

Letter to parents

Hi folks!

Our class has been given an important and exciting mission! We're setting out on an interesting journey with the Kip crew: we're going to the planet Kipinoi to build a moving machine of the future. Tuka, Waaba, Maco and Soca are going to lead us through an inspiring seven-module learning process. We originally intended to work in small teams and build our moving machine of the future together at school, but due to the current situation, this project will be carried out remotely as well.

This collaborative learning package focuses on technology, the natural sciences, mathematics, sustainable development and interpersonal skills, and is designed to prepare us for important 21st-century tasks. Its inspiring story and characters will teach us some important lessons about things such as teamwork and interpersonal skills. The characters have completely different personalities and their own strengths and weaknesses. By pulling together and throwing everyone's personal strengths into the game, we'll be able to rise to fun and ambitious challenges. Including this one.

We'll be tackling this project collaboratively. We'll be planning, designing and coming up with ideas together. Only the actual construction will have to be done alone, but we'll still remain in contact with each other. The idea is to build a unique machine from recycled materials – and, if possible, maybe even one that moves. So we need some help from home, too. In every module, the Kip crew will be giving us instructions on what kinds of materials we need to collect in preparation for building the machine. We'll also be getting a little bit of homework relating to the theme of each module. We're looking forward to it! We'll be documenting this process as well as possible.

The project will culminate in a grand Remote Gala, at which we'll present our machines. We'll also be inviting you, our parents, to this important event. You'll receive more details later.

Best wishes,

