George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

To all our families,

This week has been another hot and humid one! The heat has been quite difficult in school, particularly in the afternoons. The children are definitely feeling the heat. They are looking really tired and with over three weeks still to go until the end of term, we are all trying to pace ourselves whilst trying to keep as cool as possible. It is vital we all remain hydrated, regular drinks breaks added into our day to support this. Please can I remind all parents to ensure their child comes to school with a named water bottle, thank you.

This week we have been busy both inside school and beyond school. On Tuesday some of our Year 6 children took part in a transition sports event at Sewell Park. The children had a fantastic time and were introduced to a taste of high school life ahead of September. The feedback has been so positive.

On Wednesday our whole school assembly was based on railway safety led by the Rail Safe Team. The children were taught about being railway safe and increasing their awareness of the dangers of railways.

Wednesday also saw Year 4 take part in a variety of activities at Hautbois activity centre in Coltishall. It was wonderful to spend the day with Year 4 and observe their fantastic teamwork and leadership skills in action. They developed confidence and self-belief as they day went on, taking part in a range of activities including zip wiring, archery and climbing. The coach journey home was definitely much quieter than on the way there!

On Thursday Mrs Thirtle took the school choir to the Royal Norfolk Show where they performed five songs. I had the privilege to join the children and watch their performance live. I was so proud of their singing and the way they commanded the stage. A special mention goes to Rosie in Year 5 who sung a solo at the end of the song 'Hero's' by Alesso, well done Rosie. A member of the public stopped Mrs Thirtle on our way out to say *"how brilliant the children were. They were so enthusiastic and it was lovely to see them enjoying themselves. I have been here most of the day and your choir has been one of the best ones, my favourite song was Skater Boy. I haven't heard that song in so long. The children are such a credit to your school. I just needed to come and tell you".* A huge well done to our school choir!

Finally, today we ended the week not with our usual celebration assembly but with a Rock and Pop assembly for the whole school. Music at George White is such an important part of our offer and plays a fundamental part in all we do. Ending the week with such an array of musical ability and talent on show reflects not only the important role it plays at our school, but the positive benefits music plays on all of our wellbeing and mental health. A huge thank you to James from Rock and Pop for leading our assembly this morning.

I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend; it is set to be another very warm one.

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 6 Palacio, 5 Almond & 3 Blyton this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 86%

6 Palacio: 98%

6 Morpurgo: 94%

5 Almond: 98%

5 Johnson: 96%

4 Tan: 94%

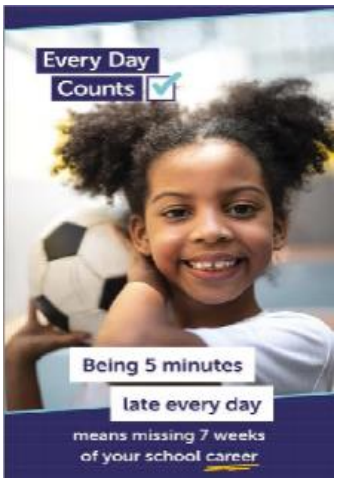
4 Pullman: 94%

3 Potter: 92%

3 Blyton: 98%

Whole school attendance for this week: 95%

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

Another busy week in Year 3! In Maths, we've been learning all about capacity and volume, using practical activities and lots of water to measure and compare liquids. In English, we've been diving into Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, where the children wrote brilliant character descriptions that captured the personalities of key characters like Shylock. Meanwhile, in Geography, we've been investigating how to make our school more bee-friendly, discovering the importance of pollinators and planning ways to create a more welcoming environment for them. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!






Year 4

A busy week in year 4! We had a fantastic time at Hautbois activity centre on Tuesday. We all took part in a variety of activities including, climbing, abseiling, zipwire and more. Lots of children faced their fears and pushed themselves in ways that they couldn't have dreamt of!

In our classwork this week we have planned our non-chronological reports about plastic pollution, begun to learn all ab out money including converting from pounds to pence and comparing amounts of money.

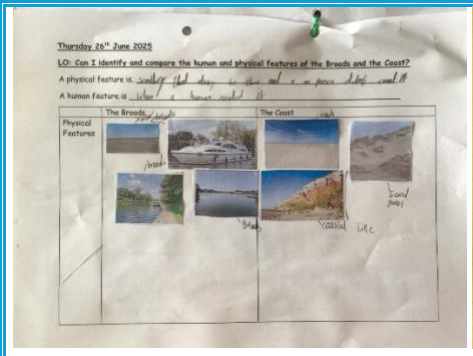
In our science this week we went into the nature garden to look for insects and other creepy crawlies in our local area. In Geography we have continued to make maps of our local area.

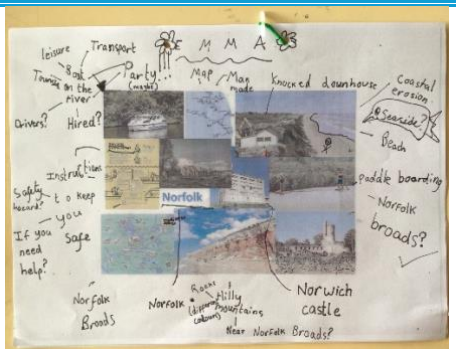


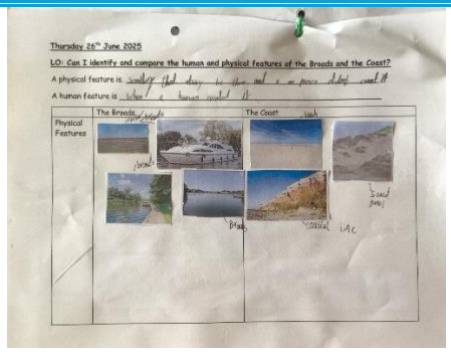


Year 5

We have had another fab week in year 5 and have loved continuing our learning across the curriculum. A highlight this week has been learning about Norfolk tourism - from the Broads to the Coast. We compared human and physical features of both and made visual notes from some videos that highlighted the stunning scenery that we have on our very own doorstep. We also learner about the history of the Broads and the traditional seaside towns.







Year 6

It has been a very busy week this week in the run-up to our Mary Poppins shows. We have been rehearsing and rehearsing and rehearsing! In between our rehearsals, we carried out an experiment to test different variables and components within our circuits; we learnt about the Qur'an and the 'Night of Power' in RE; Samba was played in music and we covered conception to birth in RSE. On Tuesday, 28 children spent a morning at Sewell Park Academy for a sports transition event. It was lovely to see the children socialising with other schools, preparing them for transition and high school! We hope the children have a great weekend before our run of Mary Poppins shows!







Blake Class

This week in Blake class, children have linked their learning in history and art. They learnt about L. S. Lowry who, after the outbreak of the Second World War, served as a volunteer fire watcher and became an official war artist in 1943. As part of this role, he documented the aftermath of the air raids in Manchester. He is most famous for painting industrial scenes. Children created work in his style, thinking about landscapes and skylines during WWII.







Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Monday 30th June	Mary Poppins Dress rehearsal performance to Year 2 Children from Mousehold Infant and Nursery school @ 1.30pm
Tuesday 1st July	The Schools Mental Health Team will be coming into George White Junior School on Tuesday 1st July at 9am to hold a parent's workshop focusing on high school transition. This will be a chance to think about strategies that may help your child during the summer term and into September. They will also be available to discuss any questions and concerns you may have. The workshop will take place in the school hall at 9am, please sign in at the office.
Wednesday 2nd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 1.30pm Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm
Thursday 3rd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July	Moving up sessions All children will be moving up to their new year group and class across these days.
Monday 7th July	New to Year 3 parent welcome meeting at 5pm in the school hall
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.

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