

# The Pinner Park Poet

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## First Century Wisdom

Pliny the Elder was a Roman author, naturalist and philosopher. He lived in first-century Rome.

In one of his many writings he states, 'The only certainty is that nothing is certain'. That statement has never been truer than in 2020!

Uncertainty cause all of us to be anxious, especially children. We like to be certain about things. We like to know what is happening, when it's going to happen and how it's going to happen.

This is an unsettling time. For children, their anxiety or confusion may be shown through their behaviours. We will need to be patient with them as they make sense of the changes that have happened (and continue to happen). We need to be curious about their behaviour, and understanding that behaviour is a form of communication – what are our children trying to tell us? And we will need to be empathetic – understanding how that behaviour emerges.

We also need to keep check of our own responses. There will be days when the whole world seems to be against us. However tough things seem, we don't want to transfer our anxieties, anger or frustrations onto our children.

During this difficult time, understanding our own emotions and those of our children is very important. Make sure you make time to relax and to reflect. These past few months have been challenging and we deserve a break!

If you need any support, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

*Nick Waldron*

Headteacher



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## Times Tables Rockstars – London Rocks 2020!

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As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from Greater London from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. It's all done online through Times Tables Rockstars (web or app).

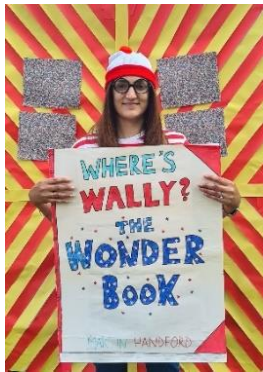
For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average and we'll find the winners.

So... get in lots of practice ready for the competition week!



## Recreate a Book Cover - Winners

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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>

We have had great difficulty, as you can imagine, trying to select some winners from the amazing entries. It has taken a panel of school leaders to come to a decision.

Well done to our winning entries:

We're Going On A Bear Hunt	Ammer, Maleeka, and Qamber
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Francesca
Star Wars - Stories from the Galaxy	Yahya
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince	Dylan and Liam O'Brien

And well done to all our entries – great job! 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.

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

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We've sent information to all our Year 6 parents about the leavers hoodies for this year. To place an order visit:

[www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/pinnerparkschools](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/pinnerparkschools)

Orders must be received by Friday 26th June. We won't be able to accept any late orders.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



## Wider Access to School - UPDATED

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.



Just 52% of schools were able to open more widely last week – we are pleased that our staff team have worked so hard to get more children into school.

### Announcement by Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education

The government had hoped to ask primary schools to open to all pupils for four weeks before the summer holidays. However, I am sure that you will have heard the news that this ambition, set out in the Government's coronavirus roadmap, will not be possible.

With just half of all schools open to reception, year one and year six pupils last week, the Government has acknowledged that full opening of primaries this term would not be possible.

### Pinner Park Actions

As a school leadership team, we receive the information at the same time as everyone else – we were listening intently to the statement to the House of Commons! Over the next couple of days, we will be discussing how this changes things for Pinner Park, and also liaising with other local schools. We will give our response as soon as we've had time to reflect on our current situation.

### September 2020

The Education Secretary has said that the government will work to get children of all ages back to class by September. We do not yet know whether School will be fully open at that time or whether there will be restrictions on pupil numbers, year groups or activities. We have started to plan our staffing and curriculum but we await a clearer picture of what the Autumn term will hold.

### 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 blue rectangular poster for the NHS. On the left, there is a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair looking down at her smartphone. In the top left corner of the poster is the HM Government logo. The main text in the center is "CORONAVIRUS SELF-ISOLATE WHEN ALERTED" in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below this, it says "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 black hazard-style box with the text "STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES".