

# HENDON NEWS

8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

## Headteacher Message

Dear parents, carers and children,

This was not the way we had hoped term would start, but I am super proud of how brilliantly we have hit the ground running from day 1 - both at school and online!

The school continues to follow COVID safe guidelines, is clean, warm and fully operating. Our Preschool children have settled in beautifully, as have the 2 Critical Worker classes, who adapted to the online timetable seamlessly.

After a few first morning glitches with Seesaw log in codes – my thanks to the Office for sorting these out - we are all up and running.

For the Prep children in Years 4-6, having their own devices, which they were familiar with - and being comfortable with Teams and Firefly, it has been an easier 'picking up where we left off'. Year 3 will very soon adjust to the new routines and expectations too.

The children, like their teachers, would all rather be in school, but until that point, we will all work together to put their needs first, adjusting and being flexible to ensure each child in our care is given the learning, understanding and well-being support they need. This is important to me, as I know that learning requires space, security and a sense of feeling well in order to focus on moving forwards.

Just as we did in March, we will as a school community work our way through this lockdown as positively as we can and emerge after half term (hopefully!) together.

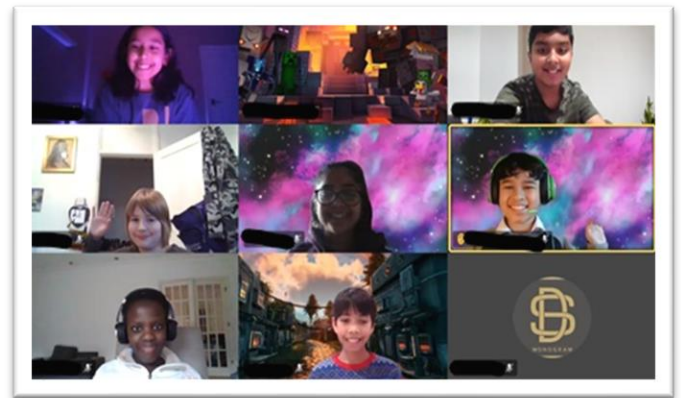
Wishing you all a safe, and gentle weekend,

Mrs Gorasia

## School News

### Online Teaching & Learning

This may not have been the start of term we had originally planned for, but we are so happy to see how quickly our Hendon Prep community have adapted to Online Teaching & Learning (pictured Year 6).



### Welcome back Preschool

We were delighted to welcome back into school our wonderful Preschool children. We simply loved seeing how happy the children were to see each other – and welcome some new friends to the class. Chef Dusan's wonderful lunch is always a highlight of the day.

