

Thameside Primary Newsletter Issue 8 February 2021



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Dear Parents and Carers,



It's been a productive week in school with Children's Mental Health being a key focus across the week. Children have been invited to 'Dress to Express', have made Worry Monsters and taken part in a host of other activities that have been promoting children's mental well-being. On the opposite page is a selection of work that has been produced to celebrate CMHW.



Another positive thought to hold on to.....the evenings are beginning to draw out before night-time falls. Spring really is around the corner!

Stay safe and have a good weekend.

Mrs L Billinghamurst

Class Dojo Reward System

	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire	Diamond
Scores this week	432	583	620	590

Well done once again to Sapphire for accumulating the highest score this week. Diamond, you were only 30 Dojo's behind! Come on, Emerald...catch up!

Big Local Chrome Book Donation

We were thrilled to receive 20 brand new Chromebooks from the Grays Riverside Community on Wednesday. The new devices will make a huge difference to pupils with little or no access to online learning. We have already loaned out all of the school devices and have a waiting list of pupils who will benefit from the Chromebooks. The presentation was made to the school by Andy Blakey, chairman of Riverside Community and Councillor John Kent. The Riverside Community is a Big Local project supported by National Lottery funding.



Mr Blakey said, "We know just how hard it has been for many families trying their best to home school their children whilst working - and

we know that for many families in Grays it's just not possible to make sure that all children have the IT kit they need".

The Thurrock SSP Road to Tokyo Challenge

Please encourage your child to take part in this challenge and help to notch up the school's total mileage as well as taking up the opportunity for keeping fit. Every mile makes a difference!



Half Term Reminder

Please remember the school is closed week beginning the 15th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February

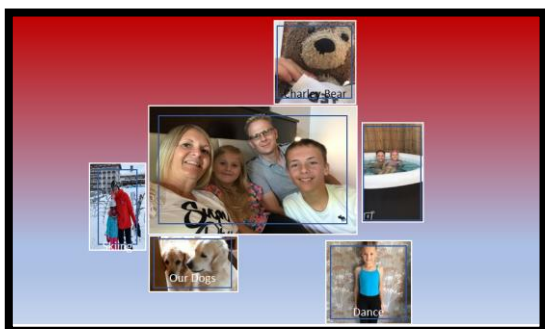
Here are some pieces of work and snapshots taken on 'Express Yourself' Friday during Children's Mental Health week.



Worry Monsters from Footsteps



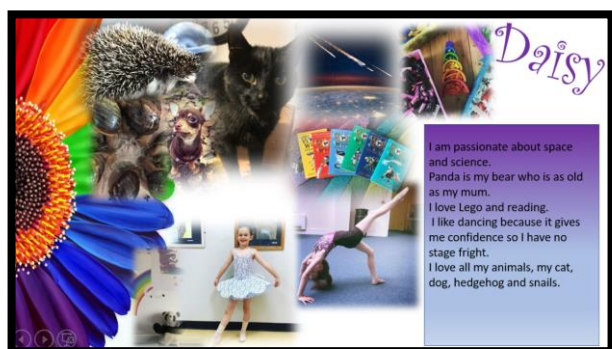
'Express Yourself' dress up in Nursery



An 'All About Me' picture montage from Sophie



Photo montages from Klara, Alexandra and Mason.



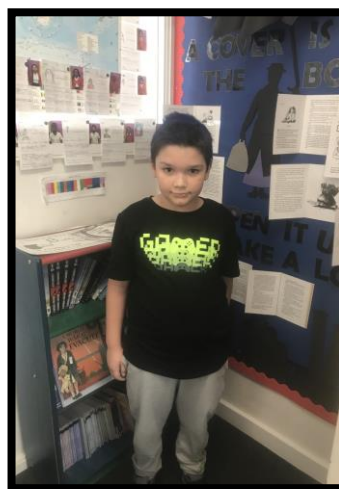
And more picture montages from Daisy, above, and Emilia, below left. Below right is Dana, in her favourite sparkly skirt!



Some Worry Monsters from Year 5

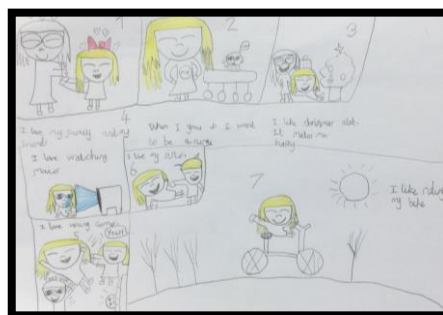


From Year 6, Laila's collage.



And Charlie expressing himself with his head of blue hair. Last but not least, Daisy's picture trail about herself.

Nursery 'Dress to Express' from home learners



There have been some wonderful learning and sharing opportunities across the week and these images are just a snapshot of what pupils have taken part in. Well done to you all!