



GEORGE WHITE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 4th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and you had a good half term.

The children have come back to school happy to see their friends once again and ready to continue with their learning. It has been a very busy week in school with a purposeful learning atmosphere, despite the disruption of the roofing works taking place across one side of school. On Monday we welcomed back Mrs Breckenridge from maternity leave, 4 Maple were very pleased to see Mrs Breckenridge on Monday and Tuesday.

As you will have noticed we have roofers in school. We are currently having a new school roof along the left hand side of the school. There has recently been a lot of rain and wind, which has caused some disruption and water leaking into some areas of the school building. I can assure you that any incidents of water leaking through and into school are being identified and dealt with quickly. It is hoped that the roofing works will be completed in around 5 weeks time, though this is weather dependent. So far the weather has not been kind to us.

I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend, thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Petchey and the George White Junior School Team

Our RESPECT VALUES are integrated into the curriculum and enhance each child's development.
We value RESPECT. I show consideration for myself, other people and my environment.

We value Responsibility

I care for myself, others and the environment in which I live.

We value Empathy

I understand other people's feelings and situation.

We value Safety

I tell the truth. I know how to keep myself and others safe.

We value Perseverance

I keep trying when faced with challenges and adapt to change.

We value Engagement

I want to do well, I am interested in learning and want to find things out.

We value Confidence

I think for myself. I take ownership of my own learning and behaviour

We value Teamwork

I am helpful, patient and work well with others.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been applying our place value skills to adding and subtracting. In English, we are embarking on an adventure with Stone Age Boy and learning how to write our very own adventure story. We have begun looking at different rocks and their properties. The children are really enthusiastic to share things from home linked to our Science. We are looking at when History began and learning about The Stone Age in more depth in History.

YEAR 4

This week YR 4 started their Mayan topic in History. They worked together to figure out where periods of history went on a timeline and realised the Maya civilization occurred at the same time as Ancient Egypt.

In English they have started their new book - Shaun Tan's 'The Lost Thing'. They have been coming up with their own Portmanteau words and creating interesting sentences.

YR4 have continued to practice column method subtraction and in PE they have begun to learn football skills.



YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 started looking at multiplication in math's. We have been focusing on multiples and factor pairs for given numbers. In English, we have started our sentence stacking for our adventure stories based on the book 'Gorilla'. We learnt about European flags in Geography, mindfulness in PSHE and search engines in computing.

YEAR 6

In Maths, Year 6 have been refining their division skills and have been introduced to the order of operations: BIDMAS.

In English, we have been enjoying Kensuke's kingdom and imagining survival on a desert island.

In Foundation subjects, we have started a new topic on the Circulatory system and used stethoscopes.

We have used OS maps in Geography to get us ready for an orientation task.

Congratulations to Year 6 children who took part in the 4-1 victory over Magdalen Gates.

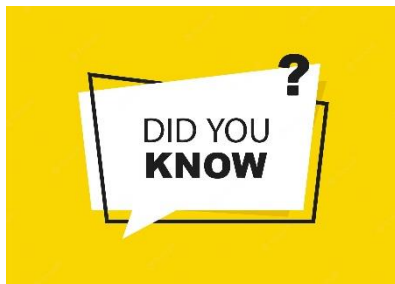
Attendance Matters



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **4 ELM, 6 ASH & 6 LARCH**

With 100 % - Well done!



FACTS OF THE WEEK

The Olympics used to give medals for art, not just sports.

No word in the dictionary rhymes with the word orange.

What's On – Diary Dates



7th November	Year 3 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
8th November	Year 4 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
9th November	Year 5 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
10th November	Year 6 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
14 th November	Friendship and Kindness Week – Anti-bullying Week
14 th November	Odd Socks Day – wear your odd socks to school day to show support for our friendship and kindness week

18 th November	BBC Children in Need – come to school dressed wearing colourful and spotty clothing. You can also show your support by bringing in a monetary donation for Children in Need too.
DECEMBER 2022	
8th December	Christmas fair in the school hall with carol singing by the school choir. 3:20 – 5pm
13th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Disco
14th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco
16th December	3:20pm - End of Autumn term
JANUARY 2023	
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 4 th January	School starts at 8:40am

SCHOOL NOTICES



WANTED - Friends of George White Group

We are still looking to set up a Friends of George White Junior School group. We are still looking for a group of parents and carers who are interested in working alongside some staff to support the school with fundraising ideas and events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more, please speak to Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts in the office. Our first big event will be planning and organising the school Christmas Fair.



BBC Children in Need 2022

On Friday 18th November we are celebrating BBC Children in Need. Your child can come to school on this day wearing bright spotty clothing. If you don't have anything spotty, don't worry just wearing something with a bright colour is fine. If you would like to bring in a monetary donation for this event all donations are warmly welcomed for this charity event.

Odd Socks Day

On Monday 14th November we are hosting an odd socks day to show our support for Friendship and Kindness anti-bullying week. Your child can come to school on this day wearing a pair of odd socks to show their support.

Friendship and Kindness Anti-Bullying Week

The week beginning Monday 14th November is our Friendship and Kindness anti-bullying week.

OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school Facebook page is now up and running. If you haven't already, please like our page. It is an opportunity to find out more about your child's learning as well as any school and community notices. Please find our page linked below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083188067525>

BOOKS, COMICS and MAGAZINES

Thank you to those children and parents who have already donated comics and books for our school library, your support and help is very much appreciated.

We are always looking for good quality used books, magazines and comics. If you have any you no longer need we would love to have them for our children to read in school.

School Uniform:

We would like to remind parents and carers that correct school uniform must be worn at all times. We take pride in wearing our school uniform and want our pupils to look smart. Our winter school uniform consists of:

- ✓ Blue polo top
- ✓ Grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- ✓ Blue school logo jumper/cardigan OR a plain blue jumper/cardigan
- ✓ Black school shoes

Our PE uniform is:

- ✓ White plain t-shirt
- ✓ Black or blue plain sports shorts
- ✓ Black, blue or dark grey plain leggings
- ✓ School logo hoodie or a black or blue jumper. If you do not have either of these, your child can wear their normal school jumper/cardigan to school on their PE days.
- ✓ Trainers

We are seeing some branded clothing and non-school uniform clothing colours being worn in school during PE days. Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit. We do not permit any football kits or branded clothing as these are NOT a part of our PE uniform.

Thank you for your support to ensure all our children look smart and respectable.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named, this makes it easier and quicker for us in school to return items back to the right pupil.

MAKE UP

Please ensure your child does not wear any make up to school. We do not permit the wearing of any make up as this is not part of our school uniform.

School Gates

We would like to politely remind all parents and carers to please not smoke or vape at, or around the school gates and entrance to the school.

We also politely ask for any dogs to be kept off school property and away from all school entrances and exits as we have some children who are frightened and anxious around dogs. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children are to have only healthy snacks for playtimes. Items such as fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks and cereal bars are great but no crisps or chocolate thank you, these should be kept for lunchboxes.

We do not allow sweets in school.



SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Derer is on our school playground every Thursday and Friday morning. Mrs Derer is our school Parent Support Advisor, you may already recognise Mrs Derer as she works at Mousehold every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Derer is always happy to talk to you about any worries relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads who are in school are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen and Mrs Matless.

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

WELLBEING

There are lots of useful websites that support for both adults and children’s mental health and wellbeing. Please see below:

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/downloads>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/growingtogether>

<https://www.qwell.io/>

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



ONLINE SAFETY



10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



 **Community Sports Foundation** 2 h · 

To celebrate a winter of world football, we are hosting a  morning of football at The Nest for 4 to 11-year-olds girls on Sunday 27th November! 



communitysportsfoundation.org.uk
Girls World Football Festival - Sign-up now



Making Sense of SEND FREE INFORMATION FAIR

 **Tues 22 Nov 2022**  **10am-12pm**
 **The Willow Centre, Cringleford**

For parents and carers of children aged 0-25 with SEND. Information stands will include:



There will be a presentation at 10.30am about the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme. 



SCAN ME

Refreshments will be provided, and you are welcome to stay for as long as you'd like.

For more info and to book your free place through Eventbrite, scan the QR code