George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

To all our families,

This week has probably been our busiest week of this half term. It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers to our sports morning events on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Both mornings were hugely successful, and it was lovely to see the field so busy with children taking part and parents and carers cheering them on. As always, the adult races at the end of the morning proved highly popular, with some healthy competition seen across both mornings. The picnic lunch was again popular, and it was so nice to see so many parents, carers and children on the school field enjoying time together. Thankfully the weather remained dry, and it was not too hot. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend, your support and positive feedback are much appreciated.

On Wednesday a small group of children in year 5 took part in a multi-sport school event at Mile Cross Primary School. Miss Webber, who took the children said they showed fantastic teamwork, ability and determination. Well done to those children who took part and represented our school.

Wednesday also saw Year 6 venture for a day out to Duxford Imperial War Museum to consolidate and extend their learning about World War II. Mrs Cojoc said the children all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done Year 6!

Straight after half term, Year 6 will be leaving for their three day, two-night residential trip to Burwell House in Cambridgeshire. I am sure all the children going will have an amazing three days with many lifelong memories made. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Cornish, Mrs Cojoc, Miss Butterfant, Mrs Gaunt, Mrs Todd, Mrs Burman and Miss Cane who will be accompanying and supporting the children at Burwell House.

Next week is half term, and we hope you have a lovely break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 2nd June from 8:30am**.

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

This Week's Attendance

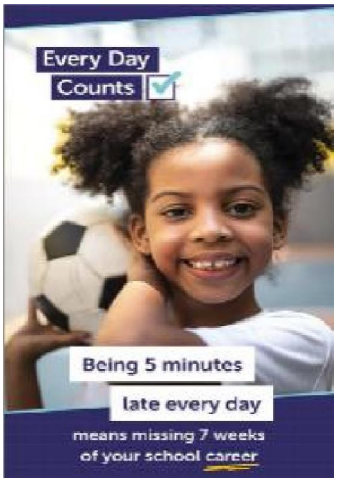
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to 3 Blyton, this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 92%
6 Palacio: 96%
6 Morpurgo: 95%
5 Almond: 96%
5 Johnson: 94%
4 Tan: 95%
4 Pullman: 94%
3 Potter: 94%
3 Blyton: 99%

Whole school attendance for this week: 90%

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

This week has been another scientifically eventful one! We have found out how water is transported in plants. It has involved cabbage stems in colourful water, celery stem dissection and some careful diagrams.

In Maths we have continued learning about mass. We are now weighing in kilograms and grams and will be calculating equivalent mass.

Year 3 were an absolute triumph at sports day. They all ran and jumped and threw with enthusiasm and such positivity. We are all enormously proud of them.



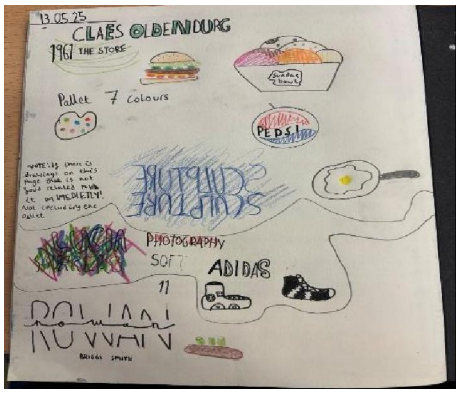


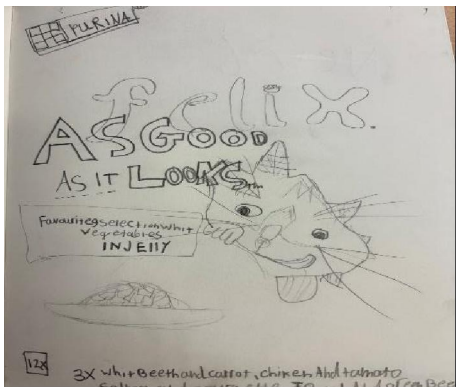
Year 4

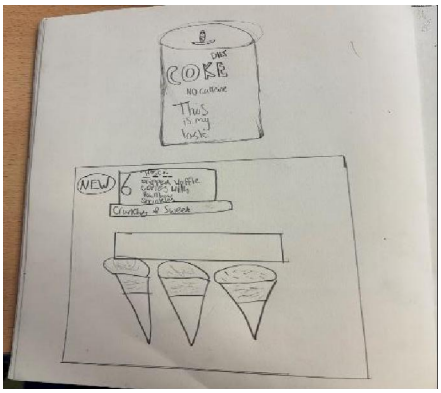
This week we have been focussing on writing our myths. We planned them using the story of Odysseus and the Sirens as a basis. We then wrote our myths using our own created monsters and edited them. We finished by writing them in neat and turning them into books.

In maths this week, we have worked on revising the 4 operations and also embedding our times tables.

Our art this week has been looking at food packaging, drawing them and painting them to create our own class corner shop.



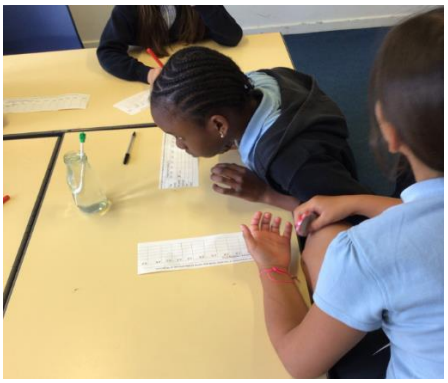




Year 5

What a fantastic and busy week it's been in Year 5! We had a brilliant time at Sports Day, and we are incredibly proud of how every child took part with such enthusiasm and showed great team spirit. It was wonderful to see them supporting each other and giving it their all. In science, we've been

investigating thermal insulators, and it was wonderful to see the children showing such curiosity and teamwork throughout the experiment. We are so proud of all the learning, effort, and positive attitude the children have shown this half term. We're excited to see what our final half term of Year 5 will bring!


Year 6

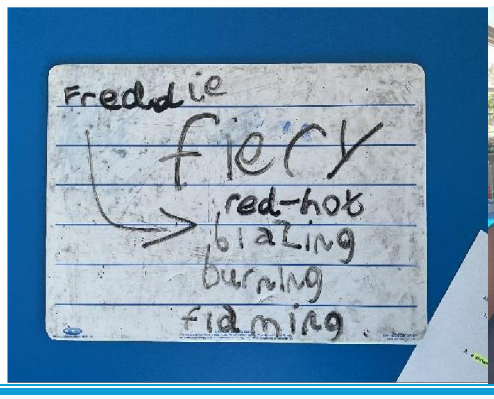
Wow! What a busy, but fantastic final week to this half-term. The children were amazing on Tuesday for sports day. There are so many talented children in this year group and it was wonderful to see them flourish, thrive and exhibit this side to them. Then, on Wednesday, we took a trip to Duxford to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of World War II. It was such a great experience being able to go on a world record holding Concorde plane and witnessing a Spitfire taking off! What a great way to end this half-term. We hope the children enjoy their half-term and come back ready to embrace their final 7 weeks at George White!

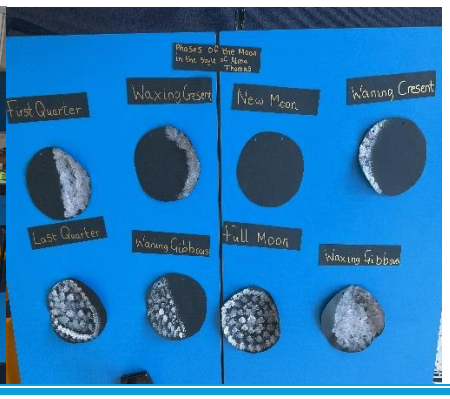





Blake Class

To recap and finish our space topic, children looked at adjectives to describe space, planets and the sun. They used a thesaurus to find synonyms and will use these in their writing. Children also enjoyed learning about phases of the moon, especially using jaffa cakes to demonstrate how we see the moon from Earth. We know the moon does not change shape and does not have a light source but we did enjoy changing our jaffa cake moon into a crescent shape! They also created moon phases in the style of Alma Thomas.



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 spelling.
The British Dyslexia Association has some suggestions for supporting your child:

- Help your child to understand words are made up of syllables and each syllable has a vowel sound. Say a word and ask how many syllables there are. Help your child to spell each syllable at a time.
- Write words in different coloured pens to make a rainbow or in shaving foam, flour or sand over and over again to help your child remember them.
- Look with your child at the bits in the words which they find difficult - use colours to highlight just the tricky bit.
- Look for the prefixes and suffixes in words, e.g. -tion, -ness and learn these chunks. Explore with your child how many words have the same chunks at the beginning or the end of words.
- Use flashcards or play matching games to let your child see the words lots of times - the more times they see the word, the better they will be able to read and spell it.
- Use cut out or magnetic letters to build words together, then mix up the letters and rebuild the word together.

Below are some activities we do in the Cognition and Learning SRB at George White which could be done at home to practise spellings.

Write the word 3 times in your neatest handwriting	Write the word in **bubble writing**	Write the word 3 times as **fast as you can**
Write the word with your **eyes closed**	Write the word in 4 different colours	**Draw a picture** to show the meaning of the word

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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 30th June	Mary Poppins Dress rehearsal performance to Year 2 Children from Mousehold Infant and Nursery school @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 1.30pm Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm More information regarding tickets to follow
Thursday 3rd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm More information regarding tickets to follow
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.