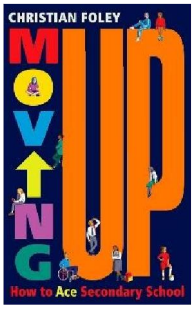
George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025

To all our families,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday morning. The first week back after half term has been a very busy one!

This week we have seen some of our Year 6 children taking part in a three-day two-night residential trip to Burwell House in Cambridgeshire. The children had a jam-packed three days where they took part in a variety of different challenges which were all based round teamwork and developing confidence and self-belief. There were certainly some very tired looking children who got off the coach at school on Wednesday afternoon.



This morning Year 6 had an online year 6 to year 7 transition session with Christian Foley, the author of 'Moving Up'. This session covered the feelings of transition from primary to secondary school covering discussions around, leaving primary school, homework, new challenges, friendships and social media. We will soon have four copies of Christian's book for our library too.

Year 6 Mary Poppins rehearsals are now in full swing, and it is wonderful to hear the children's singing echoing around the school.

Today we have had East Anglia Air Ambulance in school all day who have trained our Year 3, 4 and 5 children in further developing their existing emergency first practice. These are such vital life skills, and I am so pleased our children have this opportunity each year to maintain and develop their first aid knowledge and practical skills. We hope that children will never need to use them, but it is reassuring to know they have them.

Next week our Year 4 children will take their MTC (Multiplication Tables Check). The staff across Year 4 know the children are ready and will ace their MTC as there has been lots of practice taking place since September. Having quick times table knowledge and recall is such an important skill to have and maintain as children move through KS2 and move onto high school at KS3.

We hope you and your family have a lovely weekend, hopefully there will not be too much rain!

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

A polite message

Whilst waiting for your child on the playground at the end of the school day, if you and/or any younger children who are with you need to use toilet we ask that you come into the school office first to ask before using our facilities. From a safeguarding perspective, we need to know which adults we have inside our school building at all times. We thank you for your support and understanding in keeping all George White Junior School children safe at all times.

This Week's Attendance

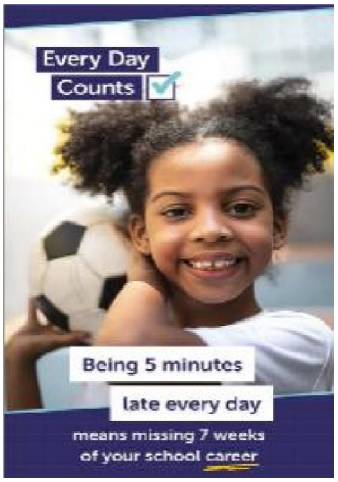
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to 6 Morpurgo, 4 Tan & 3 Blyton, this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 86%
6 Palacio: 94%
6 Morpurgo: 96%
5 Almond: 95%
5 Johnson: 95%
4 Tan: 96%
4 Pullman: 92%
3 Potter: 95%
3 Blyton: 96%

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 have had a lovely first week back. We are learning to play cricket. It has been very fun finding out how to be a batter, a fielder and an umpire. We have practised overarm throws and underarm bowling as well as communicating as a team. It has become intensely competitive...

In Science we are learning to make careful observations through checking all the different stems, roots, seeds and bulbs we planted a few weeks ago. Some of them have grown new roots, stems and leaves. Others just rotted and were unbelievably smelly.

Maths has been all around mass. We have been adding and subtracting the mass of different cars.

We have finished our 3D maps of Norwich and have been labelling the different land uses.

In English we have started writing our adventure stories. There are portals, monsters, princesses, rainbows and potatoes galore!



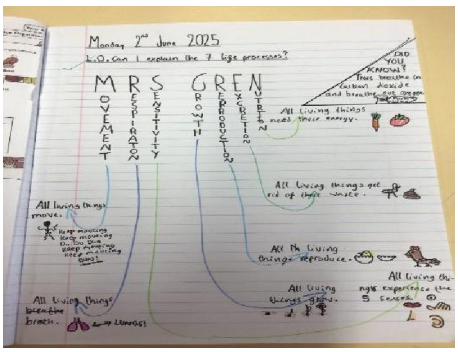


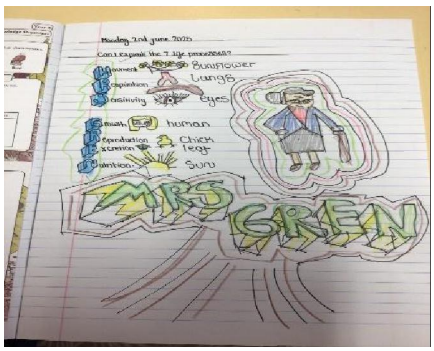


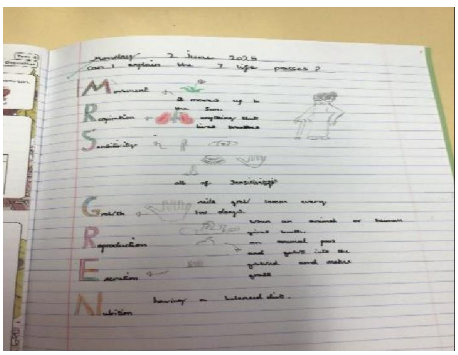
Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been sitting our last round of Pixl Assessments for this academic year! We would like to highlight how proud we are of the children, showing resilience and confidence.

Another highlight has been in our Science learning. We have started a new Topic looking at animals and their habitats. We all had fun designing MRS GREN, where we explored Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion and Nutrition. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.







Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to this half term, and we have loved welcoming them all back to school for a jam packed week of learning! In PE this half term we are focusing on dodgeball, and it was great to see some amazing skill development this week across the year group as we practised different types of passes and worked on accuracy. To introduce our new text in English, we spent some time learning and discussing the impact of plastic pollution and the children shared their responses before putting them in a plastic bottle in preparation for a class debate. It was great to see the children feeling so passionate about caring for their world. Have a wonderful weekend!





Year 6

What a fantastic first week back after half-term! 55 children came on a brilliant residential trip to Burwell House in Cambridgeshire. We had a jam-packed 3 days and the children represented our school amazingly. The staff were so impressed with the children's attitude and behaviour, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Those children that remained at GWJS had an afternoon at laser tag and also baked cookies - which looked delicious! After a tiring week, we hope the children have a relaxing weekend ready for next week.





Blake Class

Blake class enjoyed cooking these biscuits! They measured carefully, worked well together and helped to tidy up their workspace. They talked about imperative verbs such as 'mix', 'stir' and 'measure'. A really fun way of learning and Ms Collison enjoyed the biscuits which were made for her!





Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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 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.