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Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February 2021, we are going to be joining other schools across the country to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2021. The theme this year is 'Exploring Reliability in the Online World'. At the end of this bulletin, you will find some important information about what we will be doing on the day, as well as places you can go for any additional support that you might need. We will be uploading different activities onto your child's class Teams page each day to help promote e-safety as a whole. By doing these, as well as taking part in the live lessons, we want to help our children continue to be aware of how to use different forms of technology safely, especially as this is the main source of learning at the moment. As always, please do send in pictures or videos of your child doing some of these activities so that we can upload them onto our Twitter page.



Day of Fasting, Qur'an Recitation & Charity

All faith schools within STAR academies have participated in the sunnah fasting programme on Mondays and Thursdays during the winter months. The final fast of the 2020-21 Winter Fasting Programme will be on **Thursday 11th February**. A trust-wide day of prayer and fasting will take place on this day. There will be power in our collective prayers to Allah for much needed help at this difficult time.

On this day we would like pupils, parents and staff to:

- Participate in the optional fast on this day. Start of fast: 5:42am. End of fast: 5:12pm.
- Read Surah Fatiha x 1 and Surah Al Ikhlās x 100 times.
- Donate to the SHINE Charity via Olive School's dedicated fundraising page: <http://bit.ly/2Lrc9zj>
- Please can you complete this short online form once your child has completed their fasting, Qur'an recitation and giving of charity: <http://bit.ly/36PcVyb>

Parent Travel Surveys

Last week, we sent out links to very important parent travel surveys. Please can all parents ensure that they have completed the short online survey as it will help the school in its next planning application:

Parents of pupils in Reception / Year 1 - <https://bit.ly/2Mi8nJF>

Parents of pupils in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 - <https://bit.ly/3aqjMz0>

Deadline is **Monday 8th February 2021**.

Severe Weather Conditions

Severe weather including icy conditions and snow are forecast in London for the coming week. Every effort will be made to keep school open for keyworker and vulnerable children, however, if conditions become too dangerous to open, then a text message will go out to parents at **6:30am** each morning to provide any announcements.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Thank you for all of your hard work this week. We only have one week remaining until the half term holidays.

I know that parents and pupils have all been working tremendously hard over the past half term and deserve a well-earned rest. You do not need to worry about the school setting lots of homework over the upcoming holidays. Teachers will only be setting virtual trips and encouraging pupils to read for pleasure. That's it! 😊

We now have less than 10 weeks left until the blessed month of Ramadan. We intend to help our pupils to start preparing for this blessed month. The upcoming Day of Prayer & Fasting on **Thurs 11th February** and the Spirited Art competition are both excellent initiatives to help with this. We will have a comprehensive range of activities during Ramadan which I shall personally oversee, insha'Allah.

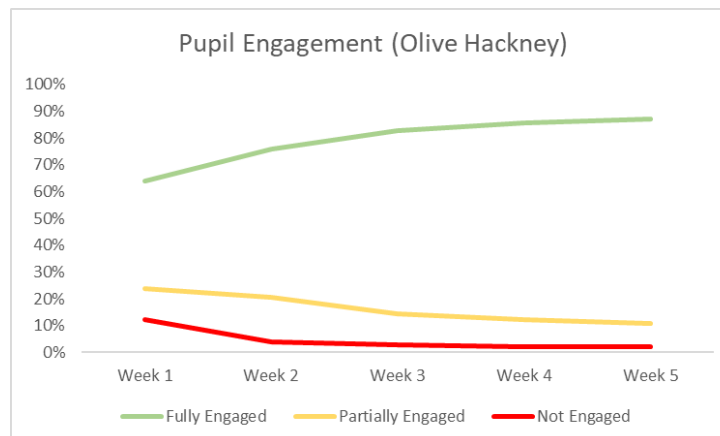
Please use next week to talk to your children about online safety. Although Tuesday is Safer Internet Day, online safety must be a focus every day.

My prayers continue for those who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Please let the school know if we can help you with anything. Please do not suffer in silence. Please also help each other even if with a simple phone call or message. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support. As with all hardships there is ease, and the ease is coming soon, insha'Allah. May Allah grant us all patience, protection and safety. Ameen.

Pupil Engagement in Week 5 of Lockdown

Here is a summary of pupil engagement with our remote learning during lockdown:

Week 5	All Pupils	All Pupils %
Total Pupils	619	
Fully Engaged	539	87.1%
Partially Engaged	67	10.8%
Not Engaged	13	2.1%



Spirited Art Competition

STAR academies is launching a Spirited Art Competition to prepare pupils for the month of Ramadhan.

The competition theme is *The Month of the Qur'an*.



In all Star faith schools, pupils will be asked to research and find a short verse from the Qur'an that inspires them, gives them hope and speaks to them spiritually. People find comfort, reaffirmation, solace and hope in the expression of spirituality, so the competition aims to draw on this.

Pupils should be guided to find a quote that gives them a sense of hope and comfort, and is a message that they can share with others. They will be invited to produce a piece of art (such as a poem, picture or sculpture) that represents the verse. This will be an individual response. Pupils will submit work to the school in digital format; for example, by taking a photo of their picture or sculpture and submitting it by email or via MS Teams.

The competition rules and requirements are as follows:

- The competition will run throughout February and the entry deadline for pupils is **Monday 1st March 2021**. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Categories include: KS2, KS1 and EY.
- Pupils will submit work to the school via the class email address.
- Our school will shortlist the best submissions and submit them to the Trust for the national judging. Submissions will be judged against three criteria.
 - Demonstration of pupil's understanding of spirituality
 - Creativity and artistic skills
 - Personal meaning
- Our school will submit 3 entries from upper KS2, 3 entries from lower KS2, 3 entries from KS1 and 2 entries from EY to the Trust.
- Our school will identify the 30 most creative, inspiring and spiritual submissions. Each day throughout the month of Ramadhan (beginning on 13th April), one piece of art will be shared on the school Twitter account to showcase a topical and uplifting gallery.
- Overall winners will be announced on **Friday 12th March 2021**.
- Prizes will be awarded to the national Trust winners.

Click link to download info pack: <https://bit.ly/2N1cny0>

Laptops

We are pleased that we have so far provided 107 laptops to Olive School families (on loan). We will continue to provide laptops next week. The laptops we have received from the Department of Education (DfE) are only for pupils entitled to free school meals. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you still require a laptop, please email info@olivehackney.staracademies.org by 12pm on **Wednesday 10th February 2021**, with your contact number and your child's name. Please note we can only provide one laptop per family.

Pupil Submitting Work on Microsoft TEAMS

Pupils (or their parents) can submit their work to MS TEAMS using a mobile phone. Here is a link to a short video which will give you a step by step guide: <https://bit.ly/2N1ingw>

It is important that your child submits work EVERY week so that teachers can assess their learning. As we have been checking pupil participation in LIVE learning each week, we will now be checking the hand in of work of all pupils every week. You will be contacted by your child's learning coach if work is not submitted on time.

Worry Box

Following last week's children's mental health week, we have decided to launch an online Worry Box for all pupils. It provides pupils with an opportunity to let us know they are worrying about something and we will try our best to help. We want to tell pupils that we are very good at listening and they have both our ears. We want to tell them that it is okay to worry and let them know that we are here!

Here is a link to the worry box: <http://bit.ly/3cQHirl>

Olive Parent Feeding the Community

We are so incredibly proud to hear about the wonderful work that one of our parents (Shukri Adan) has been doing with her team to prepare almost 100 meals from her home kitchen and deliver them to a homeless hostel and families struggling across Hackney. Masha'Allah and well done to Shukri Adan and her team for this wonderful work. Please read the full article in the local Hackney newspaper:

<https://www.hackneygazette.co.uk/news/community-lifelines-connecting-all-communities-7301730>

Helpful Tips for Parents with SEN/D Children

We hope you will find these links useful:

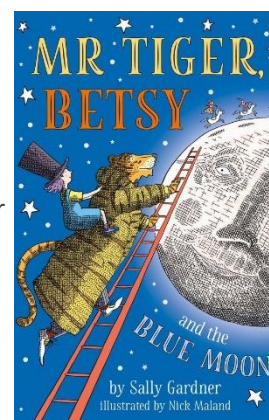
- [Physical activity at home](#)
- [Keeping children calm](#)
- [Multi-sensory activities at home](#)
- [Support your child with dyslexia at home](#)
- [Pupils with autism during lockdown](#)

Author & Book of the Week

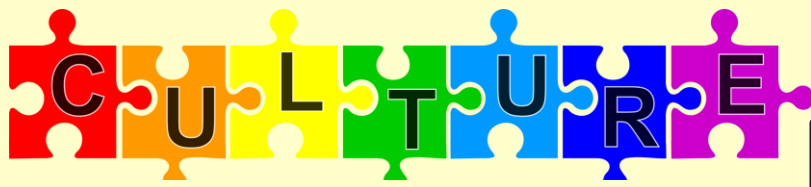
Your child can read or listen to **Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Blue Moon** by Sally Gardner completely FREE and watch an exclusive video to hear and discover her favourite books!

Click here to read or listen:

<http://bit.ly/2YUG9XS>



- Free eBook Library (Oxford Owl): <https://bit.ly/3qMx4MD>
- Find your local library: <https://bit.ly/2Yc9gFT>
- Top tips to help your child with reading: <http://bbc.in/3oT7rZb>



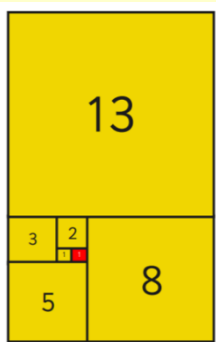
At Olive Hackney, we are passionate about ensuring that our pupils develop into well-rounded individuals, through engaging in a broad and enriched curriculum. This includes gaining a range of knowledge and skills to help them become well-informed citizens. Ofsted uses the term 'Cultural capital' to define a person's knowledge and skills of the wider world. It is widely accepted that a person's level of cultural capital is a huge indicator of how well they are able to succeed academically and engage in wider society. We believe that engaging in culturally rich activities and conversations extends beyond school and into a child's home. To support you with enabling these discussions with your child, our Subject Leaders will provide you with a prompt each week. These will be a fun, subject-related challenge to engage with as a family perhaps around the dinner table or during a family activity time. We hope you will enjoy these!

Fibonacci Family Challenge from Miss Deniz

The Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers that follow a unique integer sequence. The numbers generate mathematical patterns that can be found in all aspects of life. The patterns can be seen in everything from the human body to the physiology of plants and animals. The Fibonacci sequence are obtained by adding the two previous numbers in the sequence to obtain the next higher number. For example: $1+1 = 2$ $2+3 = 5$ $5+8 = 13$

The sequence was introduced to Western Europe mathematics in 1202 by Leonard of Pisa, also known as Fibonacci. The Fibonacci sequence was the outcome of a mathematical problem about rabbit breeding.

Challenge activity 1- Draw the pattern on the left. Fibonacci sequence.



Use the boxes to draw a spiral. Start in the red box and keep going.



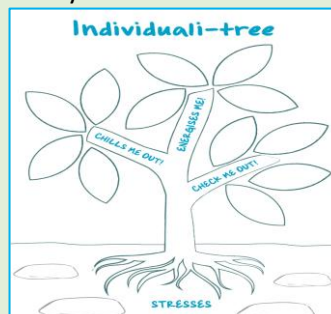
This spiral appears a lot in nature. Can you find some examples?

Individuali-tree from Miss Phillips

To wrap up Children's Mental health week, the activity below aims to identify what may cause us stress and what methods we can use to help us cope with those stresses.

I am sure that lots of us have been feeling a bit stressed and low recently so this activity aims to try and think about how we can make ourselves and each other feel better. It is really important that you are able to figure out what makes you feel better so that so that you can use the tools that you have to calm yourself down.

1. Draw a copy of the tree below. This could be done as a group (family) or separately and then make comparisons.
2. Fill in each of the four sections of the tree. If you are all drawing on one tree maybe you could pick a different colour each and use that to write your ideas.
 - a. Stresses – fill the roots with things that you find stressful.
 - b. Chill me out – fill this branch and leaves with things that help calm you down
 - c. Energise me – fill this with things that lift your mood and make you feel positive
 - d. Check me out – fill with the things that make you feel proud and that you are good at
3. Once filled, put the tree up somewhere and use it as a reminder. You could even send in a picture of your tree to your class email address. It would be lovely to have some family trees with lots of colours!





An internet we trust

Exploring reliability in the online world



**Safer
Internet
Day 2021**

**UK Safer
Internet
Centre**



Olive School

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 9th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2021**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Olive Hackney, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. During the live lessons on Tuesday, our teachers will be teaching children the importance of using the Internet safely whilst separating fact from fiction, and we are setting up an online learning experience with OpenView Education to help further strengthen the children's online safety understanding. There will be special assemblies that Miss Barrett will be recording for both KS1 and KS2 based on this year's Safer Internet Day theme: Exploring Reliability in the Online World. We will also be creating activities for the children to do throughout the week during their offscreen time to promote overall e-safety.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are also [top tips](#), a [quiz](#) and [films](#) which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](#)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from [CEOP](#)

Online safety is an important issue which Olive Hackney is committed to teaching our children about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with us.

Kind regards,

Miss Barrett

Assistant Principal

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www.saferinternetday.org.uk





8th February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Assalaamu Alaikum (May Peace be with you)

Special Qur'aan Completion and Prayers – Friday 29th January 2021

On Friday 29th January, across all of our Faith Schools, our families took part in a special You Tube event involving the completion of the Qur'aan and prayers for those who have suffered as a result of COVID-19. Alhamdulillah, all Praise to the Almighty, 222 full Qur'aan were completed and Surah Al Ikhlaas was completed 230,000 times.

We pray that the Almighty accepts our prayers and makes them a means of forgiveness for all who have passed away recently and a comfort for those who have been bereaved or suffered. Prayer is such a powerful part of our life – something which we can use to connect with our Lord during troubled times and deliver us from our difficulties. Thank you to all parents and members of our school community who supported - and participated in - the event.

Special Day of Prayer and Fasting – Thursday 11th February 2021

Each year, our faith-designated secondary schools participate in a Sunnah fasting programme during the winter months (November until February). The last fast of the programme is on **Thursday of this week**.

We would like to encourage pupils, staff and parents from across our family of faith schools to join us in the final fast, including reciting a small portion of the Qur'aan and making duaa (prayers) as a family just before opening their fast in the evening. Through our fasting and prayer on this day, we will seek help from our Lord and draw strength from our collective worship. With acts of faith such as these, we may also inspire hope within our families and our communities.

I hope that you will encourage your child and family to participate in this special fast. Students should only fast if they are in good health, have completed the *Suhoor* (early morning meal) and are able to participate in lessons fully. Older children in our primary schools may also fast for part of the day if parents think they are able to do so.

Thank you for your continued support, particularly for aiding our efforts to develop character and enhance wellbeing during this time. I pray that our Lord blesses each and every fast and prayer and makes it a means of our salvation. Aameen.

Yours sincerely,

(Mufti) Hamid Patel CBE
Chief Executive