Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Parents

Today is closer to the end of all of this than yesterday was. With each passing day we are moving closer to the end of the current crisis and if you have at any point felt overwhelmed during this time, remember that this is a phase and it will pass. The sun will shine again.

Next week, it looks as if the sun will indeed shine on our R-Y6 Theme Week activities which have been inspired by the ideas from Little Eagles. We really want this week to help keep our connection with you all going as we approach the final four weeks of the school year proper. Please note, we currently have no information or guidance on how schools will work after this point.

So, what have R-Y6 got to look forward to …? Well, I am keeping the themes a secret as they will be announced each day on the Dojo, but I can tell you what to expect. I know that routines can be helpful to plan a day and demarcate the week from the weekend, so we will post a week's worth of Maths videos and activities for you to use each day. We will do the same in school and start each day with these. Then we will reveal the theme – this will be a slide of five or so main activities which may take your fancy to do during the rest of the day and possibly some other links that you may choose to explore. One activity will have a 'live' video introduction to help you get started. Another encourages you to Portfolio upload so that we can share this as a montage of each day (see below for upload instructions).

We hope that you will enjoy getting involved in different and cross-curricula activities, uploads and then lots of interaction to really connect us all up. We all can't wait to see how you get involved ☺. If you have other ideas you would like to share linked to each daily theme, you can post those in the 'comments' section which everyone can see. Any questions for which you would like a personal response can be asked via the 'message' section which is a private messaging service, just like your personal Portfolio area.

To bring this letter to close, last week I shared the government's decision to not authorise further wider-opening of schools to bring back all the school years. Our school has minimal capacity remaining under the current measures so we are pleased that we have been able to provide for all those who need us. If you are considering requesting a place under the Key Worker criteria for the final three weeks of term (w/b 29th June/6th July/13th July), please contact school by Monday 22nd June. I am sure that you will appreciate that as we anticipate new guidance imminently in relation to the next stage of the government's education plans, we need to be clear on how we can manage our time and staff to prepare to meet the next set of expectations.

Best wishes
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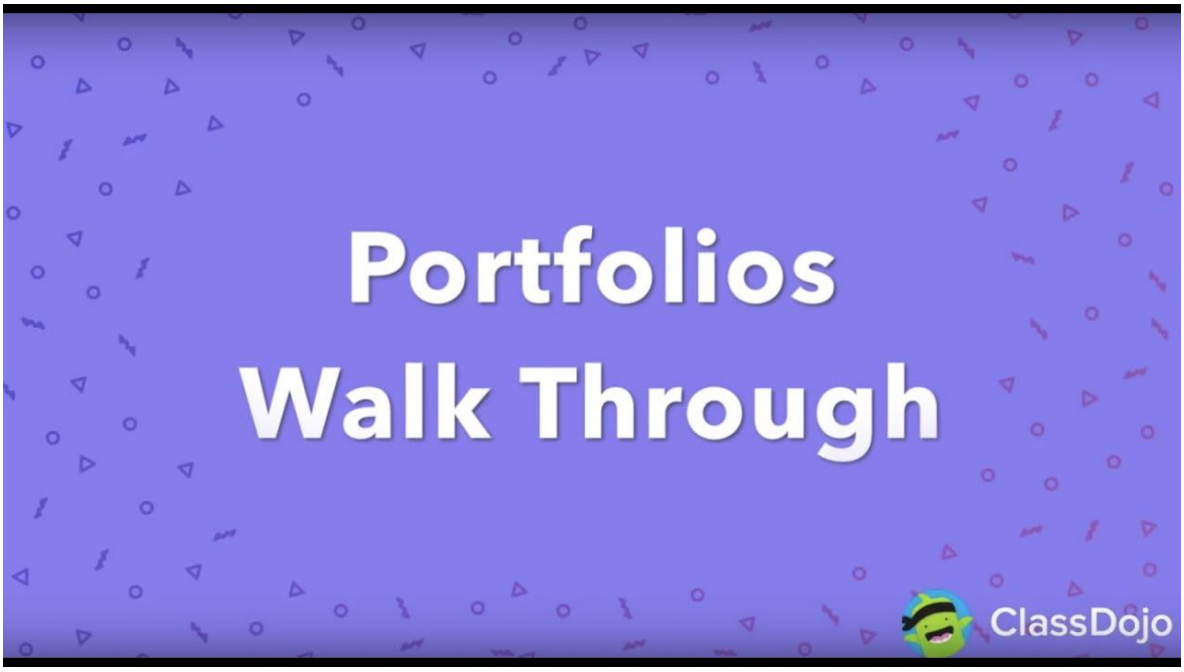
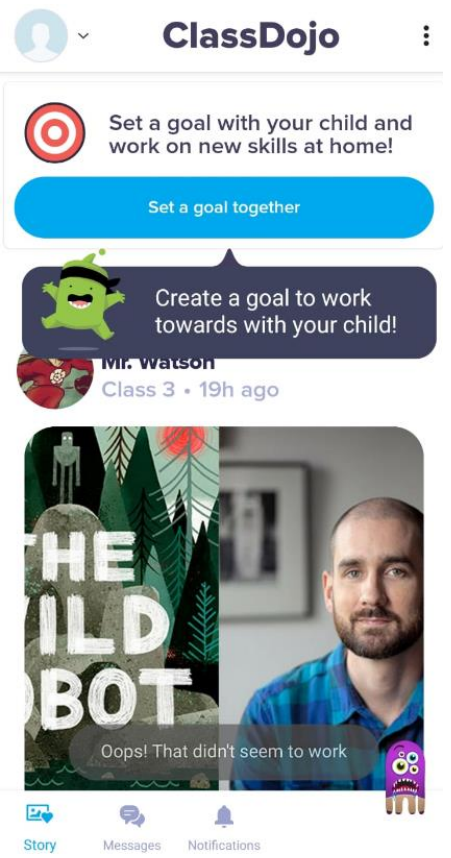


Please see the screenshots below to help upload your child(ren)'s work on to the Dojo Portfolio

(only you teacher will see what you upload)

Please indicate when you share an image for use in a whole school montage



Step 1:

Open the Class Dojo App

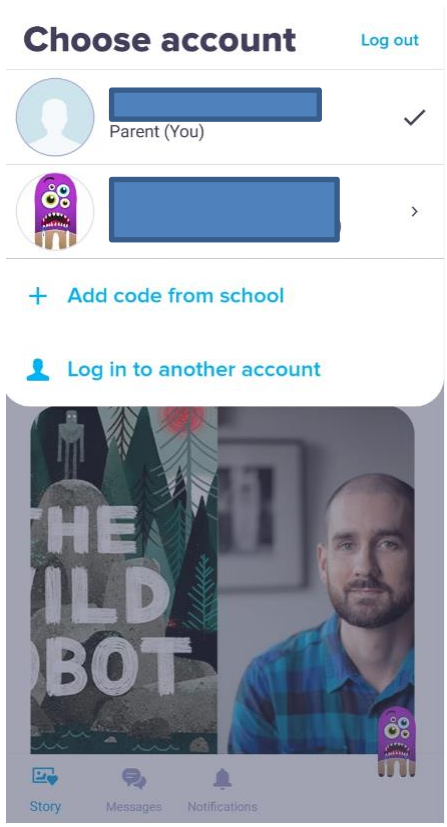
This should be what you see

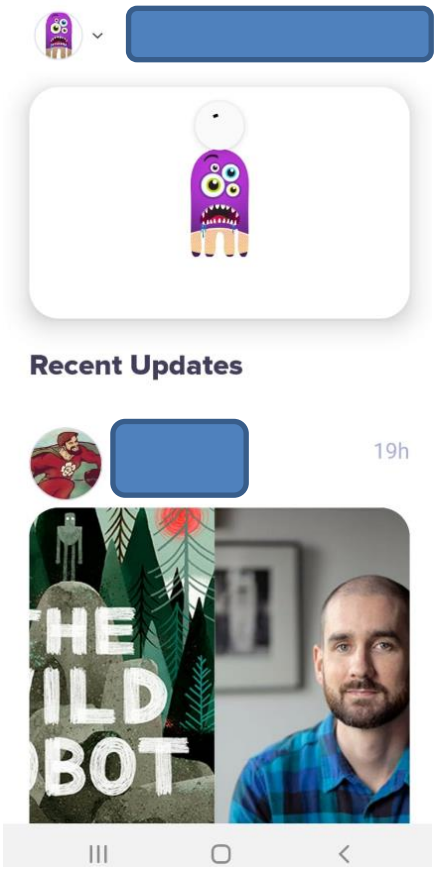
Select the account

Step 2:

Select your child to open their area in the Dojo

This will be an avatar

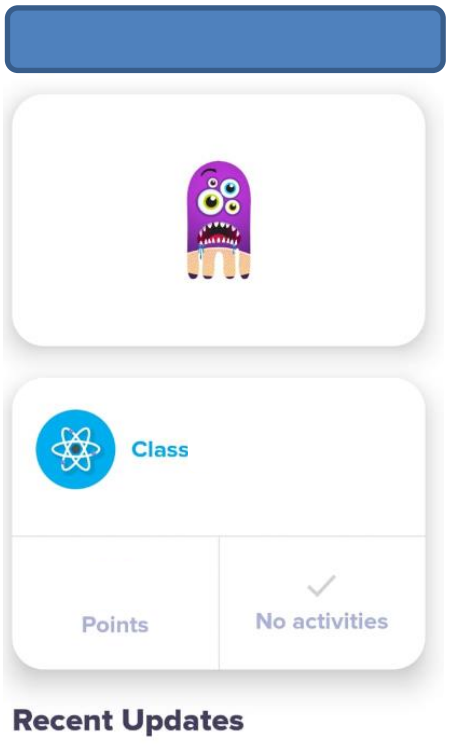




Step 3:

This is what you should see after clicking your child's avatar

To access their 'space' in the Dojo, click on the avatar



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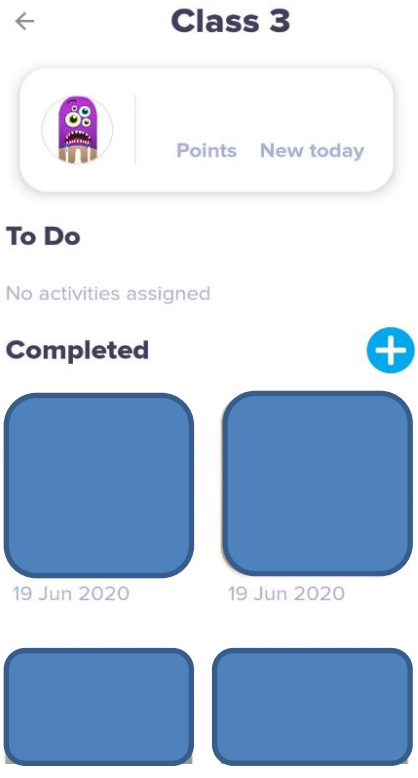

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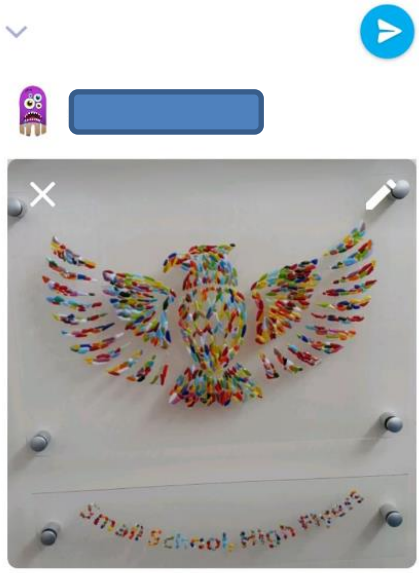
Select the 'plus' button

Step 6:

Select the 'Photo' option

This will open your camera function and allow you to take a picture.



Step 7:

The photo taken will then appear as the post.

You can make a comment, then select the arrow to post:

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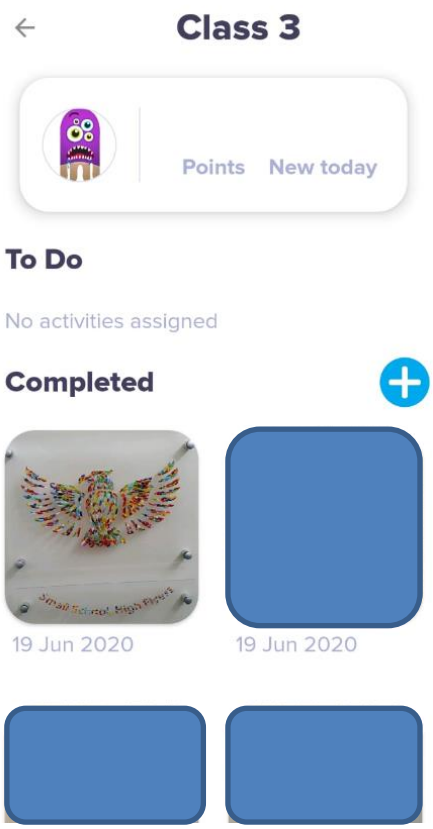
The new post will appear in the Portfolio ☺