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# Weekly Newsletter



## Half term

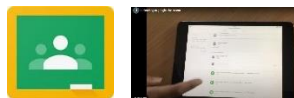


Today is the last day of half term and school will be reopening for critical worker's children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you to everyone in school and at home for their hard work this half term.

There will be no remote learning set for children at home next week.

Timetables for learning after half term can be found on the class pages.

## Google Classroom



Thank you to those who have engaged in the remote learning through Google Classroom this week. It has enabled staff to provide direct feedback to children on their learning.

If you are still unsure on how to get it and use it, there are 'how to' guides that have been done by children on the school website and class pages.

## Track and Trace



If your child has been attending school this half term, in line with Government Covid-19 guidelines please keep us informed of any positive cases during the half term break by emailing

[admin@st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk)

This email account will be checked daily for the purpose of track and trace only.

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Purple Mash BIG QUESTION

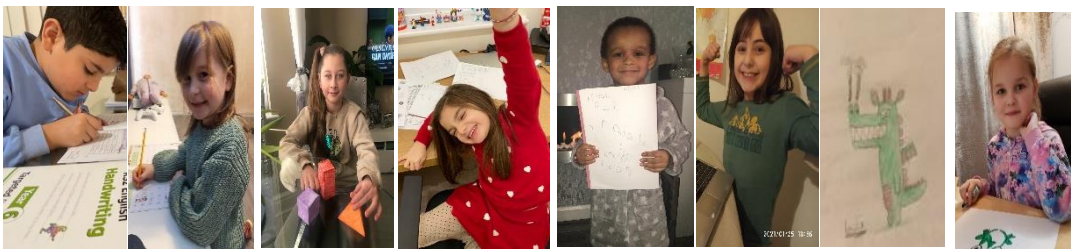
This week's big question was, *How can inaccurate information spread online?*

Thank you to all those who responded including Jenson who said:

*Fake news can sometimes seem exciting but people writing fake information can upset and hurt other people's feelings.*

The next big question is: *How important is it to plant trees?*

## Home Learning Champions



Every week, each class teacher will select a champion from each class who has been really committed to their home learning. It is a difficult choice as so many of you are doing fantastic. This week's champions are:

**Yazan, Grace, Blanka, Maura, Noah, Mila, Loui and** Well done everyone!

## Saturday Vigil Mass

Every Saturday at 5.30pm, there will be a Vigil Mass at St. Ambrose Church. For more information visit [St Ambrose RC Church Chorlton](#) on Twitter

## Happy Birthday

**Charlotte M, Deacon & Charlotte N**

Who have celebrated a birthday this week.

Website: [www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-ambrose.manchester.sch.uk) Twitter: @stambroserc Facebook: St Ambrose RC Primary



Instagram: stambrose.m21



Instagram: bernardthebuddydog

# Safer Internet Day!

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day 2021 and the focus was, 'An Internet We Trust: exploring reliability in the online world. Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrates the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction. The children made posters, completed quizzes, explored the meaning of fake news and researched information by separating fact from fiction.



[How to use](#)

Read the article below then when ready, click on the add page button to record your thoughts about the credibility of the article.

**Intelligent Cats Meow. By Tina R.**

*Pet owners often state how intelligent they feel their pets are, particularly cats. People have reported their cats meowing back to them when they talk to them, almost as if the cat understands what their owner is saying.*

*New evidence has come to light of a breed of cat that can in fact communicate in basic French. John Michelle from Biarritz, France, has been talking to his pet cat Claude ever since it was a kitten. He acquired his cat from a rescue home that specialises in finding kittens homes.*

*Claude is in fact an almost unique breed of cat called Pursim, with only 30 known to exist around the world. John was astounded when at the start of the year his cat greeted him in the morning by meowing 'Bonjour.' He thought it cannot be correct and must have misheard the cat. However, it has since been responding to John by meowing 'Merci' each time John feeds him and even asking how his day is when John comes home from work by meowing 'Ca Va?'*

*Independent animal psychologists and linguistic experts have conducted short experiments on Claude and have found that John is telling the truth. Tests have proved that Claude the cat is able to effectively communicate in basic French. Other experts from around the world are reaching out to find the owners of Pursim cats to see if they have also experienced anything similar.*

*Only time will tell as to whether Claude is unique or that other Pursim breeds can also communicate this way. Experts are still yet to establish if it is possible for Claude to acquire different languages.*

**Content: Does the content make sense?**  
It does make sense, as long as Pursim cats exist (I searched for them on Google and only Persian cats appeared) and if they're rare.

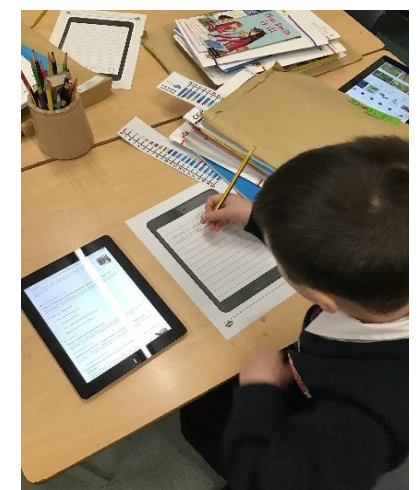
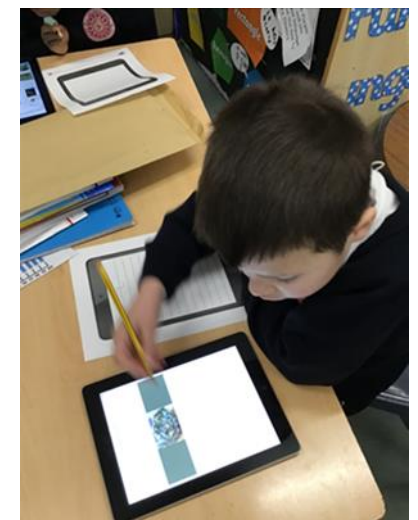
**Headlines: Does the headline match the article?**  
It doesn't match that much because Claude doesn't only 'Meow', he speaks and meows.

**Mistakes & Spellings: Are there any mistakes or unusual spellings?**  
There is a mistake because it says : by 'meowing' bonjour, instead of speaking, as the other parts lead us to believe.

**Existence: Does this article exist anywhere else?**  
Yes because the theory started in France, so it must surely be there too.

**Your thoughts: Do you think this is FAKE or FACT?**  
FAKE

**Friend's Comment (Do you agree with their opinion on the article? Why?)**  
Write in here...



# 2 Truths and 1 Lie

## #FakeNews

We hope that you enjoyed the fake news quiz about the staff You voted and the results are in...

| Name          | The most voted 'fake news'                                  | The actual 'Fake News'   |
|---------------|---|--|
| Miss Iveson   | She has a twin sister.                                      | She has a twin sister.   |
| Miss Hurley   | She has a pet monkey.                                       | She has a pet monkey.  |
| Mrs Hanson    | She has baptised over 15 babies.                            | She has 2 terrapins named Terry and Pin.                       |
| Mrs Kinsella  | She abseiled down the Britannia Airport.                    | She once starred in an episode of Coronation Street.           |
| Miss Hoyle    | She climbed Mount Snowden at night.                         | She was in a girl band when she was young.                     |
| Miss Murphy   | She wanted to be a vet but is too afraid of cats.           | She wanted to be a vet but is too afraid of cats.              |
| Mr Bluer      | He is from Salford.   | He played Basketball for Manchester.                           |
| Mr Cunningham | He has raced around Oulton Park race track in a car.        | He has raced around Oulton Park race track in a car.           |
| Mrs Vayro     | She swam away from wild bears in Canada.                    | She has gone to mass every Sunday since she was a little girl. |
| Mr Edwards    | He gels his hair with goose fat.                            | He gels his hair with goose fat.                               |
| Miss Gibbons  | She once ate zebra.   | She has visited all Premier League grounds.                    |
| Miss Barnett  | She has lived in China.                                     | She hates pizza.   |
| Miss Jameson  | She climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.                              | She climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.                                 |
| Mrs Grundy    | She got grade 8 in recorder.                                | She has 2 tattoos.   |
| Miss Mans     | She had surgery because her brain was falling into her ear. | She has travelled in a helicopter.                             |

# Half-Term Ideas

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These are just a few ideas that might be of interest to you and are mostly free to access.



Theatre.

Free online performances for children aged 3-12. Various performances include The Twits, Anansi the Spider and Philip Pullman's Grimm Tales.  
[www.unicorntheatre.com/whats-on](http://www.unicorntheatre.com/whats-on)

Discover the Manchester Science Festival 2021 programme on climate and ideas for a better world. Lots of different online activities.

<https://www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk/manchester-science-festival/whats-on>



The Lowry

Creativity for Wellbeing.

The Lowry have a range of activities including dance, yoga and craft ideas for children of all ages.

<https://thelowry.com/CreativityForWellbeing>

Chinese New Year.

Celebrate Chinese New Year with a range of activities including lantern making.



<http://cfcca.org.uk/event/lantern-making-an-online-workshop/>

National Football Museum.

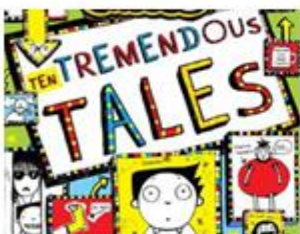
A year on from the first Children's Football Writing Festival, the National Football Museum is hosting some of its favourite children's authors online this February half term.

<https://www.nationalfootballmuseum.com/whatson/cfwf-online/>



Tom Gates: Ten Tremendous Tales with Liz Pichon online, 18 February 2021, from £3

Tom is back sharing more of his brilliant adventures in his comical trademark doodled-diary format as he celebrates turning ten years old. Paper and pens at the ready!



Jodrell Bank

Science Learning at Home with Jodrell Bank is a

great way to explore some of the observatory's themes online.

<https://www.jodrellbank.net/learn/sciencelearningathome>

Z-Arts

A variety of activities from online performances, crafts, dance, yoga, singing and storytelling.



<https://www.z-arts.org/>