Monday 11th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

It has been lovely seeing so many children online and working on the paper packs too.

Your children have been sending in examples of lovely work and we are all very proud of their resilience. We appreciate how difficult it is for so many of you and I hope the vaccinations reach us all soon.

The office has sent out messages about food bags so if you would like to be on the list for a food pack please let the office know.

We have also been chasing up laptops from the DFE and although we have given out some along with some of the school Ipads, I do understand some families need more. Please add your name to the waiting list and as soon as we have additional resources we will contact you.

**Competition**

All children at Oliver Goldsmith’s are invited to take part in a writing competition.

The story can be any genre: historical, adventure, fantasy, factual….

It can be set in a place you know well or one that is completely made up.

The two following characters must be in the story but others of your own choice can be created and added to the story.

*Character 1: Iona is a girl with red, curly hair and big, bright green eyes. She has lots of freckles and is really good at gymnastics. She likes to do math’s work and puzzles. She loves animals and would love to have her own dog.*

*Character 2: Kwame is a boy who loves to play sports; especially football. He has cropped, short, black, tight curly hair and deep brown eyes with long eyelashes. He reads lots of comic books and dreams about being a super hero.*

Once you have planned then written your story you can email it to the school office, post it or drop it off at the school post box. Entries need to be in by Wednesday 20th of January.

There will be a prize for the best story in each year group so have a go. I know in the past there have been amazing pieces of writing from you all so I am looking forward to reading your work.

Finally, I want to say thank you for the supportive messages I have been getting. Myself, and the staff at the school, really appreciate your support during these times. We wish more than anything that we can get the school fully open again as soon as possible.

Kindest regards

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