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NEWSLETTER No.21

Friday 20th March 2020

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SCHOOL VISION

QUOTE 21: A LETTER FROM F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, QUARANTINED IN 1920 IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE DURING THE SPANISH INFLUENZA OUTBREAK.

Dearest Rosemary,

It was a limpid dreary day, hung as in a basket from a single dull star. I thank you for your letter. Outside, I perceive what may be a collection of fallen leaves tussling against a trash can. It rings like jazz to my ears. The streets are that empty. It seems as though the bulk of the city has retreated to their quarters, rightfully so. At this time, it seems very poignant to avoid all public spaces. Even the bars, as I told Hemingway, but to that, he punched me in the stomach, to which I asked if he had washed his hands. He hadn't. He is much the denier, that one. Why, he considers the virus to be just influenza. I'm curious of his sources. The officials have alerted us to ensure we have a month's worth of necessities. Zelda and I have stocked up on red wine, whiskey, rum, vermouth, absinthe, white wine, sherry, gin, and lord, if we need it, brandy. Please pray for us. You should see the square, oh, it is terrible. I weep for the damned eventualities this future brings. The long afternoons rolling forward slowly on the ever-slick bottomless highball. Z. says it's no excuse to drink, but I just can't seem to steady my hand. In the distance, from my brooding perch, the shoreline is cloaked in a dull haze where I can discern an unremitting penance that has been heading this way for a long, long while. And yet, amongst the cracked cloudline of an evening's cast, I focus on a single strain of light, calling me forth to believe in a better morrow.

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Cross Country at Thomas Keble: On Monday 16th March our Year 4's - 6's attended a Cross Country Event at Thomas Keble School, the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we received many medals.

Sports Relief Day: Sports Relief Day last Friday went really well, we raised a total of £231.30!

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Events: Please note all events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Data Collection Sheets: If you haven't yet completed and returned your data collection sheet, we would be grateful if you could please come into the office to do so.

[REMINDERS](#)

Please see [here](#) for **Term Dates 2020-21**.

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Coronavirus Update: Please go to our website and continue to read our emails to see updates regarding the Coronavirus. Please see recent action plan [here](#)

School Closure: Please keep checking our website and the schools communications via the School Gateway App for any updates.

Number of people reading the newsletter: Last week's Newsletter No.20 was read by 284 people, which represents 64.7% of Minchinhampton Academy Parents/Carers. The average Open Rate for the education and training industry is 23.42% (Source: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>)

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Year 5/6 Planting Trees:

It was really good to help the environment. Trees are one of the most important things in the world so it is good we had the chance to help and plant them! - **Harry**

They help us breathe, they give us oxygen. They help us to survive and thrive in the world - **George**

It was very muddy but we had lots of help from the Reception Classes! - **Rohan**

PTA

Dates for your Diary:

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 29th March has unfortunately been cancelled.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful and we would welcome any feedback.

With very best wishes from all at Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy

DIARY DATES:

Please note, all sporting events, trips and clubs (exception of Breakfast Club and Fun Club) have been cancelled until the foreseeable future.

-----EASTER HOLIDAYS-----

Mon 20th Apr: Summer Term Begins

Tue 28th Apr: PTA Meeting at Cotswold Club (8pm)

Fri 8th May: INSET Day

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