



# NEWSLETTER

22nd February 2021

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**Be Curious**

**Be Caring**

**Be Confident**

**Be Cooperative**

## HEADS' CORNER

Hi everybody,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for this half term. We imagine there will be lots of changes coming over the next few weeks but we know that the Underhill community will come together to make sure that everything happens in a safe and supportive way.

We will be listening eagerly to the PM's announcement later and are hoping that schools will be back to full reopening from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. As soon as we have more information, we will be letting you know the arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the survey about Remote Learning. It has been overwhelmingly positive and we are in awe of how you have all managed to support your children and be their teachers during this time, along with all your other responsibilities. The fact that the children have continued to learn so well and continue their progress will make all the difference when they are back learning in school.

It is the last week of Feel Good February and we hope you have been enjoying supporting your children (and yourselves) to feel good about all the brilliant things that have been achieved and to know what to do if things aren't feeling so good. This week we would like to celebrate the end of Feel Good February by thinking about Feel Good Friendships. Friendships should make you feel good about yourself and it is really important to understand how to form positive relationships and know what to do if a friend isn't making you feel happy or safe. We will be thinking more about this in our assembly tomorrow.

Have a great week everyone!

Jennie Reed and Nicola Hayles



**I Can**



**You Can**



**We Can**

# NOTICES AND NEWS

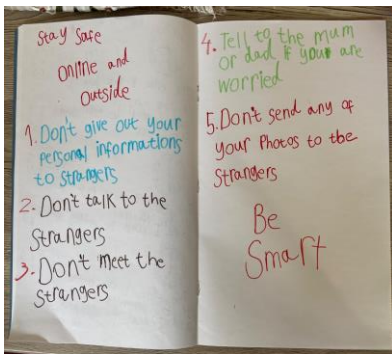
## SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021 – AN INTERNET WE TRUST

On Tuesday 9th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'An internet we trust'. This day encourages everyone to play their part in making the internet a better place. It is celebrated globally and coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre. Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to talk to others about the safe, responsible and positive use of technology, and to pledge how you will help to create a kinder and better online community. The children watched virtual assemblies, spoke about the importance of this day in PSHE and completed some amazing work. Check their work out here...

## OUR NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN

We had some brilliant discussions (including one about Alexa which was fascinating!) The children drew some lovely pictures of their favourite app or website that made them feel good.

We talked about age limits for games and films and the importance of feeling good and safe when we were watching and playing things.



FROM OUR YEAR 1's

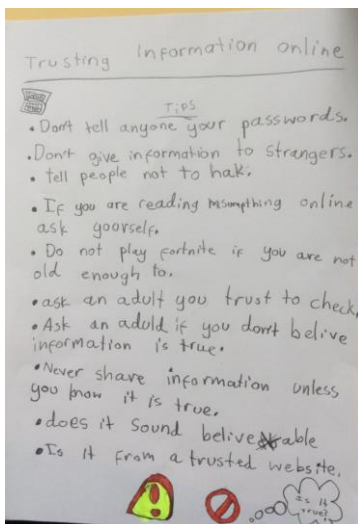
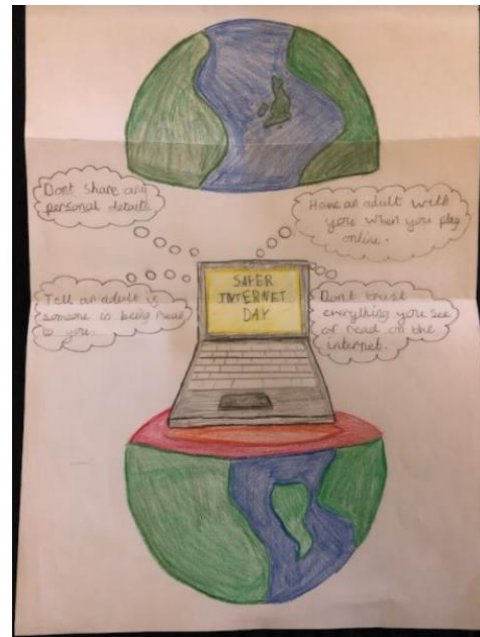


FROM OUR YEAR 2's





**FROM OUR YEAR 3s** we had some beautiful posters.



**FROM OUR YEAR 4s**

When you are looking on a device,  
 And you see a website.  
 You wonder if it's a good deal  
 But you don't know if it's real  
 You wonder if you should tell an adult  
 But you don't know if you can trust  
 The website asks you for your private information  
 And you don't realize they can track your location  
 The website says whoever gives them the most money would get all the honey!  
 You love honey and thank god its yummy!  
 Then you realize that it's not worth the risk  
 And then you delete it very very quick  
 You check your notifications and you see that your social media updated  
 Then you go and post a picture  
 But you don't know what is really going to hit you  
 You see cruel words in the comment section  
 And then you really want to know why this happens  
 You always should tell an adult  
 Before something like this happens to you  
 Internet has been updated every single day and you might think it's a good thing but its not  
 People keep on getting hurt and then you get tied up in a knot  
 Should you keep going on your phone  
 Or are you scared that you would get into a bad zone  
 Make sure to stay safe Online  
 SO YOU DO NOT WASTE A DIME!

**I**nternet give yourself is important  
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**E**veryone can tell people  
**R**emember not tell people  
**E**veryone can tell people  
**F**orget not tell people  
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Cyber Someone  
 You don't know is longer  
 Behind the cyber wall  
 You may think you know him  
 But you don't know him at all  
 He is a cyber someone  
 Who wants your name and number  
 Or maybe your home address  
 But put him into a slumber  
 You're cleverer than him  
 Don't let him get his way  
 Keep safe on the internet  
 And he'll be kept bay  
 Be very careful  
 He has a persuasive bite  
 If you're not alert  
 He'll easily win the fight  
 Now that you're aware  
 Of the secret secret behind the screen  
 Follow some simple steps  
 And the real won't be seen

**OUR YEAR 5s** created some poems and performed some raps

**YEAR 6** made data gift boxes and learnt about keeping ourselves safe online by not disclosing personal information.



## UNDERHILL GALLERY

More wonderful work from our children to share with you.....

## RECEPTION

In Reception this week, Arthur made papier mache planets and Emily designed a solar system bunting! Noah, Ivan, Maya, Shay and Emily all worked together as a team to create our new class robot named Teachmode Bot. This was inspired by the story Robot Rumpus which the children have loved!



**YEAR 5** have been working on writing biographies this week. Please do read Sinan's, Melissa's, Alex and Fedir's wonderful work below.

Researcher: Sinan Guven

### Valentin Serban

Valentin Serban was a good man and still is today. All his life he had been searching for one thing: Success. But instead he found love, happiness and most importantly, success.

Valentin Serban (my mother's father and my grandfather) was born in 1953 in a town called Rm. Valcea. His parents divorced when he was 3 years old and he lived his entire life without a father. As a kid, he liked boxing but did not have much time to enjoy the sport since he and his mother were very poor. He started working for his uncle at a young age to earn money for themselves at the same time trying to catch up with his studies.

As he grew older, his mind came upon being a soldier in the army so at the age of 18 (1971) he joined the army. He made many friends there and met some old friends as well. He went on many missions, capturing many mafia's and other criminal organisations lurking in Romania. But there was one thing that he lacked: Love.

3 years later, he left the army to find love. He soon started to like disco and kept on going to loads of disco parties. That's where he met the love of his life. At a disco party, he was just showing off some disco moves when he accidentally bumped into a girl. They fell

in love at once and then they got married as soon as possible (she was 17 and he was 25.).

He then started working as a train instructor to earn money to support him and his wife. A few years later, he had 3 children (my auntie, my uncle and my mum) and had to come late from work in order to give his children 3 meals a day. Soon enough his children grew older and became adults. His youngest child (my mum) and his son (my uncle) moved to England and his oldest daughter (my auntie) moved to Scotland. Alone with his wife, he carried on working and then retired after being a train instructor for 40 years. He now still lives in Rm. Valcea with his wife (my grandmother) aged 68, trying to survive through the COVID - 19 Pandemic.



### Biography of Galina Nichitaio (my great-grandmother)

1929 - 2019

My great-grandmother Galina was born on January 7, 1929 in the capital of Ukraine - Kiev. Her parents were teachers. She was the youngest child in the family, one of three. My grandmother had an older sister, Maria, and an older brother, Ivan. Unfortunately, they both died during the Second World War. Ivan died at the front, and Maria died of meningitis.

During the war, Kiev was occupied by the Nazis (1941-1943). My great-grandmother Oksana participated in the partisan movement. And my great-grandmother helped her, because the Nazis did not suspect that the child could also collect information. In addition, our family and friends of our family helped to obtain false documents for Jewish families. When the war ended, my great-grandmother and her mother received awards for courage. My great-grandfather, Vasily, also fought, he was a military engineer and took part in the battles for the liberation of Kiev.

After the war, my great-grandmother went to study. Galina graduated (in 1951) from the Medical University in Kiev and became a doctor. For over 60 years she has been treating children because she was a paediatrician. For ten years in a row, she headed an orphanage for a baby. Granny Galina conducted practice for young doctors and she has many students who now work all over the world.

In 1952, my great-grandmother met my great-grandfather. They got married and lived in Kiev. In 1956, their only daughter, Lyubmila, was born to them, my grandmother.

My great-grandmother has the title of Honored Doctor of Ukraine and was awarded two medals for the work and education of young specialists.

I would like to say that my great-grandmother is the kindest and most honest person I know. She loved people very much and always helped everyone. She cooked well and told wonderful fairy tales.

On March 25, 2019, a terrible grief happened in our family - my great-grandmother died. But all her students and children, whom she treated and saved, remember about her. They have long grown up and become good people. We are proud of her and always remember about her.

I love you, Granny!

### BIOGRAPHY of COSTAS COSTAS

1921-2001

COSTAS COSTAS was born in 1921 in Crete, he is my great granddad. He moved to Alexandria, Egypt in 1945, after the WW2. He also knew an astonishing 7 languages including French, Italian, Egyptian Arabic, English and Greek.



Costas Costas worked in a corner shop in Cairo. He started his business when he was 24, selling newspapers and rations of food. During the recovery of the world, rationing was hard as he was poor like everyone else. He had his shop for 5 years. He met his wife, Eleftheria, at a weekly dance in Alexandria, at the age of 26. They married a few months later and had 2 children, Anna and George. At age 29, in

1950, he began working in the shipping industry as an engineer on the Suez Canal in Port Said.

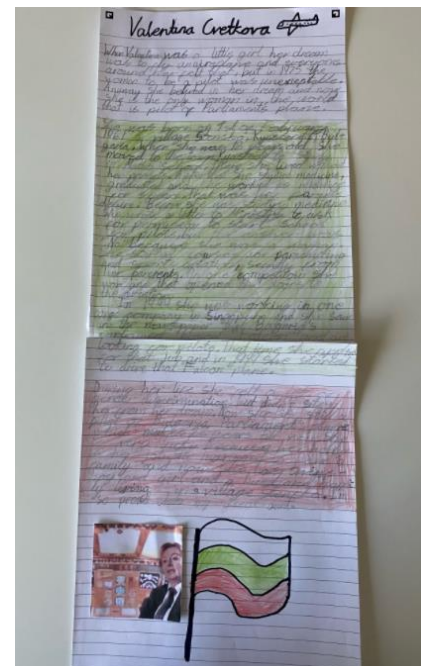


In 1952 most Greeks were forced to leave the country, which left my granddad, grandmother with two children refugees. This meant they had to leave Egypt and headed for England where they hoped for a better life.

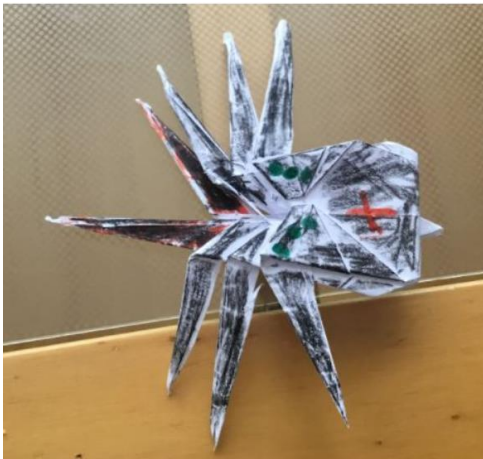
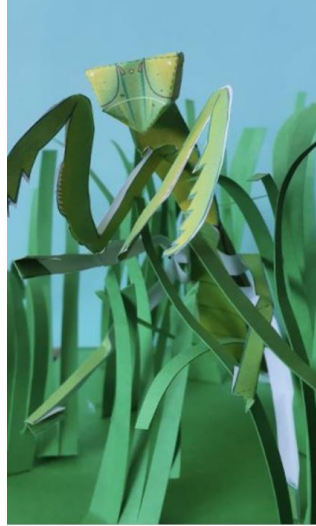
Finding a flat in Hornsey, London they began their life in the UK. Both Anna and George started school speaking little English. Costas became an engineer

with the British aero-space, working on aircrafts like the Harrier jump jet and Concorde. He worked there for 40 years, which he loved. Making many long lasting friendships, until his retirement at 70 years old. He enjoyed a further 10 years of happily married life with lots of family and watching his 5 grandchildren grow up.

In March 2001 he sadly passed away at home. He will be remembered as the wonder funny man he was and the struggles he endured for a better life for himself and his family.



**YEAR 3;** Year 3 are back at it with some amazing art creations. This time they are making predator insects! Look at the fantastic work they have done!



## **CHANGE IN FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES?**

We understand that many of our family's financial circumstances may have changed during this latest Coronavirus lockdown. If this has or does happen to you we want to ensure that you are able to access Free School meals for your child (in Reception through to Year 6) as soon as possible. Please complete the online secure form at <https://forms.gle/zVEufraNTU6jQANG7> if you would like us to check for you. Whilst the school is closed this entitlement will be in the form of a £15 supermarket voucher sent to you every week for each child that is eligible.



Our Children's Centre are running virtual sessions for the following:

**Introduction to solid foods/Weaning**

9th March 10-11am

Text 07950 791287

**Boogie Mites for 0-5 years old**

Wednesdays 9.15am - 10am t

Text 07718 648305

**Basic Greek lessons for adults and children**

Thursdays 1pm - 1.45pm

Text 07718 648305

**Rhyme Time Fridays 0-5 years old**

Fridays 10.30am - 11.15am

Text 07718 648305

Please email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or text 07718 648 305 for Adult courses in partnership with Barnet & Southgate College

ESOL

Art for Wellbeing Wednesdays 6pm -7.30pm

If parents/carers need advice and information they can contact 07718 648305 on Monday 9.30am - 11.30am

Welfare advice and Locality housing navigator advice please email [info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net](mailto:info@underhillcc.barnetmail.net) or call 020 8449 2423 to book a telephone appointment.

Telephone Counselling text 07718 648305 to arrange sessions

Please also find attached the East/Central Locality timetable

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