



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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A Message from Mrs Milligan

Like many, our staff at Guardian Angels have been shocked by the news of such high COVID related deaths and the number of daily new infections.

Lord, we pray for all those who are sick or have passed away due to this horrific virus. May their families take comfort in knowing they are now with You. Amen

Thank you all for engaging so well with our remote learning offer. I also really appreciate your feedback on the offer from those parents who were able to complete it. It has highlighted some areas that we will continue to develop— further updates each week.

Critical Worker Places: The government have made clear that 'Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**' Our provision is nearing capacity and unfortunately due to suspected misuse of the provision, we will now have to seek formal evidence of critical worker status from those already attending— if no evidence can be provided, the place may be removed. More information will be sent directly to this group of parents. If you can keep your child at home you should— even if you are a critical worker— this provision MUST only be used if there is NO OTHER OPTION— your child is safer at home.

Live Sessions: I am so impressed with the live sessions. There has been great uptake and it means our children can interact with each other whilst at home whilst learning too. The sessions are developing day by day and the children's knowledge and use of technology is phenomenal! The support from the majority of parents has been outstanding. Well done everyone.

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of incidents where inappropriate comments have been made by adults in the background of the teams sessions. This is completely unacceptable and inappropriate and if this were to happen again, we will have no alternative but to remove the participant from the session. Our staff and children deserve to be treated with respect and dignity in a safe learning environment.

Free School Meals: The fantastic news that the government are reinstating the Free School Meals vouchers for eligible pupils came this week. As soon as we are granted access to the ordering system next week, we will place orders on our families behalf. You will receive your e-code vouchers by Email from Edenred.

VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM

Growing to be **grateful** for your own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with your gifts and talents.

Home Learning Update:

Thank you to the parents that completed the survey this week. It shows us that many pupils are able to access our live lessons and that pupils are enjoying them. We will keep working with parents to resolve access issues.

2. Have you been able to access the daily 'Live' class sessions?

[More Details](#)

Yes, all	51
Yes, some	25
No	7



3. Out of 5, how would you rate the live sessions?

[More Details](#)

75
Responses

★★★★☆
4.23 Average Rating

One of the key areas to come out of the survey was:

'the frustration with some online documents being PDFs and no access to printers.'

To help with this, we have ordered paper based White Rose Maths workbooks with all of the sheets needed for your child's maths lessons, as well as CGP English workbooks. We are eagerly awaiting arrival of these resources.

As soon as they arrive, we will be asking you to come and collect them from school, which will be staggered to avoid distancing issues. This has been a significant financial investment and we hope that this will improve access to remote learning even further for families.





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Home Learning overview sheets are available on our website for those children not in school during this national lockdown. These are updated weekly. This work can be printed or written straight into the children's home learning book to save both paper and ink.

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home learning can also be accessed by following this link and then selecting the appropriate year group from the side menu. <https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/home-learning>

If passwords need to be changed or you are not sure of passwords for any of your child's log in details, please email the school office at enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk and a reset password will be emailed out as soon as possible.

Please remember that a quick and easy way for your child to contact a class teacher is through J2Message that can also be found on BGFL365. This is monitored during school hours Monday-Friday.

Teams Meeting Daily Timetable Please see below for the Microsoft Teams daily timetable. **Sessions are planned at different times to allow siblings with a shared device to all access daily.**

Time	Class/Year Group
9.00	Year 6
9.30	Year 5
10.00	Year 4
10.30	Year 3
11.00	Year 2
11.30	Year 1
12.00	EYFS

The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, when he saw Jesus walking by. "There is the Lamb of God!" he said.

The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus. Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, "What are you looking for?"

They answered, "Where do you live, Rabbi?" (This word means "Teacher.")

"Come and see," he answered. (It was then about four o'clock in the afternoon.) So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him.

One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. At once he found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah." (This word means "Christ.") Then he took Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "Your name is Simon son of John, but you will be called Cephas." (This is the same as Peter and means "a rock.")



This week on Twitter...

GuardianAngelsSch @GrdangelsCP · 9h

Today, Reception enjoyed listening to Mrs Potter's Makaton story, Aliens Love Underpants. She looked rather unusual didn't she Reception? Apologies for the technical difficulties, thank you for your patience. Mrs Potter 🐼



Mary Anning

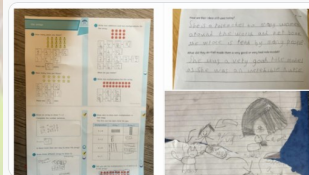
Henry was a famous fossil hunter and collector.
She was born in the year 1799 in Dorset, England.
Her family was very big. She had 10 brothers and sisters, her mum was called Mary and her dad was called Richard.
When she was 11 her dad died.



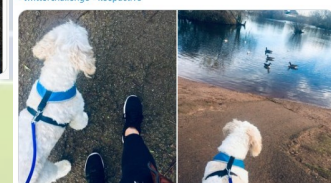
Wing

A young, one-winged creature (called wing) stood in the middle of a deserted forest playing his recorder. Out of nowhere a group of crows knocked him down as they flew by. They held him by his wing and launched him across the forest, then they started playing Wing's instrument. Terrified of the crows, Wing picked up his recorder and started running away. He got home and slammed the door then he knew he had to escape the forest before he was killed. He ran as fast as he could and he finally got to the catapult and launched himself but he started flying across the night sky. Could he make it? Suddenly, the wing malfunctioned and he started quickly plummeting to the ground. The crows found him and woke him from his blackout. Wing heard someone playing his recorder, he looked up and saw a creature like him flying with two wings playing his instrument. The creature flew off and he knew he had to follow it or he would fall into his trance. After a while, he was back to work. He started walking alone again, through the forest, he then found that creature, again, playing his recorder, the crows took him ripped her off. She then gave him his instrument back and they

Year 2 are working very hard, completing their home learning tasks. Erin has written about Mary Seacole as part of our Creative topic 'Movers and Shakers.' Well done Erin. Lexi created a story map and Cassius has been improving his maths skills. Mrs Gazey and Miss Carroll.



Mrs Styler joined in today's keep active challenge; a walk around the lake with her dog, Louie!
#twitterchallenge #keepactive










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Reading Twitter Challenge: Week Beginning 18/01/2021

	Challenge	Activity/Ideas
Monday 18 th January	Book scavenger hunt 	You will need: a pile of books and a list of scavenger hunt instructions e.g. find a book written in the first person, find a book which is set in space, find a book with an animal on the front cover etc. click the link for more suggestions. https://themumeducates.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Book-Scavenger-Hunt-TME.pdf Can you think of your own clues?
Tuesday 19 th January	Read an eBook 	Have a look at the online library on our school website or why not sign up to Oxford Owl or download an eBook from Barnes&Noble to explore their range of eBooks. https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/ Free Kid's eBooks and NOOK Books Barnes & Noble* (barnesandnoble.com)
Wednesday 20 th January	Read to a family member 	Read your favourite book to an older relative or share it with a younger sibling. Or why not set up a FaceTime or Zoom call to read with a friend or family member that you miss.
Thursday 21 st January	Listen to an audio book 	Find a cosy spot and curl up to listen to a story. Try a book on Audible or listen to a story being read on YouTube.
Friday 22 nd January	Pass it on! 	Write a short book review for a book you have read this week for a friend. A few questions you could answer: Can you identify the genre of text? Who would this book be suitable for? What age? What was your favourite part? How many stars would you give this book?

Don't forget to take a photo or short video, share it on twitter and tag @GrdangelsCP. You can also use #ReadingTwitterChallenge



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Star Pupil and Virtue Awards Article 29 (goals of education)

Today we have awarded our Star Pupil and Virtue awards to these pupils. Well done!

Year	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
EYFS	Freddie & Ronny	Connor
Year 1	Amelia & Leo	Oliver
Year 2	Rayan & Lexi	Beau
Year 3	Tilly & Frankie	D'or
Year 4	Elana & Finley	Phillip
Year 5B	Tommy & Kaycie	Oluwatoni
Year 5H	Robert & Coen	Scarlett
Year 6	Ellie & Madison C	Maddison B

Loving God, help us to remember that all people throughout the world are special, because you know us by our names and we are all your children.

Amen.



God Bless you all at this extremely difficult time.

Mrs Helen Milligan

Head Teacher



Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday dear...

Jude (EYFS)

Jacob & Mason (Year 1)

KeAyna (Year 5)

Lucas (Year 6)

Happy birthday to you all and we that hope you have a fantastic day.
Warm wishes from your Guardian Angels family.

Safeguarding Tip of the Week– I am worried about a child, what should I do?

1	Is the child in immediate risk of harm or danger?	Yes- CALL 999 immediately
2	Are you concerned about the welfare of a child?	Yes- call CASS (Children's Advice and Support Services) Birmingham: 0121 303 1888 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 675 4806) Solihull: 0121 788 4300 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 605 6060)
3	Are you worried about a child? If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free	Yes, call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000
4	Are you unsure if you should be concerned? There is no risk of immediate harm or danger but you are worried and you know the child attends Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School?	Yes, call 0121 747 2782 between 9am and 3pm on school days and ask for the Designated Safe-guarding Lead. You may need to leave your name and number and we will call you back.





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Using Xbox or PlayStation to access BGFL365

Accessing your remote learning, An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown

Xbox

1. Plug a Keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go to my games and APPs
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type BGFL365 as you would in school
5. You can then access BGFL365 including:
 - Word
 - Teams
 - PowerPoint
6. To move around you can use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse.



PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation Internet Browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the computer
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type BGFL365 into the browser



XBOX

1. Go to 'My games and apps'
2. Find 'Microsoft Edge' and select
3. Visit the website



You can use the controller to type and select, and can even plug in a USB keyboard!

PLAYSTATION 4

1. Go to 'Library'
2. Select 'All'
3. Select 'Internet Browser'
4. Visit the website



You can use your controller to type and select!

