



# Newsletter



15/01/21

**Hi Everyone,**

What a start to 2021! Firstly, I want to express my huge thanks to all parents for helping our children with the transition from learning in school to remote learning so well. We know it can be incredibly hard for you to juggle work commitments and provide support for children in their learning on a daily basis; you have been doing an incredible job. As you know we are providing remote learning on Purple Mash. Due to the increased time children will have at home, we are currently reviewing what we will be offering online and I will write to you next week with updated information about how we will move forward with remote learning.

As you know, we are open to teach critical worker and priority children as well as providing online learning for children at home and this has been a big task but we are making improvements every day with this. We would like to thank those critical workers for not sending children in when it is not absolutely vital. It is a worrying time for all of us and I know that by minimising children on site, we can keep our staff and your children at a reduced risk of infection, as well as reduce the chance of Coronavirus being transmitted to others in your home.

As always, take care and stay safe.

**Angela Lymbouris Acting Principal.**

## Important Dates:

**Please continue to check your School Gate Way for any information sent from the school**

## Message from Essex County Council

### Grant to help residents self-isolate

We've heard that some people are worried about self-isolating because they'll lose income. Don't worry. You can **apply for** financial support if you need to self-isolate and cannot work from home. We have provided an extra £3 million to borough, city and district councils across Essex to provide one-off support payments of £500 to people who aren't eligible for the Government's Test and Trace support payment. To apply for either, contact your local council:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

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Essex County Council

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## Stay Save

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, we are always receiving ongoing communication from the Government and the DfE. We would like to share the following information with you:

The following assessments, scheduled between April and July 2021, have been cancelled:

- KS1 teacher assessments
- Year 2 SATS tests
- KS2 teacher assessments
- Year 6 SATS tests
- Year 1 and 2 phonics screening check
- All statutory trialling - Year 4 Multiplication check

These arrangements will apply for summer 2021 only, and STA are planning for a full programme of primary assessments to take place in the 2021/22 academic year.



### ACTION CALENDAR: HAPPIER JANUARY 2021



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony" - Gandhi

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for in life and why

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something physically active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech 2 hours before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

14 Take a different route today and see what you notice

15 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

16 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

17 Contribute positively to a good cause or your community

18 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

19 Get back in contact with an old friend you miss

20 Go to bed in good time and give yourself time to recharge

21 Take a small step towards an important goal

22 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

23 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

24 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Use one of your personal strengths in a new way

30 Count how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**



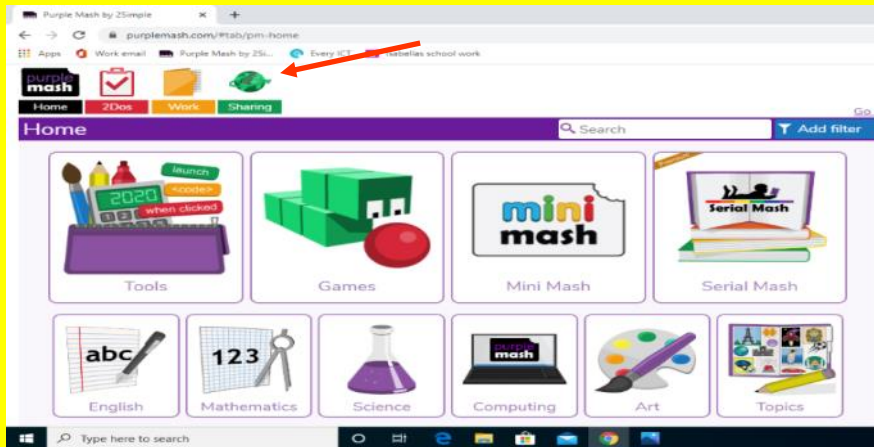
Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/happier-january](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/happier-january)

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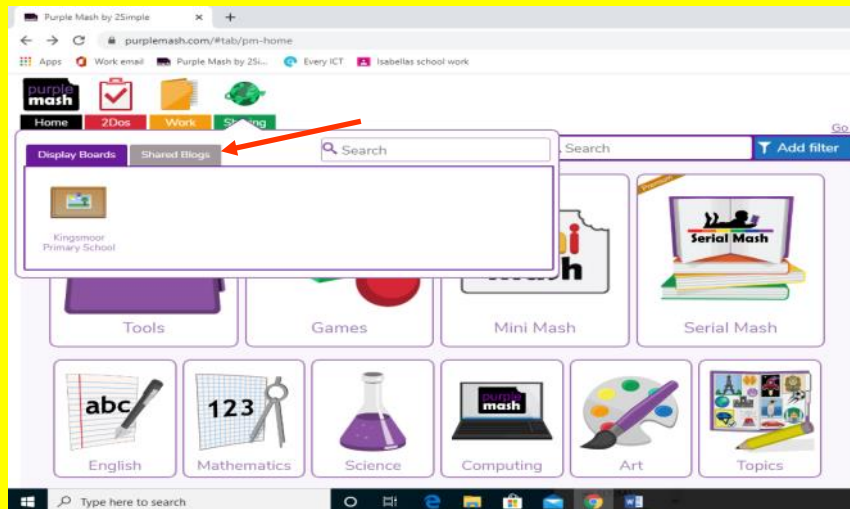
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# How to access Purple Mash

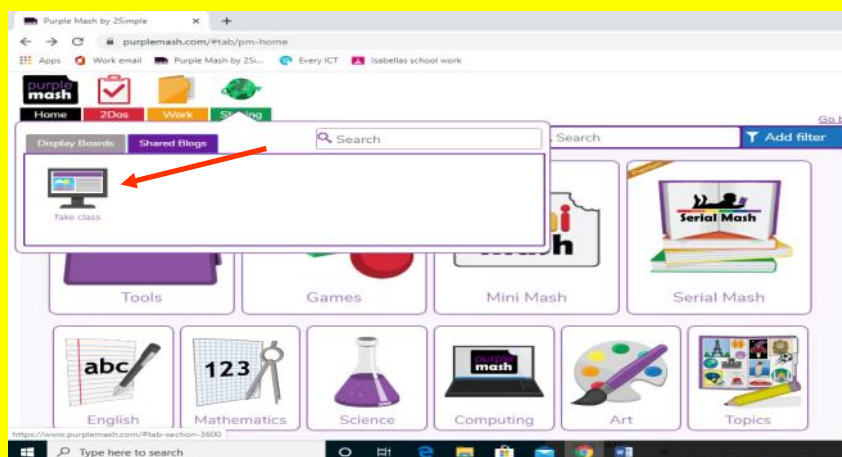
First log on, once you have logged on then please click on *sharing* tab. See arrow in red.



1. Then click on the *shared blog* tab.



2. After that your class should show where the arrow is red. Click on your class blog.



If you have any issues and would like some help or support with Purple Mash then speak to your class teacher or email [purplemash1@kingsmooracademy.attrust.org.uk](mailto:purplemash1@kingsmooracademy.attrust.org.uk).