George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

To all our families,

What a busy final of week of term we have had!

On Wednesday we held our annual Easter bonnet parade. There were an amazing range of designs which all clearly took considerable time and effort to produce. A huge thank you to parents for supporting the children who took part in designing and creating their Easter bonnet. There were also 10 bonnets made entirely from recycled items. Mrs Waller, Mrs Chester and Miss Whing judged the bonnets on Wednesday morning, and I am delighted to announce the winners as follows:

Year 3 1st Mina & Olive, 2nd Scarlett & Logan, 3rd Robyn, Margo & Harry

Year 4 1st Rhea, 2nd May, 3rd Jessica

Blake Class 1st Riley, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Leo H

Year 5 1st Esmae, 2nd Zina, 3rd Emma

Year 6 1st Aurelius, 2nd Charlotte, 3rd Lotte & Enock

Well done to everyone who took part and for showing such confidence during the whole school parade on Wednesday afternoon. What a lovely Easter tradition this has become!



















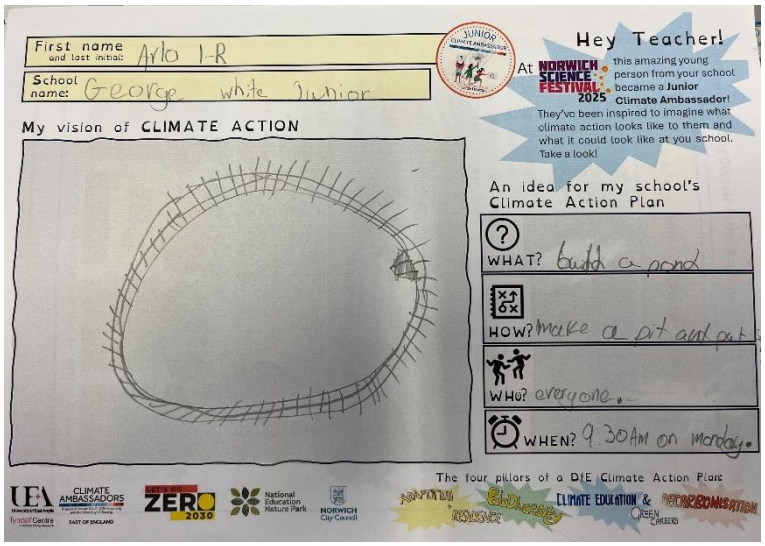
This week also saw us take part in a trio of sporting events which began on Monday with a swimming gala, with group of children from Year 5 and 6 representing the school in an array of events. The children were amazing, and with a second place overall finish reflected how determined the children were. Everyone at George White is extremely proud of the effort, teamwork and respect shown by all children

Yesterday, we took part in a Year 4 football event at Goals. Again, the children representing our school showed skills, determination and fantastic teamwork. This all resulted in us winning this tournament. Well done to everyone who took part, what a fantastic achievement. Finally, today we took part in a primary school cross country event at Sewell Park Academy, where 14 children across our school took part. Miss Whing and Mrs Gaunt were both very proud of their effort and the support they showed towards each other. A huge well done to all children who represented our school in sport this week.

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Fisher who has been at our school for three years. Mrs Fisher is moving onto teaching in a specialist education setting, teaching children on a 1-1 basis. We wish Mrs Fisher and her family the very best for the future and we thank her for her hard work during her time at our school.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Cane, who is taking up her second school teacher training placement at an infant school in Norwich. Miss cane will return to George White after the May half term. We wish Miss Cane the best of luck in Year 1 over the coming half term. This term we have also said goodbye to Mrs Kubinska.

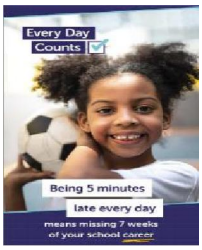
Finally, before the end of term, I am delighted to share that Arlo in Year 3 attended this year's Norwich Science Festival during February half term where he showed a deep interest in the Climate Ambassador's exhibition. Arlo sketched his thoughts about climate action for our school which is represented in the picture below. Well done to Arlo and the recognition he has received by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia.



We wish you and your family a Happy Easter and a restful holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Wednesday 23rd April from 8:30am for the start of the summer term.

We are looking for a cleaner

Do you know of anyone who could be interesting in a cleaning role at our school? We are looking for someone to join our cleaning team. The hours are 10 per week. Please contact Mrs Chester in the office for more information.

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 3 Potter & 5 Johnson this week, for having the highest attendance. 6 Ness: 92% 6 Palacio: 95% 6 Morpurgo: 94% 5 Almond: 96% 5 Johnson: 97% 4 Tan: 95% 4 Pullman: 86% 3 Potter: 97% 3 Blyton: 89% **Whole school attendance for this week: 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

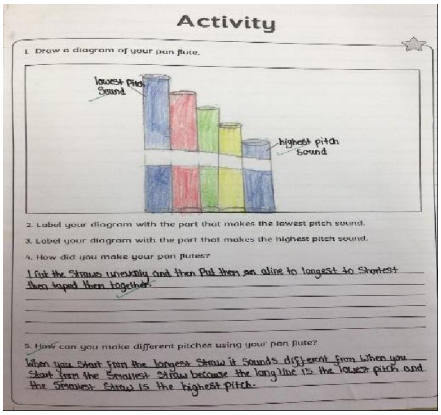
This week in Year 3, the children have been busy writing informative letters about whales, encouraging others to protect these magnificent creatures. In maths, they've been learning how to measure and convert different units of measurement, and in DT, the class has evaluated and designed their own packaging. We also had a fantastic Easter Bonnet parade, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! A huge thank you to both the children and parents for your support this year. It has been an absolute joy to teach the children, and they will be greatly missed. I wish them every happiness and success for the future.
Goodbye from Mrs Fisher.

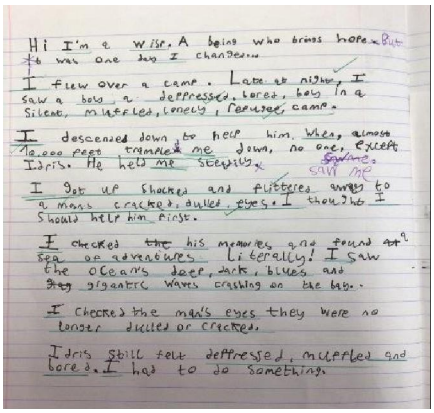




Year 4

What a fantastic final week of this half term for year 4! One highlight this week has been in our Science lessons, the children learnt about Pitch and made Pan Flutes out of straws and explored sounds. Another highlight to our week has been in our English learning where we have finished writing our narrative stories, writing from the perspective of the Wisp! Well done to all of the children in year 4! We have had a fantastic half term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday!



Year 5

We've had a great last week of term where year 5 have enjoyed lots of exciting activities linked to our topics across the curriculum. Our highlight this week was using hot seating to explore the thoughts and feelings of characters in 'Kai and the Monkey King' in preparation for writing our own newspaper article based on book. All the children entered into this with such enthusiasm and gathered some amazing eyewitness accounts to include in their writing.

We are so proud of how hard all the children have worked this half term and wish you all a very Happy Easter break.

The Year 5 Team.






Year 6

What a lovely final week we have had of our spring term! This week, we have loved seeing how passionate the children are about plastic pollution and protecting our oceans. We have looked at ways in which the school and ourselves can help reduce plastic waste. Also, we are excited to announce that the Year 6 production this year is 'Mary Poppins'. Children are taking home audition packs ready for auditions after Easter. Speaking of Easter, here is a glimpse of some of our Easter bonnets!





Blake Class

Linking with our topic on the Stone Age, children have been learning about other art traditions across the world. We focused on cultures which use visual storytelling instead of or alongside written language. Children looked at Aboriginal art created with dots and made their own in the same style.





SEND News



At the end of each half term, we include an article about supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities. This half term, we have included some information about supporting your child with alternative ways of reading.

The British Dyslexia Association has the following advice on helping your child to read:

If the book is too hard for your child, read the words together. Read at your child's pace. Let your child decide on a signal they can give you when they want to carry on reading on their own. If they make a mistake, say the word and then carry on reading together. You can switch from reading together to your child reading alone. Try to do this for 10 minutes every day - share the book together rather than 'hear' your child read.

At the end of a page or section, talk about what you've read together. Ask what might happen next and whether it reminds your child of another story or film.

Many children like to use technology to access books and there are lots of ways for them to do this. Libby is the Norfolk Libraries app through which children can access books, magazines and audio books. The great thing about borrowing books online is that they are automatically returned after a certain date so no having to keep track of when they are due! You need a library card to access this app so if you don't have one, pop into your local library to sign up for free. If you have a card, you can sign up to Libby using this link Libby - Welcome

Oxford Owl also have a wide selection of books which can be read on a laptop, tablet or phone. There are some books in this online library which children may recognise from reading them at school. Children can zoom in and out and have the book read aloud to them. If your child would like to read online, sign up for a free account here Login

Storynory has a great selection of fairytales and classics as well as educational texts and original stories. This is a free website with the text on the screen and an option to have it narrated while you read. Fairy Tales - Storynory

And remember, you can always borrow hard copy books from the library, either here at school or local to you. Do let us know what you've been reading and any recommendations you have!

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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 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 3 and 4 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
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Wednesday 21st May	Year 6 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Monday 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Welcome back after Half Term- gates open at 8.30am
Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June	Year 6 residential trip to Burwell House, Cambridgeshire
Tuesday 24th June	Year 4 Trip to Hautbois
25th and 26th June	Royal Norfolk Show – school is open on these days
Tuesday 22nd July	End of term
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of the Autumn Term. Gates open at 8:30am.