NEWSLETTER – Friday 28th June 2024

Another wonderful and memorable week has been had at George White.

This week some of our Year 6 children have taken part in Bikeability. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. Our children have thoroughly enjoyed their training this week, and the trainer commented on how well behaved, polite and respecful they were. Adding they were a pleasure to teach.

Wednesday saw our Year 5 and 6 Sports Day which proved to be such a successful, positve and inclusive event. It was lovely to see the children taking part with some friendly competiton. The parents races at the end were a lovely final touch. I was delighted the weather was so nice, enabling many parents and carers to return back to school for a picinc lunch with their child. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers on the field and your positive feedback has been warmly welcomed and so supportive in the work we are striving to achieve. Thank you to all who attended and for making this such a positive and memorable esperience for all our children, parents and staff.

Yesterday saw our choir perform at the Royal Norfolk Show. What an amazing expereince and opportunity for our choir. I have heard they were amazing with an outstanding and memorable performance to quite a large audience. A huge thank you to Mrs Thirtle, who not only leads our choir and music currculum, but who planned and lead this event yesterday. There will be an opportunity for all choir parents and carers to come into school to watch the performance and Mrs Thirlte will shortly be sending out an invite to all choir parents.

Today, ended our week with the final Year 5 group going to the Millennium Library in the city. Year 5 have enjoyed their library visit this week, where they have looked at a range of books before choosing some to take home with them.

A reminder our annual parent survey is now live. Please can you take the time to complete this short survey as your thoughts and opinions really matter to us as we continue on our improvement journey. The link to the survey can be found here:
https://forms.office.com/e/zdGKp48ezN

A POLITE REMINDER OF OUR PE UNIFORM

Our PE kit comprises of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue, black or dark grey shorts or joggers, plain dark blue, black or dark grey jumper of a school jumper and caridgon and trainers. If you are struggling to source the correct PE kit, please speak to either Mrs Derer, Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts in the school office as we may have spare PE kit in school which we can offer.

School Car Park

We are still seeing some parents and children walking through the school car park in the morning and at the end of the day. For your safety, we ask all parents, carers and children to use the steps at the side of school by the office. The school car park can become quite busy and using the steps rather than walking through the car park is the safest option, thank you.

Summer Fair 2024

We are pleased to announce our Summer Fair is taking place on Thursday 4th July from 3.20pm.
We are renting stall tables at £5 per table and all businesses are welcome.
If you would be interested in hiring a table please get in touch with the school office.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

On Wednesday we visited West Stow Anglo-Saxon village. It was a fascinating day and we were able to immerse ourselves in history and find out about how the Anglo-Saxons lived. There were artefacts and different homes to explore as well as clothes and armour to try on.
In English we are beginning our independent narrative writing. Our protagonist has found a cloud that fell from the sky (this has led to heated discussions around fiction and non-fiction!). They will be finding a way to return it to the other clouds.
In Maths we have been working hard on duration. This has proved very challenging as we have to be able to add and subtract hours and minutes as well as understand start and end times. To support your child please talk about the times they start and end activities and ask them about how long they lasted (the duration).
In Science we have continued planning fair tests. This time we found out about Isaac Newton and forces. We made parachutes to test his third law and dropped them from the highest possible point to see the relationship between gravity and air resistance in action.
We are all enormously looking forward to sports day next week and excited about the picnic on the field afterwards.

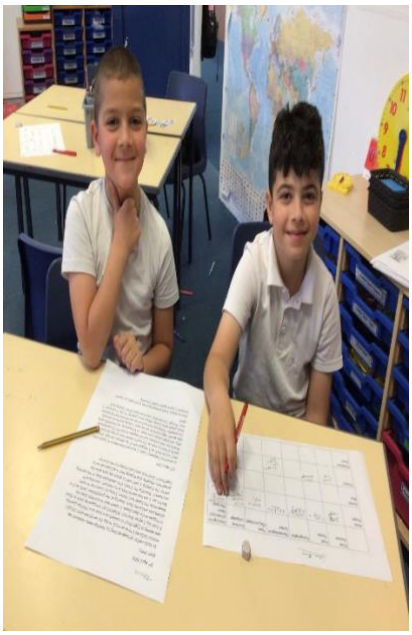


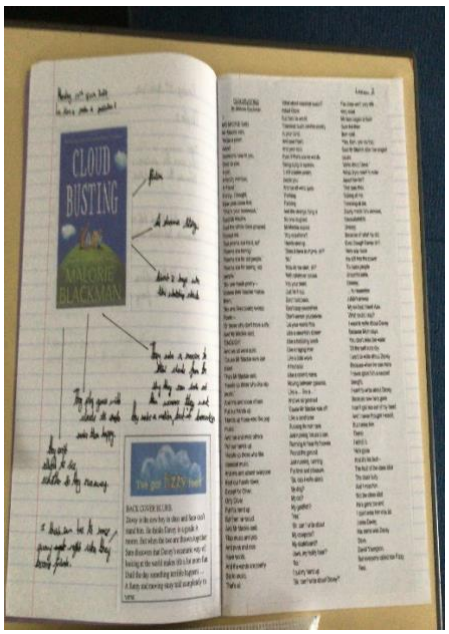


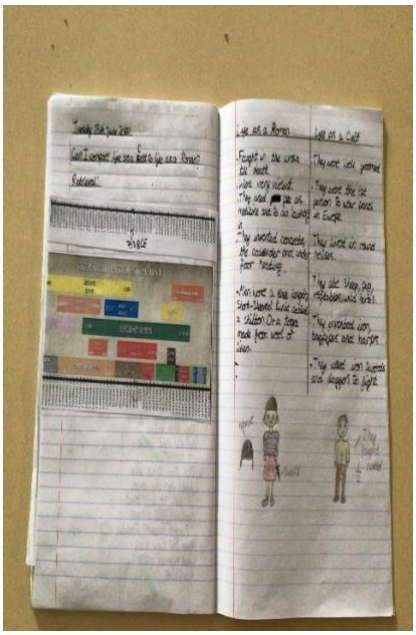


YEAR 4

In English, we have been exploring The Diary of Iliona - A Roman Slave, which is linked to history. We did a bit of roleplay to get an idea of the Roman times.
This week in maths we have been learning about time and some of us can now tell the time to the nearest five minutes. We learnt how to convert analogue times to digital.
In history Yr4 have been learning about the Celts and Romans. For example, how they survived and differences between them. Celts lived in round houses until the Romans came and built underfloor heated buildings made out of bricks.
This week in VIPERS, Yr4 have been reading Cloud Busting, a story/poem about two boys named Sam and Davey.
In computing, we are making a Roman Podcast (which links to history). We have been planning it for a little while now and next week we'll be hopefully filming them.
Written by Lily and Gabija.



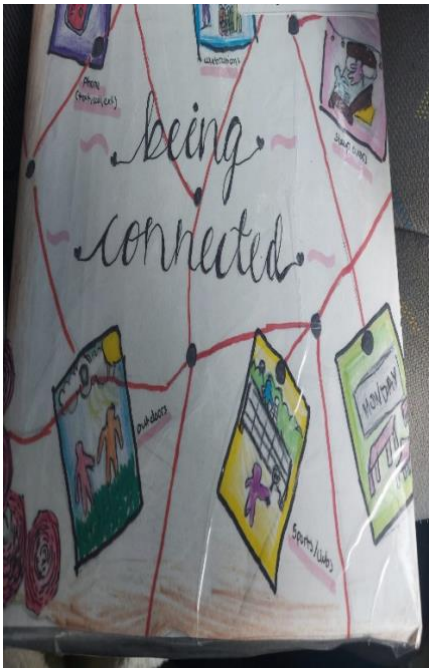




YEAR 5

This week has been truly exceptional, and we are excited to share the highlights with you.
We started the week with an inspiring trip to the Forum Library. Our Year 5 children demonstrated great responsibility and engagement during the activities. Many of them even got library cards and borrowed books to kickstart their summer reading adventures. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and behaviour.
On Tuesday, we dove back into our learning routine. In English, we added more sentences about Luna's journey to success, sparking creativity and imagination among the children. In Maths, we wrapped up our topic on negative numbers, ensuring everyone was confident and ready for new challenges.
The highlight of our week was undoubtedly Sports Day! We had an absolute blast, and it was fantastic to see so many parents participating and competing. The children's faces lit up as they cheered you on. Thank you for making this event a memorable one and for your active involvement in our school community.
We also made a big announcement about our Art competition. This year's theme was 'Connected,' and the prize for Year 5 went to Nethu Perera for her outstanding drawing. Congratulations, Nethu!
Thank you all for your continued support and for being a part of this wonderful community. We look forward to another great week ahead!





YEAR 6

It has been another super busy week! In English, we have finished our sentence stacking for our poem 'The Hope-Lo-Docus' and we will begin planning the independent write next week. In maths, we have been revisiting angles. We have looked at angles around a point, angles on a straight line and reasoning questions involving angles. There has been lots of Matilda prep this week with more rehearsals and prop making. Tuesday was a continuation of our music, PE and French journey. On Wednesday, we had sports day. The children did amazingly well and it was so wonderful to see so many parents there to witness their child's final sports day at GWJS. In science, we looked at Nicolaus Copernicus and created diagrams of his geocentric model of the universe. On Thursday in RSHE, we looked at change and created some beautiful butterflies. We also played some benchball in PE. To finish the week, we looked at cam toys in DT and got to watch George White's Got Talent.





Blake Class

Blake Class have been making the most of the weather this week and getting out in nature. In art, children learnt about Andy Goldsworthy, a British artist known for his sculptures and photography. He makes sculptures, known as land art, with natural materials on sites in the UK and around the world. Children used materials found in our nature garden to create work inspired by Goldsworthy and learnt about the idea of 'leaving only footprints', only using natural materials and leaving everything how it was found.

In English, children have been using pictures from our core text, The Lion and the Unicorn, to plan a recount of the journey of an evacuee. We have been using synonyms to move away from repetition when describing feelings. Children have used symbols alongside words to support with reading and spelling.





Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week Goes to **3 Potter with 97%. Well done!**

