George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

To all our families,

Today we celebrate Red Nose Day 2025. It is lovely seeing some crazy hairstyles and listening to some funny jokes being told throughout the day. We would like to thank all parents who have donated food goods for the Silver Road Rooms Food Bank, a much needed cause within our local community. If you would still like to donate, we are accepting food donations up until next Thursday 27th March. Please bring any food items to the office, thank you.







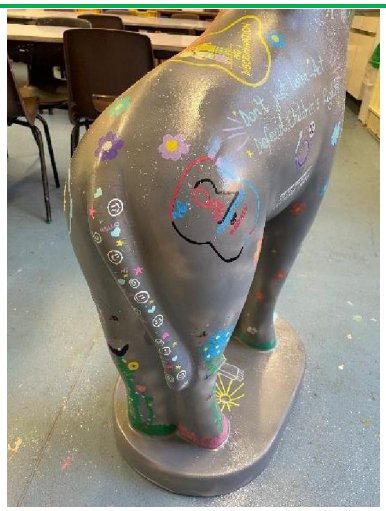


Today a group of children across Year 4 are taking part in a sponsored silence in school. Such a great way to raise money for charity! We look forward to hearing how much they have raised for the charity of their choice. Well done to everyone taking part.

We are delighted to share our completed GoGo Safari Trail Giraffe. Mrs Cojoc and some of the children have worked hard turn their ideas and vision into reality. Our giraffe is eye catching and reflects the importance and priority our school places on putting children's rights at the heart of all we do. A huge thank you to the children who have worked with Mrs Cojoc on this project.







This week saw our choir taking part in the Norfolk Music Festival. On Tuesday morning, Mrs Thirtle took the choir to the Kings Centre where they sang three songs in front of a panel of judges as well as other schools which were taking part in this event. I am delighted to share the choir were awarded a Commended Plus Performance. This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved. Mrs Thirtle is extremely proud of their hard work, confidence and seamless performance. A huge well done to our choir!

Mrs Thirtle writes; *On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of taking the choir to the Norfolk County Music Festival, and what an incredible experience it was! The children sang with remarkable confidence and were impeccably behaved while proudly representing our school.*

Performing in front of four primary schools from across Norfolk, we captivated a large audience and an attentive adjudicator. The atmosphere was electric as the children sang with such enjoyment, enthusiasm, and energy that it was impossible not to be swept away. The adjudicator noted our impressive low notes and praised the tight syncopation, highlighting the rhythmic dynamics of our performance. The crescendos and decrescendos were executed with precision, and the clarity of the lyrics contributed to a lovely sound that made the entire performance both exciting and powerful.

I am thrilled to share that we were awarded a Commended Plus Performance, which is a remarkable achievement! I cannot express how proud I am of all the children for their hard work and dedication. I am already looking forward to taking the choir to future events outside of school, there is so much more for us to share.





All the staff at George White Junior School wish you and your family a lovely weekend.

This Week's Attendance

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 5 Almond this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 93%

6 Palacio: 90%

6 Morpurgo: 95%

5 Almond: 99%

5 Johnson: 95%

4 Tan: 96%

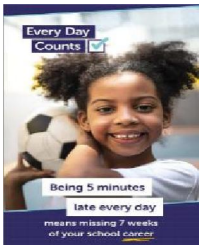
4 Pullman:94 %

3 Potter: 94%

3 Blyton: 98%

Whole school attendance for this week: 95%

School Target: 96%



Safeguarding

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:

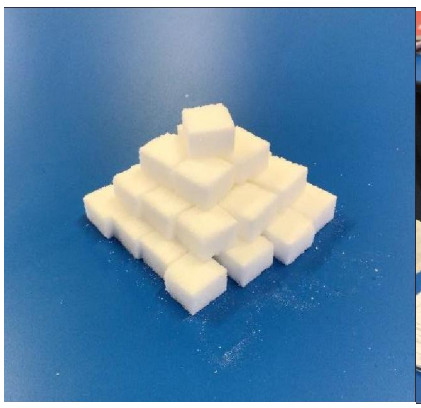
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

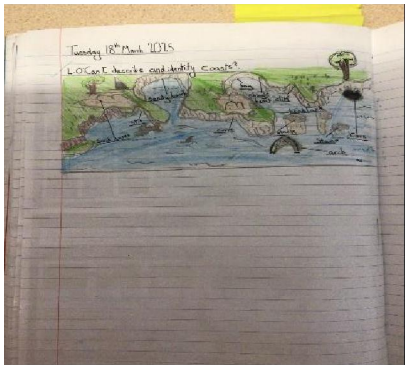
What another fantastic week of learning we've had in Year 3!
The children have been working incredibly hard and showing great enthusiasm across all subjects. It is wonderful to see their curiosity and dedication to their learning!
In Maths, we have been focusing on measurement, with the children learning to measure in millimetres and centimetres. They have been drawing lines to the nearest millimetre with great accuracy and care.
Our new English unit is based on *This Morning I Met a Whale* by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been using images of the River Thames from Google Earth to develop their understanding of the setting. They have also made thoughtful predictions about the story based on the front cover and blurb, building excitement for the journey ahead!
In History, we have continued our fascinating study of Ancient Egypt. This week, the children became architects and engineers, using sugar cubes to construct their own square-based pyramids. We also linked our History learning to Maths by exploring square numbers in the process. The children even made set squares and plumb lines to check that each layer of their pyramid was level—just like the ancient Egyptians!
A special highlight of the week was welcoming parents into the classroom for Open Classrooms on Tuesday. It was wonderful to share our learning with you, and we hope you enjoyed seeing the children's hard work in action!
Well done, Year 3, for another brilliant week of learning!



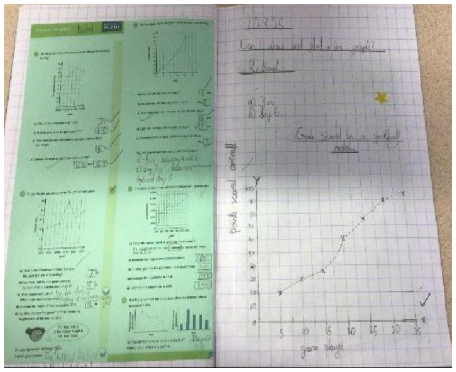


Year 4

This week some children in year 4 went to the Norfolk County Music Festival to perform three songs to an audience. The children were impeccably behaved, and sang with confidence. We are so proud of the children. Another highlight has been in our Maths learning. The children have drawn line graphs with such accuracy. Well done!







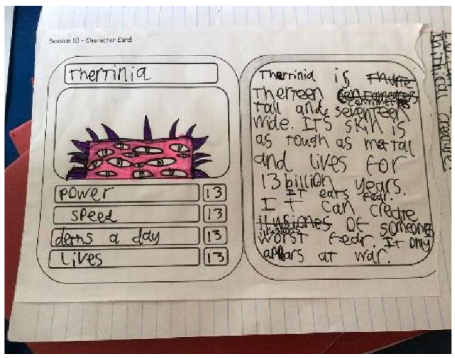
Year 5

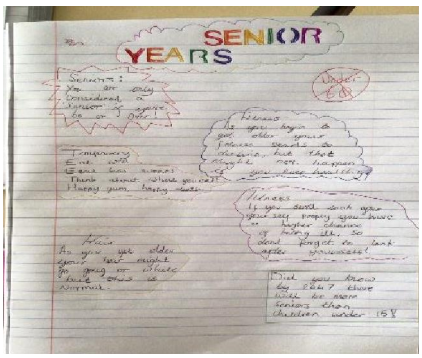
We've had a great week in Year 5, and as always we've been impressed how the children have been working hard across the curriculum. Here are some highlights of the week...

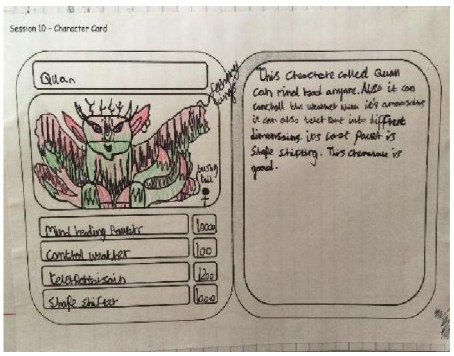
In English the children have been so creative in designing and creating their own mythological creatures and writing their own myths set in Ancient China!

In Science, we've continued our learning about the human life cycle and discussing what happens when humans become a senior; we were so impressed with the fact files the children created!

Have a lovely weekend!

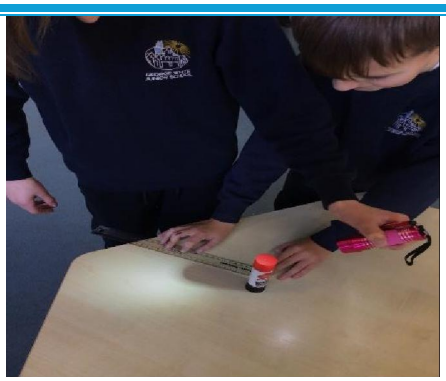
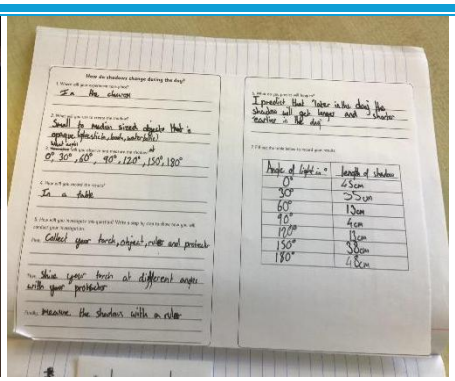
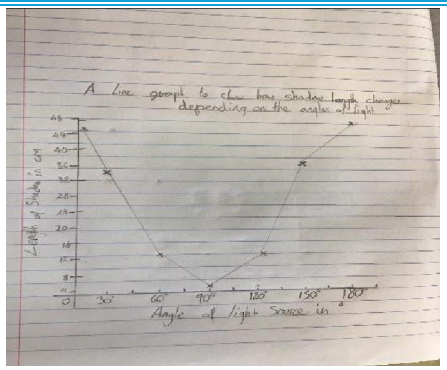






Year 6

It has been another jam-packed week here in Year 6! Our highlight of the week was our science lesson looking at how shadows change over a day. Within this lesson, children wrote up their experiments and predictions and then carried out the experiment. They used a torch in place of the sun and shone it onto an opaque object from different angles. This allowed us to see how shadows change when the sun is at different positions in the sky. They then measured the length of the shadow and created a line graph using this data.

Blake Class

Blake class have really shown their creativity this week! In art, they look at Spanish artist Joan Miro who created works with simple shapes and bright colours, inspired by Van Gogh. She believed that art could reflect feelings and didn't have to be perfect, an important message for young learners. While thinking about range of colour, children created a colour wheel with objects found around the classroom. They had a great time deciding where each object would go and discussing shades of colours. There was some fantastic teamwork shown and, as you can see, they were very happy with the final result!

In maths, children have been demonstrating an understanding of multiplication as repeated addition and using vocabulary such as 'groups of', 'lots of' and 'equals'. Using the tuff tray and chalk pens, they represented different multiplications in pictures and numbers/symbols. Then they used Times Tables Rockstars to see whether this practical work had supported their recall as well as their understanding.

In English, we are closer to writing our final diary entry. Children have created a mind map of Stone Age daily life which they will cut up and order using chronological vocabulary to form the basis of their diary entry. They will then add more details from their own research and from our class text, Stone Age Boy. We look forward to seeing the finished writing!





Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Monday 24th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 25th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 27th March	French Day
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Bonnet Competition and parade
Friday 4th April	End of Spring Term – 3.20pm
Wednesday 23rd April	Start of Summer term 1 – gates open at 8.30am
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday Monday – school is not open on this day
Monday 12th May	SAT's Week for Year 6 children SAT's breakfast for all Year 6 children from 8am daily in the school hall.
Tuesday 20th May	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Wednesday 21st May	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Monday 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Welcome back after Half Term- gates open at 8.30am
25th and 26th June	Royal Norfolk Show – school is open on these days