

The Pinner Park Poet

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Make Others Feel Great!

Tomorrow marks 150 years since the death of literary giant Charles Dickens.

Dickens used some of his novels to point out that many people suffered greatly at that time in Victorian England. These stories were a good way of encouraging people to look at how they might help make their part of the world a better place.



When Charles Dickens died, in 1870, Queen Victoria wrote of him in her diary: "He is a very great loss. He had a large loving mind, and the strongest sympathy with the poor." Dickens was buried in Westminster Abbey beside the graves of the nation's kings and queens and other famous people.

These words of Charles Dickens are a useful reflection for us all, "Some great people make others feel small, but the real great people are those who make others feel great."

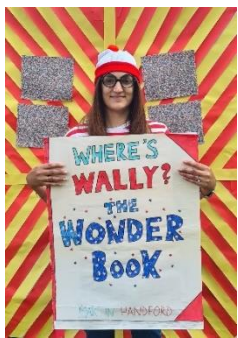
Let's make it our aim to make others feel great!

Best wishes,

Nick Waldron

Headteacher

Recreate a Book Cover



Thanks to all those children and staff who recreated a book cover and sent it in just before half term. We have had some amazing pictures, and some incredible effort. Well done to you all!

You can see the images here: <https://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/news-blog/book-cover-competition>

The winners will be announced in Wednesday's newsletter!

Brook's, our local independent bookshop in Pinner, were so impressed with the entries that they are giving a 15% discount on a children's book to every entrant! We'll send you a voucher to use instore.

Pinner Park Online – Monday Assembly Now Online



We continue to add new videos to Pinner Park Online.

You can see our videos here:

<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk/pinner-park-online>

Don't miss another video! [Subscribe to our Channel.](#)

This week's assembly is on the topic of diversity, hope and discrimination. It is based on the life of Nelson Mandela, but also relates this to the issues facing our communities today, including the 'Black Lives Matters' campaign. We hope that this will be a good starting point for parents to discuss these matters with their children.

If you would like some further resources to help your discussion, then CBBC Newsround is an excellent starting point: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Please note that this assembly is aimed at children aged 7 - 11. Parents of younger children may want to view it first.

Home Learning – Week 9 Learning Project – ‘Music’

We're so pleased that everyone is making such a good effort with the home learning.

We know that it is not easy to teach children at home – many members of our staff team are discovering this too!



The weekly projects have a good range of activities which can be used flexibly during the week. Our latest 'Learning Projects' (Week 9) are now [available online](#). The theme for this week is 'Music'. You'll notice that there is a slight change of format for this half term. In response to parent feedback, we've suggested daily activities for the core subjects. We've also added some suggested STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities.

[White Rose Maths](#) and [BBC Bitesize](#) have a new set of daily lessons for this week. Many parents are finding these really useful. If your child is in Year 1 or Reception, the [daily phonics sessions](#) continue.

White Rose Maths: The video lessons are still available on White Rose Maths but we are supplying the worksheets directly to you. These have been sent through School Ping. There are also some additional activities linked to the videos on [BBC Bitesize](#).

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<http://pinnerpark.harrow.sch.uk>



Covid-19 Update

Over the past 10 weeks we've worked hard to keep you up to date with the ever-changing circumstances we have found ourselves in. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we have had to react, sometimes at very short notice, to changes in Government guidance.



Wider Access to School

We can currently accommodate all our key-worker and vulnerable children on a full time basis, as we have done since the start of lockdown. We have two 'bubbles' set up, with a maximum of 15 children in each bubble. We have also invited all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school on a part time basis.

We await further news as to whether we would be expected to open the school to more year groups before the end of the school year. The Government had an ambition to get further year groups into school but we have not heard any update on this.

September 2020

We do not yet know whether School will be fully open in September. We have started to plan our staffing and curriculum but we await a clearer picture of what the Autumn term will hold.

Public Health Harrow

Headteachers recently met with Harrow's Director of Public Health. It was reassuring to hear that, despite a huge increase in testing, the number of positive, confirmed cases in Harrow have been very low for the past two weeks – no more than 5 new cases each day and mostly far fewer (and zero on many days).

Testing is now available to anyone with Covid symptoms. You can [book online here](#) or dial 119.

Stay Alert | Control the Virus | Save Lives

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

A promotional poster for NHS COVID-19 self-isolation. On the left, a photograph shows a young woman with long dark hair looking down at her smartphone. The background is a solid blue color. In the top left corner is the HM Government logo. The main text in large, bold, white and yellow letters reads "CORONAVIRUS SELF-ISOLATE WHEN ALERTED". Below this, in white, is the URL "nhs/coronavirus or call 119". In the top right corner is the NHS logo with the text "Test and Trace" below it. In the bottom right corner is a yellow and green checkered box containing the text "STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES" in bold black letters.