George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

To all our families,

Earlier this week we welcomed Ofsted into our school for two days. As a school, the inspection process was highly positive and supportive. It was fantastic that we were able to show the inspector all the amazing things we do and why our school is such a special place to be. As soon as the final report is published, we will share this with. We except this to be within the next 2 to 4 weeks.

Thinking ahead to the rest of this term, we have some exciting extra-curricular events planned and we are asking for your help and support.

Firstly, the week beginning Monday 10th February is our **Aspirations Week**. This is an opportunity for all children to think about their future aspirations and the types of possible careers and jobs they may consider for the future. To make this event as successful as possible, we are asking all our parents for support by considering offering your time to come into school to talk to your child's class about your job and/or career path. If you are unable to offer your time, perhaps you know of someone in your family or further afield who may be interested in talking to the children about their job. The more people we can get to come into school or connect remotely with school, the more opportunities the children will get to hear about a range of jobs to support their future aspirations. If you can offer, or know of someone who can offer their time, please can you speak to either your child's class teacher or Mrs Chester in the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Finally, at the end of this term we will be hosting our annual **Easter Bonnet competition and parade** on Wednesday 2nd March. More information about this logistics of this popular annual George White event will follow next week, but in the meantime, perhaps you could begin to think about your Easter Bonnet design.

We hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Petchey and the George White Team.

UEA Dodgeball Event

Yesterday, 10 children from Year 5 attended a Norfolk schools Dodgeball event at the UEA. Mrs Gaunt and Mrs Kubinska who took the children, were extremely proud of how they represented our school. The competition was highly competitive, and I am delighted to share that our team came 2nd. A huge well done to Gabija, Lukas, Leo, Esmae, Oscar, Lily, Amber, Kindness and Munashe.

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** this week, for having the highest attendance. 6 Ness: 92% 6 Palacio: 97% 6 Morpurgo: 94% 5 Almond: 96% 5 Johnson: 93% 4 Tan: 95% 4 Pullman: 95% 3 Potter: 94% 3 Blyton: 94% **Whole School: 94%** **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** 

Look at what we're learning

Year 3

What a fantastic week of learning we've had in Year 3!
This week in Science, we've been exploring the fascinating world of magnets. The children experimented with different materials to discover what is magnetic and learned about how magnets attract and repel. Their curiosity and enthusiasm have been wonderful to see.
In Art, we've been inspired by the work of Henri Matisse and have been "painting with scissors" to create vibrant and imaginative collages. The children showed great creativity in celebrating Matisse's bold and colourful style.
In Maths, we've been focusing on sharpening our reasoning skills in multiplication. The children have worked hard on using arrays and other methods to solve problems and explain their thinking clearly. Their perseverance has been fantastic!
In English, we've been practicing writing direct speech, using inverted commas to bring our characters' dialogue to life. The children have also worked on including time conjunctions and adverbs to make their writing even more engaging. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow.
We've made a brilliant start to the term, and the children's excitement and energy have been infectious. We're looking forward to another exciting week of learning and creativity ahead. Well done, Year 3!

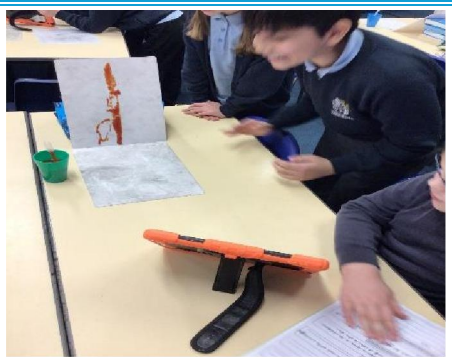


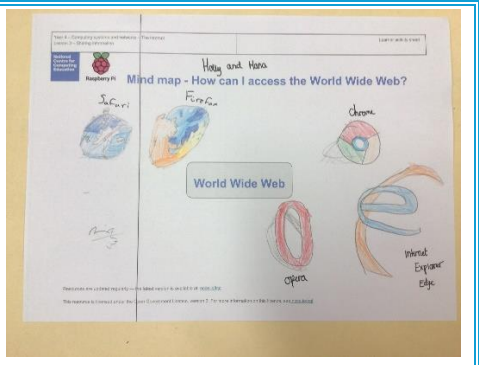


Year 4

We have had another busy week in year 4! On Monday in Science the children completed a Science experiment around the viscosity of liquid! The children made observations and predications around this. In Maths we are continuing to learn about Fractions, focusing on mixed number and improper fractions. In English we are continuing to look at our text Our Tower, we have taken our English lesson outside where the children observed tree. The children came up with some fantastic imaginative vocabulary which has helped them back in the class room when writing a tree guide. In Music the children are learning about the Disco genre in our Charanga lessons. We have looked at the Allegro, crochets and semi- quavers. The children then played a melody on the Glockenspiel from our focused song. In computing the children have learnt about websites and website content. In RSHE we are learning about our Dreams and Goals.







Year 5

We have had a lovely week in year 5 and are really enjoying delving further into our new topics across the curriculum. In maths we've been working hard learning how to compare and order fractions and we have been really impressed with the resilience of the children and their growing confidence in using mathematical vocabulary! In English the children have really enjoyed reading and exploring more of our 'Queen of the Falls' text. This week we have been considering reasons for and against Annie completing her daredevil feat which involved completing a 'conscience tunnel' (pictured) which was a real hit with all the children! In science the children have loved learning more about space and have completed some wonderful diagrams of our solar system - we've been so impressed with their creativity! We had another great percussion session with the Norfolk music hub this week and the children are developing their skills and confidence in body percussion, using the djembes and practising their snare drum techniques including a paradiddle! In RSHE we started our topic on dreams and goals and considered and discussed what we would like to do when we are older - we loved hearing everyone sharing their thoughts and ideas. We've had a great week and look forward to the rest of the half term will bring!





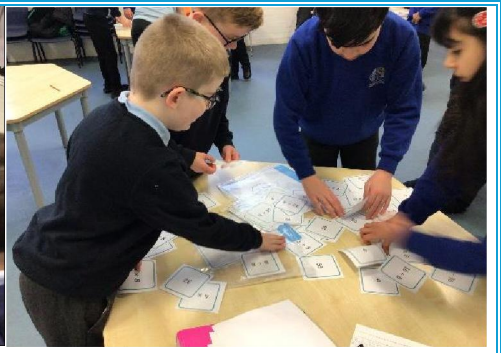


Year 6

We've had a successful and exciting week of learning! Here's a quick update on what we've been working on:

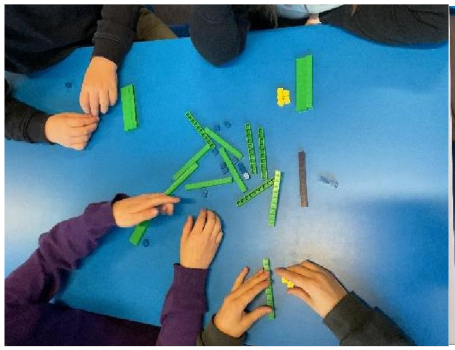
In English, children have started writing a hybrid informational text about an endangered animal of their choice. They've been learning how to use **modal verbs** (like *could*, *might*, and *must*) and **adverbs of possibility** (such as *probably* and *certainly*) to express different levels of certainty in their writing.
In Computing, we've explored what makes a good **web page**, as well as the importance of **copyright** and **fair use**. Children now have a better understanding of how to use online content responsibly.
We'll begin our next SATs practice next week, and we're excited to see how much the students have improved!
We hope you have a relaxing weekend and thank you for your continued support!
Warm regards,
Year 6 Teachers





Blake Class

This week in Blake class, we have been learning about how electricity flows through simple circuits. Children had the opportunity to investigate using components to make their own circuit. They also predicted which would light up and why. They gave very clear, thoughtful responses.
In music, we are looking at the impact of film scores. We listened to the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff performed by a narrator and a string quartet. We then listened to Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter and identified the use of pitch and tempo in making us think of flying.
In maths, children used Base 10 to show column addition before completing these as part/whole models and column additions. They worked carefully to ensure that numbers were in correct columns and showed a good understanding of place value.





Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Tuesday 21st January	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Thursday 23rd January	Open Classroom for Year 4 from 3.20pm
Friday 24th January	Half of Year 6 to Sewell Park Science day
Tuesday 28th January	Year 5 Virtual Reality Experience
Tuesday 28th January	Year 6 SATS Parents Meeting at 3.20pm
Friday 31st January	Half of Year 6 to Sewell Park Science day
Friday 7th February	Half of Year 6 visit to Norwich Cathedral
Monday 10th February	Aspirations Week
Tuesday 11th February	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Friday 14th February	Half of Year 6 visit to Norwich Cathedral
Monday 17th February	Half Term Break
Monday 24th February	Welcome Back after half term- gates open at 8.30am
Monday 24th February	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check Parent Meeting at 3.30pm
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 18th March	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Do something funny for money
Monday 24th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 25th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Bonnet Competition and parade