# George White Junior School Newsletter

## Friday 13th June 2025

To all our families,

Firstly, a huge well done to all our Year 4 children on successfully completing their MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) this week. Mrs Thirtle and Mr Elias have said the children were 'AMAZING', we are all so proud of their hard work and effort.

It was lovely to hear how excited and engaged Year 5 were on Tuesday during their architectural talk and workshop led by one of our parents Mr Jackson. The children clearly gained a lot from this experience with Mr Jackson, where they were able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed this term. A huge thank you to Mr Jackson for his time on Tuesday.

Today our school took part in celebrating **A Day of Welcome**. A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary. The children took part in a live webinar, with year 3 and 4 exploring Dina Nayeri's book, The Waiting Place, where she shared her own experiences of seeking sanctuary alongside those of children living in a refugee camp in Greece, where the book is set. Year 5 and 6 met Hossam Fazulla (8bitfaz), the Egyptian-born illustrator, filmmaker, and producer behind Refugee Week 2025's Community as a Superpower artwork.

As the weather continues to be warm and sunny, it is important your child comes to school each day with a water bottle. We have a growing collection of water bottles in our school lost property, please see photo below. If you recognise any of these bottles belonging to your child, please can you collect from the playground shelter, thank you.






We are excited to be hosting a cake school on the playground after school next Friday 20th June. This is a fundraising event towards the cost of the Year 6 Mary Poppins production which is being run by Year 6. Everyone across the school is invited to purchase cakes and sweet treats after school. If you child attends Acorns after school club or if they walk home but would like to purchase a cake on Friday, we ask they bring some money into school with them in a named purse, wallet, envelope or bag; their class teacher will look after this for them until the end of the school day.




Once again, we are running our annual and hugely popular GWJS Got Talent show. Please see the poster for more information. I have shared this with all the children this morning in our celebration assembly and there is already an air of excitement. Auditions and the grand final will all take place during school hours. If you or your child have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher. Good luck to all children who wish to take part!

As we look ahead to our transition week, which is taking place later this term, we are already beginning to think about next year. If parents are purchasing any new school uniform in the coming weeks or months, from September, yellow polo shirts, t-shirts and yellow summer dresses will no longer be part of the George White School uniform. From September, children can wear white or blue polo tops and blue summer dresses. Our PE kit will remain the same next year, with this staying as a plain white t-shirt, black, grey or blue shorts and/or joggers and either a school jumper/cardigan or a plain black, grey or blue jumper or hoodie. If you have any questions, please ask the office staff.

Finally, a reminder to please not walk through the car park at the start and end of the school day. Please use the steps located by the office area. The car park is a busy area of the school during these times of the day and for everyone's safety we politely request this is followed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

**Rights Respecting School Award**

We are very excited to share the news that we are working towards becoming a silver accredited Rights Respecting School.

The children will be involved in talking about all the exciting things we do as a school to promote the rights of children. Please use the link below to finds out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/




## This Week's Attendance

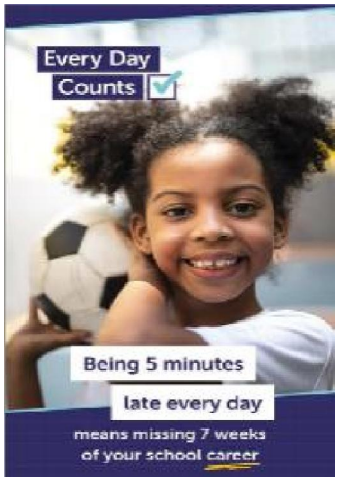
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

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

6 Ness: 83%
6 Palacio: 96%
6 Morpurgo: 92%
5 Almond: 98%
5 Johnson: 97%
4 Tan: 94%
4 Pullman: 95%
3 Potter: 91%
3 Blyton: 99%

**Whole school attendance for this week: 93%**

**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**

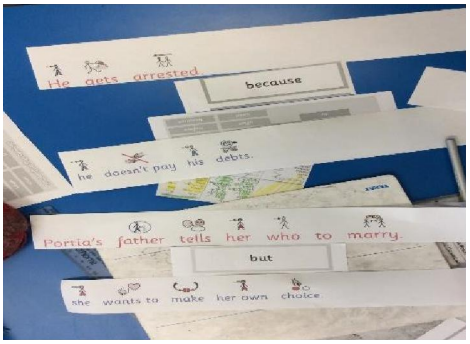


# Look at what we're learning

Year 3

Our beans have germinated and begun to grow. We have been making very careful observations of what happens at each stage and recording them using the scientific language we have learnt. We have also found out about the function of leaves and had a photosynthesis race.
In Maths we have returned to intense practise of column addition and have become far more confident. We know where to write the hundreds, tens and ones and are also able to exchange accurately.
In English we have begun our new text. We have found out all about Venice and begun to read 'The Merchant of Venice'.






**Year 4**

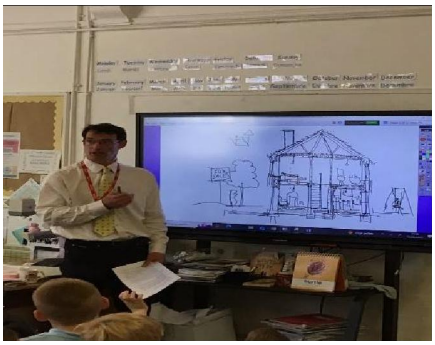
We have had a busy week in year 4, this week the children have completed their Multiplication Times Table check. The children have worked so hard since September on their times tables and it was evident that they were ready to take the test. We would like to say how proud we are of all the year 4 children, approaching the tests with resilience and confidence. Another highlight has been in our Geography lessons where the children have used maps of the Norfolk and Norwich to identify key features of land. We have learnt about human and physical features and how to identify a key on the map for areas of significance. We hope you have a lovely weekend.





**Year 5**

We've had another fantastic week in Year 5. The highlight of the week was welcoming an architect as a special visitor to help us explore the world of building and architecture. The children loved learning about the range of responsibilities and processes involved in planning and constructing a building; we were so impressed with their questions and engagement. We also want to say well done for how hard all the children have been working on their assessments this week! Have a great weekend!





**Year 6**

Normality has resumed here in Year 6 this week! The children have been fully immersed in their learning this week as you can see from our photos in science. We have bee investigating circuits and creating our own. We then created scientific diagrams showing the circuits we created. It has been a lovely week and we hope the children have a lovely weekend.

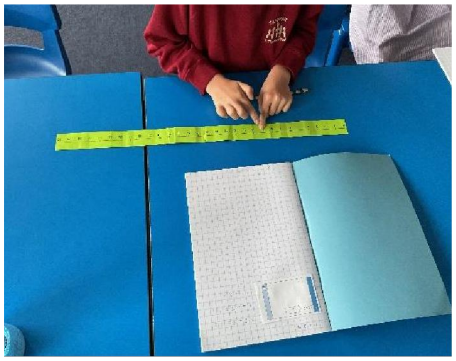




**Blake Class**

A focus on core skills in maths this week. Children have been showing independence in choosing resources from the maths area to support with their learning. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division can all be represented using concrete resources. We then linked our learning, for example if we know that 2 x 8 = 16, we also know that 8 x 2 = 16 and the related division facts. We know a lot more than we thought we did!





# Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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| Friday 20th June | Year 6 Cake Sale from 3.20pm in the playground |
| 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<br>Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm<br>More information regarding tickets to follow |
| Thursday 3rd July | Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm<br>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. |