The Joyful Learners

Newsletter: Spring Term 2021

When can all children fully come back to school ?

As parents/carers are aware, the Government has announced they will be reviewing the data concerning Covid 19 on Monday 15th February. On the basis of the data they will be making an announcement in regards to the full opening of schools. Once we are clear about the Government's directive we will be informing all parents by email the week commencing the 15th February. We are hoping that all children will be able to return by Monday 8th March (which is the date suggested by the Government), however, this is subject to confirmation by the Government.

Children's Learning

Since the beginning of the Spring term, the children have been involved in a range of learning experiences both in school and at home. Within school, their has been a strong focus on promoting children's personal, social and emotional development particularly looking at enhancing children's self esteem and talk. Consequently the school has focused on learning experiences that utilises children's interests as well as in learning experiences that promote working collaboratively such as in cooking or creating dens.

Home learning

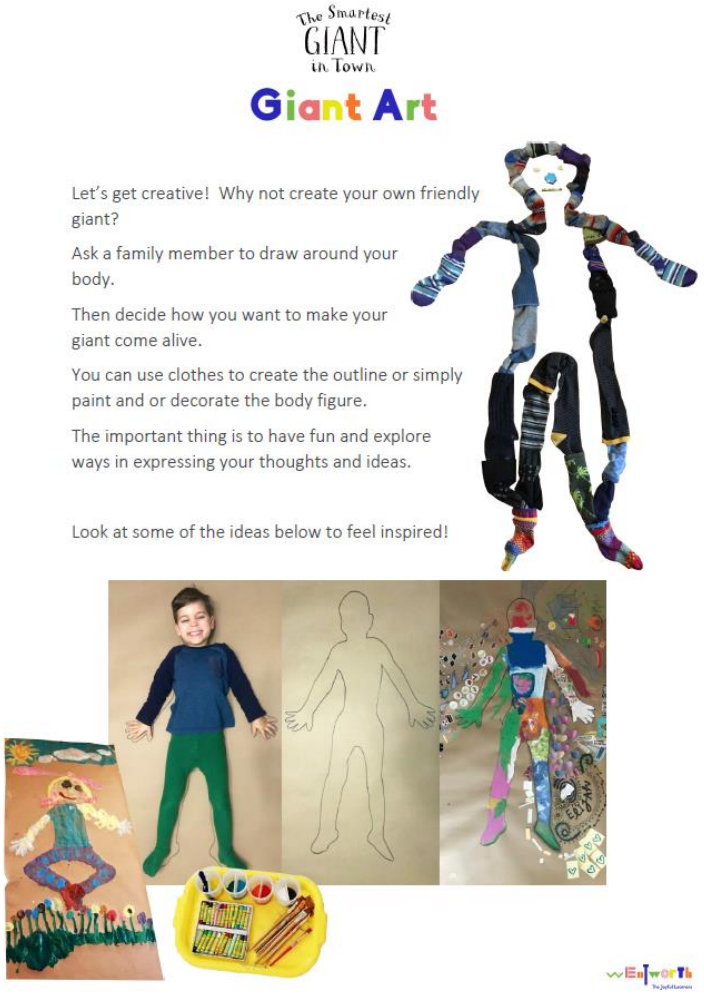
In addition to the learning taking place at the school, the school is also providing the following online learning to all families who are currently at home:

ON LINE LEARNING

- Daily 30 minutes Zoom stories
- 45 minutes interacting lesson x1 weekly
- 30 minute interactive music / dance / exercise lesson x1
- Access to practitioners reading stories via YouTube / School Website
- Online practitioner supporting families 1:1 Zoom calls
- Weekly projects
- Keyworker calls fortnightly

If you are not receiving the zoom invites to the online learning and or the weekly home learning please contact the school office: admin@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk

Below are some examples of the excellent work created by the staff team and some responses by the children and families. My thanks to all the staff in enabling us to provide a high quality learning experience for our children and families.



Covid 19

Unfortunately the school had to close due to a case of Covid 19 and a number of staff needing to self isolate. The school was closed from Wednesday 13th to Friday 22nd January. We are of course very sorry about any inconvience this may have caused.The school was deep cleaned prior to opening on Monday 25th January.

Our thanks to all our families who are continuing to adhere to our Covid 19 guidelines on wearing a mask and keeping your social distance.

Please remember if you or your child have the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Do not come to school, stay at home and get a test. Tests can be obtained from

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/
or call NHS on 111
• Inform the school immediately regarding test result

The key message from the Government is to **stay at home as much as possible** and only go out for the following reasons:

- Shopping for necessities
- Going work or volunteering or providing charitable services
- Exercising with one other person within your local area
- To seek medical assistance
- To avoid risk of harm such as domestic violence
- To go to school or early years setting.

Wentworth Nursery School is asking for parental involvement in initially establishing an Eco Committee that will support the school in developing its curriculum that further enhances children's knowledge and practice in contributing to a more sustainble way of living. Any parents/carers who may be interested or indeed wanting to find out more please email Ben: bhasan@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor. The role of a parent governor is to support the school in its strategic development focusing on such matters including children's learning and the school's finances. We would very much like to hear from any parents/carers who would be interested in joining our Governing Body. Please email Ben if you would like more information or indeed would like to join our Eco Committee. bhasan@wentworth.hackney.sch.uk

Children's Centre

Please note the children's centre is running regular online story sessions, please contact the children's centre for more information: 0208 985 3491 option 2

Term Dates

Half Term - Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

Last day of term - Thursday 1 April 2021

School finishes at 3.30pm on Thursday 1st April with the exception of children attending tea club, who will finish at 6pm.

Summer Term

INSET days Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th April 2021

Children return Wednesday 21st April 2021

Half Term - Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021Last day of term: Friday 23 July 2021