

PARENT BULLETIN

Week Ending: Friday 12th March 2021

Note from the Headteacher, Ms A Sharma:

I am delighted to report a very smooth start to the phased return of all our students and successful Lateral Flow testing for COVID of over 1100 students who had consented. So far, no one has tested positive and this is a very good sign indeed. It is an indication of low transmission rate but we do need to stay vigilant and be careful and follow all the guidance to minimise the risk of it increasing again. I have also been very pleased with how well students have settled back to their learning routines. A special thank you to all our parents/carers for all their support.

It was also great to see so many of Year 13 parents/carers engage with their child's subject teachers virtually on Thursday. We have received some very positive feedback and would be grateful if Year 13 parents and carers could take a few minutes of their time to complete a survey which will give more detailed feedback for further improvements. Have a great weekend.

Covid 19 Lateral Flow Testing:



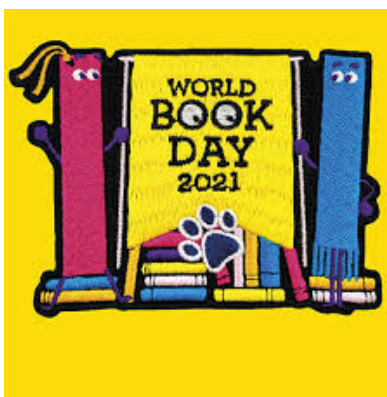
Lateral flow testing for staff and students is now well underway and the on-site COVID Lateral Flow test team have conducted over 1,100 tests this week. If you haven't already given your consent for your child to be tested and you would like to do so, please email Hahmed@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

British Science Week:



We will be reporting on all the exciting activities which students have participated in next week's bulletin.

World Book Day:



On Thursday 4th March we celebrated 'World Book Day' and launched a programme of initiatives to get the Villiers community reading. Nearly 300 staff and students took on the 'Shelfies challenge', guessing the identities of a wide range of staff from their bookshelves and some cleverly placed clues. We uncovered many hidden talents and interests, from the English teacher who rides a motorbike, to the RE teacher who also plays the drums!

In their online English lessons, students also toured our virtual library and took on a literary quiz. But, most importantly, students shared their love of reading with their teachers and their peers across all lessons. Students in Years 7 and 8 will have received their World Book Day book tokens at school this week. These can be swapped for one of the exclusive World Book Day books at UK supermarkets OR used to get £1 off any fully priced book. The deadline for tokens is the 28th of March, but, due to lockdown, booksellers have agreed to honour tokens beyond the deadline while stocks last. Happy reading and watch this space for more book fun in the months to come!

Easter Book Review Competition 2021:

Students are invited to write a book review of their favourite book or something they have read that they have really enjoyed. The competition is open to all year groups and prizes will be awarded to the top five reviews, Ms Welsford and Ms Cosmas will judge the

entries after the Easter break. Please send your entries to

librarian@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

or

swelsford@villiers.ealing.sch.uk

You can add a photo of yourself with the book of your choice.

Below is a link that will give you advice/tips on how to write a book review.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/writing-tips/writing-tips-for-teens/how-to-write-a-book-review/>

School Laptops:

If your child was given a school laptop during the recent school closure, please can you arrange to return it to the school as soon as possible.

Summer 2021 Year 11 & Year 13 schedule:

| Stage | When |
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| Return to school. Face to face lessons and normal in class work, mini assessments | 8th March – 1 st April |
| 'Key Assessment 1' window. In classes, published schedule | 19th April – 30th April |
| 'Key Assessment 2' window. In classes, teacher decides on format and period. | WB 17th May |
| HoD and SLT moderate grades awarded | 25th – 28th May |
| SLT group moderate processes and grades awarded | 7th June- 11th June |
| Final checks and grades sent to exam boards | 11th June – 17th June |

Red Nose Day:



Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year again we will be planning a series of fund-raising events. More details to follow.

School Counsellor:

Consultations with our counsellor are now available for those needing therapeutic intervention. The times available are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 am – 3: 40pm.

If you would like to see the counsellor please email gnoel@villiers.ealing.sch.uk a time will be arranged.