it was cold and his inauguration went on I kept thinking wrap it up and let Joe go as he is 78 ... Google what happened to WH Harrison just a thought God Bless America and thank the Lord for a peaceful transition. Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe ...