George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

To all our families,

What a warm week it has been! Though the weather is looking like it is not going to be so hot moving into next week, this week has given us all a glimpse of the possible waves of heat which could be heading our way over this term. Please can we remind all parents to ensure your child has a water bottle and sunhat in school each day. Please can sun cream either be applied in the morning before your child comes into school or a named bottle of sunscreen be brought in to school for your child to independently apply before they go outside to play.

Please see linked further guidance about sunscreen and sun safety from the NHS
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/

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 hope you and your family have a lovely bank holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday from 8:30am.

From the GWJS Team

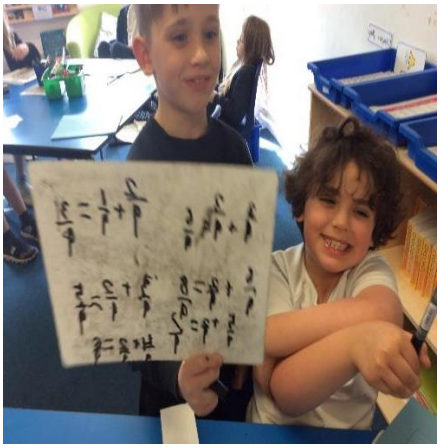
This Week's Attendance	Safeguarding
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. Well-done to this week, for having the highest attendance. 6 Ness: 90% 6 Palacio: 99% 6 Morpurgo: 98% 5 Almond: 93% 5 Johnson: 87% 4 Tan: 91% 4 Pullman: 97% 3 Potter: 95% 3 Blyton: 95% **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 has been full of mystery. We all received an envelope with a balloon, a feather and a red crayon. How are these linked to a journey? We have been finding out little by little as we explore 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We have worked very hard on adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions.
In maths we have returned to fractions. We can now add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and use this skill to solve problems involving adding and subtracting fractions.
Our Geography has involved finding out about land use. We have looked carefully at maps of Norwich and identified how the land is used. We are learning the words: agricultural, industrial, commercial and woodland.

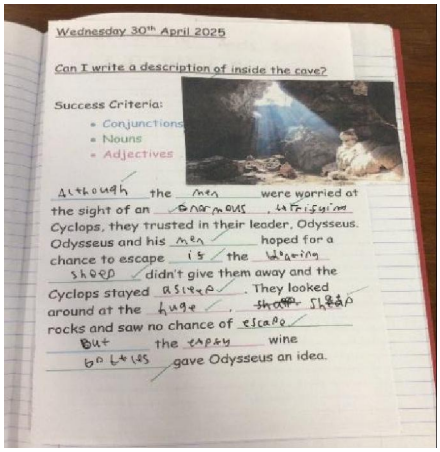




Year 4

We have had a great start back to the Summer Term! One highlight this week was in our Science lesson, we went outside to enjoy some sunshine and use the percussion instruments to experiment with volume. The children applied different energy to their instrument. Another highlight was in our English lesson on Thursday, we came together as a year group to create a piece of drama around Odysseus's Voyage. We used Bach's Tocata and Fugue in D minor to create suspense to our pieces of work! We hope you have a lovely weekend.



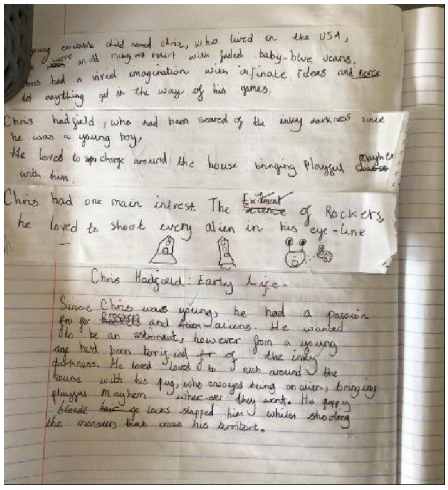


Year 5

We've really enjoyed our first full week of the Summer Term in Year 5! We are already looking forward to sports day and spent time practising our athletic skills in PE this week. We were so impressed with the way the children worked on pacing themselves during jogging and have started to build more stamina. We have also started to build up skills needed to write a biography and English, which involved writing an 'Early Life' paragraph about Chris Hadfield. Have a great weekend from the Year 5 Team.







Year 6

What an incredible week Year 6 have had. We have been so impressed with their dedication and perseverance towards their learning. They are so ready to smash their SATs in the next few weeks. During English we turned our classrooms into French 1940's cafes to kick start our new text Star of Hope, Star of Fear. The children were transported back in time to help them with their flashback narratives.

Our highlight of the week had to be our Mary Poppin's auditions. We were blown away at how many children in Year 6 went out of their way to rehearse and prepare for it. So many children stood out and we are so proud of every single one of them. We can't wait for you to see the end result in July!

Have a lovely weekend!

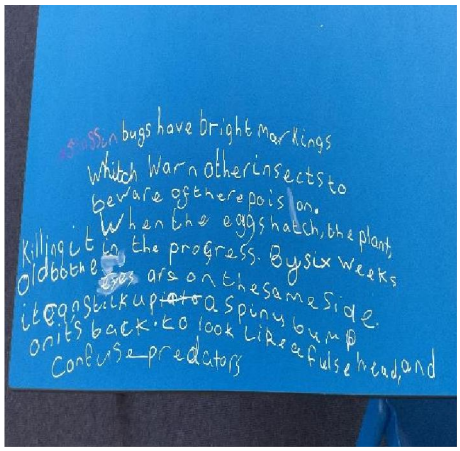






Blake Class

Blake class have had a fantastic start to the new term! Our new pupils have added their views to our pupil voice board and we all had a conversation about what we like best about being in the SRB. We have started our next class story and we recapped what happened in the last book and added this to our story line. For comprehension, some children chose their own books based on interests and then used chalk pens to summarise the information they read.







Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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 5 and 6 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Wednesday 21st 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 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.