George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

To all our families,

This week we have had Martin from Little Medics in school who has trained all our children in emergency first aid. This is the third year running Martin has delivered this vital training at our school, and it has been wonderful to see the children putting their skills into practice. Please ask your child at home to show you what they have learnt with Martin this week.

Now the weather really has turned cold, please can you ensure your child has a named warm coat in school. If they are bringing a hat, gloves and scarf in, please can you ensure these are named too.

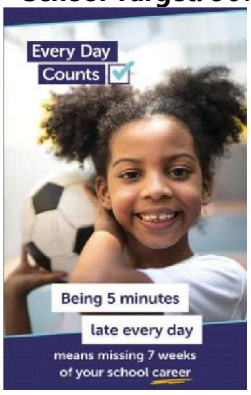
Last week we recived confirmation that our recent Kellogg's breakfast club grant bid has been successful. I am delighted that we have been awared the full amount of £1,000. This money will all be spent on resourcing toys, games and activities for our Early Birds breakfast club. For any children and familaies who use this club, if you have any ideas for toys, games and activities Mrs Chester and Mrs Anderson would love to hear from you.

Finally, Nethu in Year 6, has recently won a bronze award in an international cake competition at the NEC in Birmingham. We are so proud of Nethu's cake and her success at this large international event. Well done Nethu.





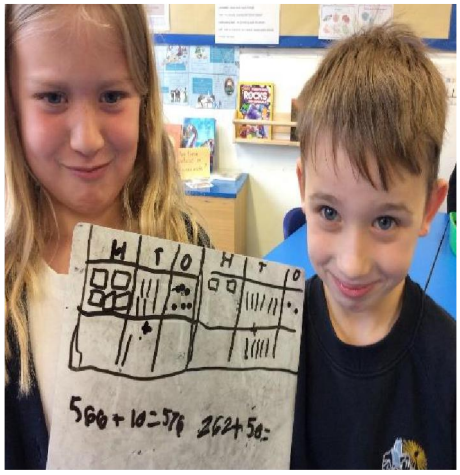
Mrs. Petchey and the George White Team

This Week's Attendance	Safeguarding
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. Well-done to **6 Palacio & 6 Morpurgo** this week, for having the highest attendance. 6 Ness: 92% 6 Palacio: 97% 6 Morpurgo: 97% 5 Almond: 96% 5 Johnson: 92% 4 Tan: 94% 4 Pullman: 95% 3 Potter:92 % 3 Blyton: 85% **Whole School: 93%** **School Target: 96%** 	**Designated Safeguarding Leads** Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer, Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton. These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is: **CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020** 



Year 3

This week we have continued to learn about grouping ideas into paragraphs. We have written about the terrible surfing accident the boy had in 'The Seal Surfer'. We have focussed on his feelings and the chronological order of events.
In Maths we are now subtracting across 10s and 100s. We know that we have to exchange one ten for ten ones or one hundred for ten tens. We are using Base 10 to do this and have to concentrate very hard to make sure we are being accurate!
In Science we have found out about how igneous rocks are formed. We have used the words: magma, earth's crust, lava, minerals, gases, cooling and created diagrams. In DT, having dissected some sandwiches, we are now planning the sandwiches we are going to make for the elves. We have to make sure that we include each food group to provide them with a balanced meal.

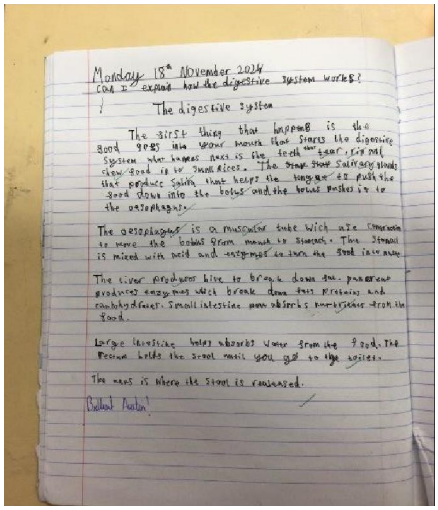


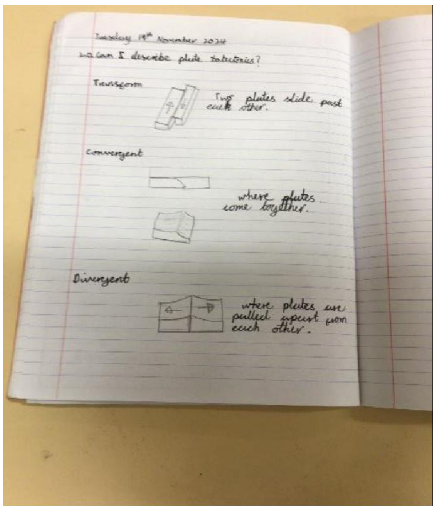
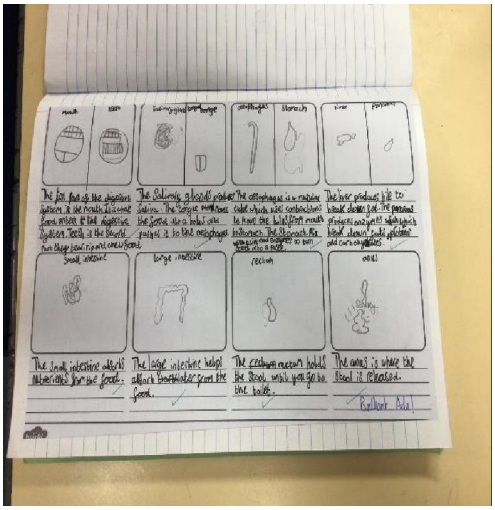




Year 4

Hello to all our year 4 families! We have had another busy week in year 4. We are continuing our learning in Maths on multiplication, this week we have been working on dividing numbers by 10 and 100 and how this looks In place value. Our English lessons are now in full swing! We are studying Gorilla by Anthony Browne and working on fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We are using these mastery keys to help us add these to directed speech between the gorilla and Hannah. The children have been working on the rules of fronted adverbials and directed speech. In Geography we have been looking at tectonic plates, which links to earthquakes. This learning has linked to our reading lessons in the morning, which is really helping the children's understanding of the vocabulary in our Geography learning. In Science the children did a piece of writing about how the digestive system works by using some key vocabulary and the definitions of these. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing on the digestive system! In RSHE children had some thoughtful discussions around what it is when we make assumptions. In French we are learning about the home. In Music children are continuing to build on their skills with the Ukulele and learning chords for their song. In PE children are continuing to learn Yoga with Mrs Gaunt on a Wednesday and Tag Rugby on a Friday with class teachers.



Year 5

We have had another great week in year 5, ending with a visit from 'Little Medics' which was a great opportunity for us to learn more about life saving first aid. We learnt about the recovery position, CPR, and wound dressing, and enjoyed putting these new skills into practise in groups during the session. In maths, we've been developing our understanding of multiplication through practising using compact and expanded methods to multiply two and three digit numbers. In English we've been enjoying exploring 'Beowulf' and developing our ideas through role play to help us develop dialogue between characters in the story. Our focus in geography this week has been on learning about the USA, and we've enjoyed learning about the different regions and states, comparing climates, biomes, and identifying human and physical geographical features. We're excited to learn more next week!





Year 6

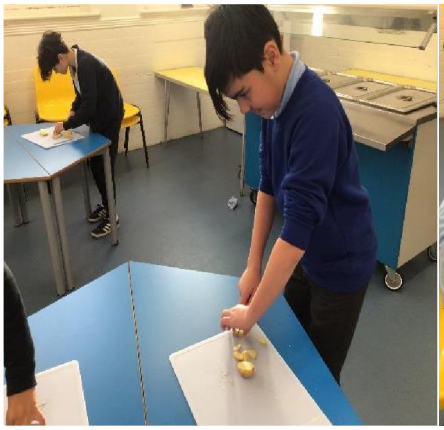
This week in Year 6 has been full of exciting and enriching learning experiences. Here's a summary of what we've been up to:

In Maths, we have mastered converting fractions into decimals and percentages. The children have worked hard to understand these connections and practiced applying their skills in different contexts. Encourage your child to demonstrate their new knowledge by discussing percentages in everyday situations, like shopping discounts or recipes!

Our English lessons have focused on using persuasive language. The children wrote thoughtful notes to a fictional refugee girl, practicing empathy and elevating their ability to communicate kindness. We've explored emotive vocabulary, rhetorical questions, modal verbs and structuring our writing to make it impactful.

In DT, we have started practicing our slicing and dicing skills—learning to handle kitchen tools safely and effectively. We also explored the journey of food from *farm to fork,* discovering how ingredients make their way to our plates. This has sparked some great discussions about healthy eating and sustainability.

We're proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children have shown this week. Thank you for supporting their learning at home, and we look forward to another week of growth and discovery!

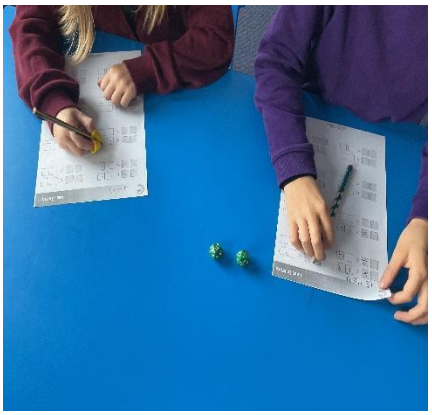




Blake Class

Blake class have been looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction books this week as children are going to write a non-chronological report about a rainforest animal at the end of this unit. We found lots of books in the library and our reading are and then sorted them into two piles. We identified features in information books and looked at how subheadings are used to organise content.

In maths, children have been rolling dice to generate their own numbers to use in column addition. There has been lots of focus on keeping digits in the correct column and using counters and place value charts to see why we exchange. We hae now moved on to work in books using abstract only, however we still have numberlines on our tables to help us with counting on if needed.

To support us with our memory and processing skills, we have been doing jigsaw puzzles. Children have loved these and ask for them every day! It has been great to see the children cooperating, taking turns and encouraging each other as well as developing spatial awareness and logic skills.


Reminders:

HEALTHY SNACKS



Please can we remind all parents and carers that children are to have only healthy snacks for playtimes. Items such as fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks and cereal bars are great but no crisps or chocolate thank you, these should be kept for lunchboxes. We do not allow sweets in school. We are also a nut free school.



SCHOOL CROSSING

Please can we remind all adults and children that the road outside the school is very busy, especially at drop off and collection times. It is not safe for people to be crossing between cars as it is difficult to see oncoming traffic and to be seen by drivers, especially with the days getting darker earlier.
Please use the crossing to ensure that everyone remains safe.

Christmas Fair 2024

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Fair is taking place on Thursday 12th December from 3.20pm. We are renting stall tables at £5 per table and all businesses are welcome, please contact the school office if you wish to hire a table.

To Support our Christmas Fair, we are holding a Non School Uniform day on Friday 6th December.
This is an opportunity for children to come to school in Non-school uniform, and pay in Chocolate or donate a prize to go towards our raffle/tombola, these can be biscuits, soap, bottle of wine, bubble bath, toys, games, puzzles, soft toys and vouchers.

Attendance

This week in school children had an assembly around good attendance. They explore the things they enjoy about coming to school and the reasons that we might miss school. We came up with a list of acceptable reasons to miss school and not acceptable reasons.

These are the ideas shared:

Acceptable reason	Not Acceptable reasons
Sickness and Diarrhoea Illnesses such as chicken pox Celebrating a religious event	Being tired Not wanting to go to school Going shopping Holidays being cheaper Not having PE kit Its your birthday Falling out with a friend Finding learning tricky

The children created their 3 top tips for improving attendance:

1. Understanding the acceptable reasons to miss school
2. Going to bed at a reasonable time
3. Having a good breakfast

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Wednesday 27th November	Flu Vaccination team in school
Thursday 28th November	Year 3 trip to Time & Tide Museum
Friday 6th December	Non School Uniform – Pay in chocolate to go towards the school Christmas raffle.
Wednesday 11th December	4 Pullman to visit Millennium Library
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Fair from 3.20pm
Wednesday 18th December	Carols around the tree
Friday 20th December	End of term at 3:20pm
Tuesday 7th January	Start of the Spring Term – gates open at 8:30am



We are excited to announce that Rockify Music will be joining George White in January 2025!

Rockify Band Lessons

Rockify gives every child the chance to explore and develop their own love of music, James Harpman from Rockify Music will be joining us in January, offering band lessons in Piano, drums, keyboard, guitar and offering vocal training. Rockify Music provide all their own instruments. If your child would like to take up learning a musical instrument in a fun and collaborative way then all you need to do is scan the QR code bellow. This will take you to the website, all you need to do is sign up and Rockify will take care of the rest.

If you have any questions about Rockify Music, then please do not hesitate to **contact Natasha Thirtle, Year 4 teacher and Music Subject Lead.**



Norfolk County Council

2024-2025 Norfolk Model Calendar

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