George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

To all our families,

Wow what a week! Year 6 have completed their SATs tests and they have all been absolutely amazing, showing maturity, resilience and such positivity. We started each day with a SATs breakfast open for all Year 6 children from 8am, it was lovely serving the children breakfast and watching them eagerly chatting away before heading outside for some fresh air. The atmosphere each morning felt calm, which was such a great way to go into each of the tests. All the staff at George White Junior School are so proud of every child in Year 6, they totally smashed their SATs this week! We can't believe they only have just over 8 weeks left of primary school!

This morning the whole school came together as part of our celebration assembly to celebrate the success of Year 6 as well as the fantastic learning which has been happening across the rest of the school. Our weekly celebration assemblies are such a highlight of our week and something which makes our school so special.

A reminder to all parents that next week is our annual **sports day events** as follows:

Tuesday 20th May – Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 21st May – Year 3 and 4

Both sports days will take place on the school field which is located on the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. Both events will begin promptly at 9:30am, with the gates to the field open for all parents from 9:20am. Please bring something to sit on if needed, as there will be no seating available.

Following sports days, there is an opportunity for parents to bring a picnic lunch and have this with their child on our school site field. We plan for the picnic lunch to be from approximately 11:45 and ending at 12:45, though this is dependent on the timings of the sports day events.

Please can you ensure on the day of your child's sports day they come to school wearing their PE kit, have a named water bottle and a sun hat. If it is a warm morning, please ensure your child also has sun cream.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

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 3 Blyton, 6 Palacio & 6 Morpurgo this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 89%

6 Palacio: 99%

6 Morpurgo: 99%

5 Almond: 94%

5 Johnson: 97%

4 Tan: 94%

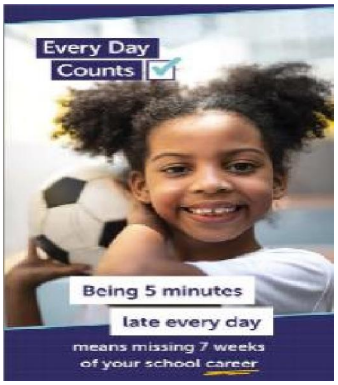
4 Pullman: 85%

3 Potter: 95%

3 Blyton: 99%

Whole school attendance for this week: 94%

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

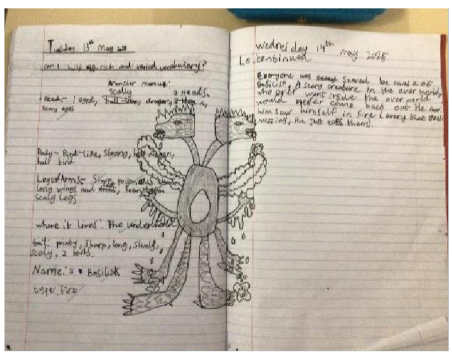
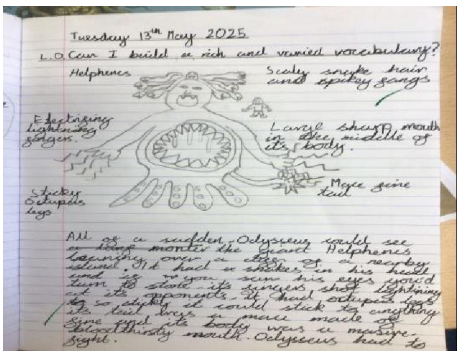
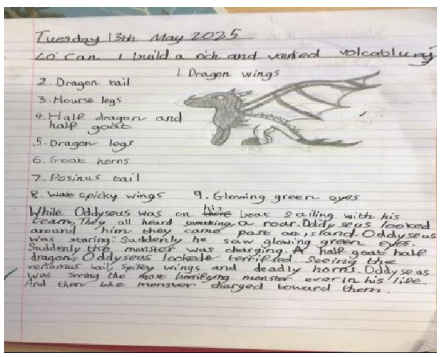
We know all about roots now! We will be working our way up flowering plants through the rest of the summer. We have carefully investigated different roots and made scientific drawings of them. We have discussed why plants need roots and explained what they do.
In English we have been inferring from illustrations and writing dialogue sandwiches (person 1 speaks, person 1 does something, person 2 does something, person 2 speaks). There is a lot to remember around punctuation, new lines and never using 'said'.
In Maths we have begun our unit on mass and capacity. We weighed ingredients very carefully to make smoothies. Opinions on the final product were divided...





Year 4

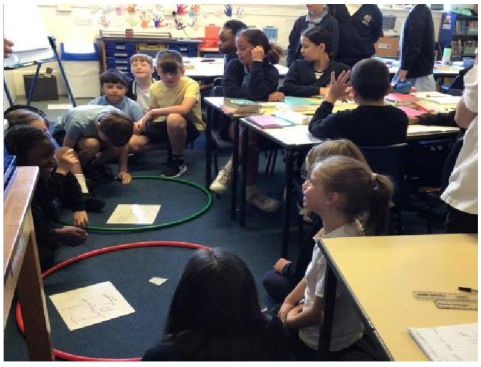
Another week of amazing learning in year 4! One highlight this week has been in our English lessons where the children have designed their own mythical creature using rich and varied vocabulary. Another highlight was in Science where we have completed our learning on sound. The children presented their work so beautifully when completing a presentation page on everything that they had learnt about sound. Well done year 4! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Year 5

We've had another busy week in year 5! In maths, we have been applying our knowledge of angles to our exploration of 2D and 3D shapes and have been so impressed with the way the children have been able to explain their thinking and use mathematical vocabulary. We have worked hard to prepare to

write our own biography about Chris Hadfield in English and loved developing our skills in music this week. We have also started our new DT topic discussing what a healthy plate looks like in preparation for making our own curry next week! We hope you have a lovely weekend.


Year 6

We are so incredibly proud of our wonderful Year 6's! They have worked their absolute socks off all week. The resilience and determination they have demonstrated towards their SATs has been outstanding. Year 6 - you can walk away this week with your heads held high. Well done to each and every one of you!

Have a lovely weekend and well-deserved break!

All the best

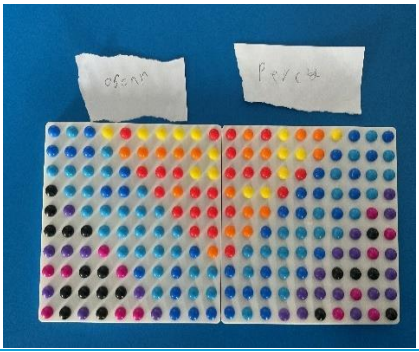
The Year 6 team





Blake Class

We have been focusing on fine motor skills this week in Blake class. Children have used peg boards to create patterns. Some chose to work together to make a larger patters and there was some great teamwork and cooperation on show! Other children used giant tweezers to move beans, putting them in order by size or colour. There was also some subitising going on, with one child grabbing a handful of beans and the others trying to guess how many they had. A great way to get some extra maths in!


Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June	Royal Norfolk Show – school is open on these days
Thursday 26th June	Choir to attend the Royal Norfolk Show – they will arrive back at school later than the usual end of the day time.
Monday 7th July	Transition week
Monday 7th July	New to Year 3 parent welcome meeting at 5pm
Friday 11th July	Annual reports out to all parents
Monday 14th July	George White's Got Talent Year 3 and 4 auditions in school
Tuesday 15th July	George White's Got Talent Year 5 and 6 auditions in school
Thursday 17th July	George White's Got Talent Grand Finale in school PM
Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly for all parents – 2:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd July	End of term
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of the Autumn Term. Gates open at 8:30am.