

Tower Times 12.03.2021

Friday, 12th March 2021



Welcome Back!



It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children this week. We have missed seeing everyone in school so it is energising to see so many happy faces. We appreciate that there will be some adjustments to be made as we get used to being back together but the children's delight at

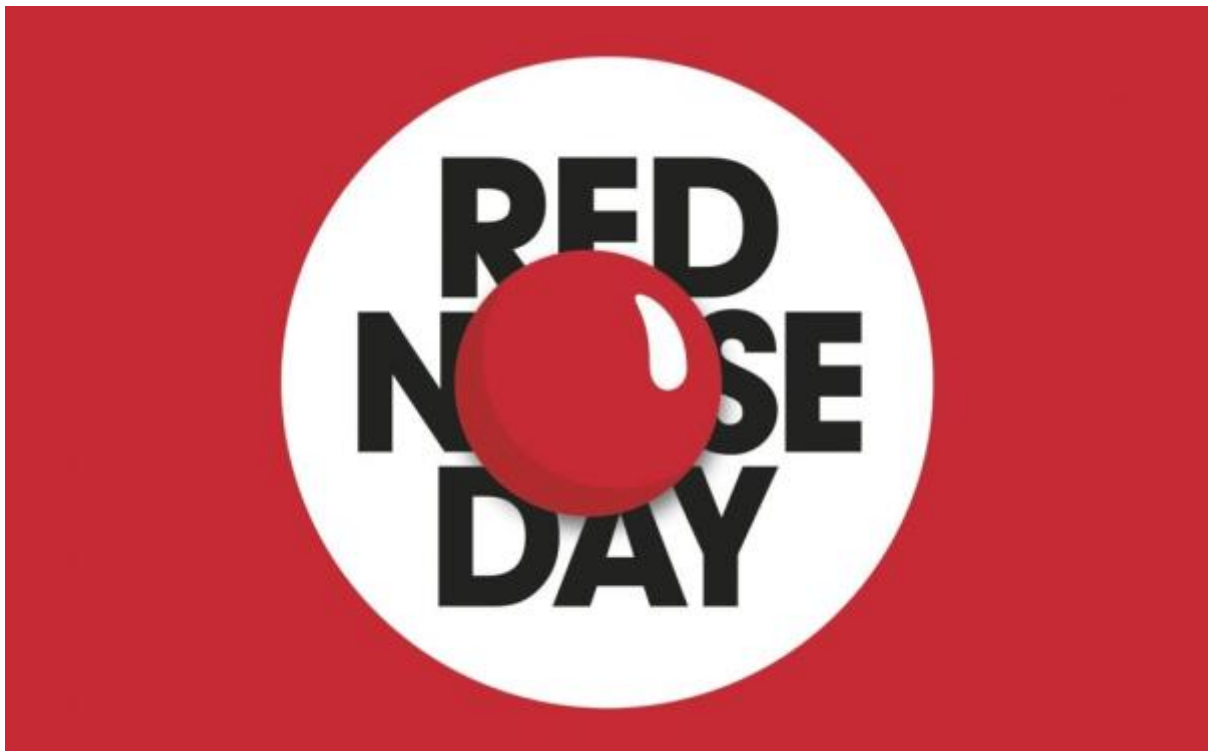
being with their friends means that everyone is working together to make this return as successful as it was back in September.

We would like to ask for your help in the continued success in reintegrating everyone back at the Academy. Currently, the Government's guidance is still 'Stay at Home'. Within this, is the advice to maintain social distance. We are aware that at the start and end of the day, entering and leaving the Academy is proving to be busy. In order to support the expectations set by the Government we ask that:

- only one adult brings the children onto the property.
- children remain with their adult and do not wander off to play with other children.
- adults maintain a distance of 2 metres from other adults.
- accessing the main entrance is kept to a minimum.
- if an adult has to visit the administration office in the main entrance, that a mask is worn.
- if waiting for the children, pathways are not blocked

The last year has been challenging for all of us and how we feel personally about Covid 19 cannot be under-estimated. Please support each other by following the guidance given above.

Comic Relief - Friday, 19th March 2021



As a Community school, we look forward to the opportunity to take part in events designed to help others around us. With the Covid Pandemic, it has been more difficult for the pupils, led by the Academy Council to raise funds. Comic Relief or Red Nose Day is an opportunity for us to help others by working with others in the Community. This year, we are suggesting that the children wear non-uniform on Friday, 19th March and donate funds to Comic Relief through **Parent Pay**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3285> We would suggest 50p to £1 as a voluntary contribution for the day. We have previously worked with Sainsbury's to sell merchandise and whilst this is not possible this year, we would encourage any child who has a red nose item to add to their non-uniform outfit. It is important to remember that the children still need to be dressed appropriately for a school day so would recommend that they wear sensible shoes and avoid aspects such as face paints.

Ideal Kitchens



The Kitchens have been busy throughout the January Lockdown providing meals and food parcels. They continue to strive to provide the best meals possible ensuring that they balance their understanding of what the children enjoy whilst providing balanced nutritious food. They provide meals for other schools as well as our own and this means that our kitchen is a very busy environment! We are proud to announce that they were inspected on Monday and yet again received the highest rating of 5. Well done to all who work in the Kitchen.

Gymnastics Competition



Despite the lockdown, opportunities for pupils to take part in remote competitions have continued. Last term, children in KS2 who had previously been in our Gymnastics club were invited to take part in a remote competition for local schools. The children rehearsed at home and for some, at the Academy and submitted videos of their performance. There were several categories in each year group and we are proud to announce the following places that some of the children achieved :

- Y4 Boys M - Tristan N - 2nd Place
- Y4 Boys S - Charlie M - 2nd Place
- Y6 Girls M - Lacey W - 7th Place
- Y6 Girls S - Ellie B - 1st Place

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part. We are very proud of you all. We are pleased to announce that Ellie, who was placed first in her category, will now have her video submitted to the County finals later in the year.

Lateral Flow Testing



From Monday 8 March, people who are in a household, childcare bubble or support bubble with a school or college staff member or pupil are encouraged by the Government to get twice-weekly lateral flow tests.

If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms you can get a test at one of our lateral flow community testing centres.

Community testing is free and aims to identify people who don't have COVID-19 symptoms but who are infectious. This helps to break the chain of transmission.

The process:

- you do not need to book, simply go to and walk through any of the sites
- attend the testing site wearing a face covering
- details are taken using your phone or a device on-site (you will need a mobile number for this)

- the swabbing is guided by on-site staff, this takes approximately 5 minutes, and you then leave
- the result comes through in approximately 30 mins and there is no need to wait on-site for the result or have a follow up PCR test if positive
- if you test positive you need to isolate for 10 days, as well as any close contacts (please note close contacts will be contacted via the national or local contact tracing teams)
- if the result does not come through, you will need to attend for another test

Lincolnshire County Council are encouraging the following people to conduct twice -weekly testing:

- Households with primary, secondary and college age children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles.
- Critical workers who live or work in Lincolnshire and are unable to work from home.
- Small to medium sized local businesses can use community testing to test their workforce if they cannot work from home.

For more information please see:

[Lateral Flow Tests](#)

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