



GEORGE WHITE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first week back of this new academic year, I would like to say how proud I am of all the children. They have settled back into the school routines quickly and are already settled in their new classes, with their new teachers. The atmosphere around school this week has been highly positive and purposeful.

I would like to remind parents and carers of our welcome meetings next week they are as follows:

Year 4 - Tuesday 13th September 3:30 in the school hall

Year 5 - Wednesday 14th September 3:30 in the school hall

Year 6 - Thursday 15th September 3:30 in the school hall

These welcome meetings are an opportunity for you to find out about the year ahead, discover what your child will be learning this year, key dates and a chance to ask any questions you may have. I hope you find these sessions useful and informative.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Thomas in the office. We wish her and her family all the best for the future. Yesterday we appointed Mrs Paula Watts as our new school secretarial assistant. Mrs Watts we be joining us from Wednesday.

After hearing the sad news of the passing of H R Queen Elizabeth II yesterday, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her 70 years of devoted service and send our thoughts to the Royal Family at this time.

Today, in school we have been remembering HM Queen Elizabeth II and sensitively answering any questions the children may have. On Monday I will be leading a special assembly about the life and the legacy H R Queen Elizabeth II leaves behind.

If any parents and carers would like any advice on talking to their child about bereavement and feeling which may arise from the passing of the Queen, we can help. Nelsons Journey, linked below, is a useful resource providing information and resources you can use at home. [Nelson's Journey | Child Bereavement Help for Norfolk | \(nelsonsjourney.org.uk\)](https://nelsonsjourney.org.uk)

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Nelson's Journey supports children and young people in Norfolk who've experienced the death of a significant person. We provide a range of resources and services, and accept referrals from families and professionals for those who may need our support.

nelsonsjourney.org.uk

I would like to remind you that we will remain open throughout the period of public mourning, the day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore schools will be closed on that day, once we know more we will write to you again.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Petchey and the GWJS Team

Partnership News from Mrs Westall

I have written an impact document, outlining some of the benefits of partnership working. Here is an extract. Further extracts will follow:

Impact of partnership model on the children

The children at both schools have been given memorable experiences:

- Year 3 have visited Mousehold to attend a Maths afternoon, working with all ages from Nursery to Year 2. The Year 3 children enjoyed coming back to Mousehold and were excited and could articulate their favourite moments when there last year. The younger children looked up to the Year 3s and were helped by them with their Maths learning.
- Year 2 children have visited GWJS Year 3 children for a Maths afternoon and this supported with transition for the children who will be starting there in Sept 2022.
- Year 6 children watched the Year 2 Samba Drumming performance. They remembered learning Samba when at Mousehold and could talk about how their learning in music since then has built upon the foundations of music at Mousehold.
- Joint working for Refugee Week. There will be displays on both schools to share the work the children have completed from Nursery to Year 6 – to show respect and understanding of refugees in our schools and their families. This links to the 'Respect' ethos at GWJS and the 'High Five' at Mousehold.
- The progression of learning is clear from Nursery to Year 6, and subject leaders have worked together on this. This means that children's learning builds upon previous learning and this gives the children the best chance to learn more and remember more, leading to better outcomes at the end of Year 6.

Weduc Registration

Please keep a look out for your registration email to Weduc, these have been resent in case parents and carers have not yet received this yet.

If you have any questions or need support in setting up your account then please contact the school. We look forward to communicating with you more effectively using our new Weduc App.

Year 3 has settled really well at George White. We have been learning about place value in Maths. In English we are learning to write a story based on Little Red Reading Hood. The children have been

excited to learn French and about where we are in the world in Geography. Well done Year 3 on a very successful week.

Year 4 We are really impressed with how the year 4 children have settled into their new classes, we have been introducing our new topics for geography, science and RE. In art, the children preserved to create a self-portrait using the prior skills they learnt in year 3.

Year 5 This week we have had a busy week. The children have settled in well and worked hard. In our maths work, we have been learning all about Roman numerals up to 1000. In English we have begun writing based on *The Whale* by Ethan and Vita Murrow. In our foundation subjects, we have begun to learn about Ancient Greeks in History and states of matter in Science.

Year 6 have made a fantastic start. They are setting a splendid example to the rest of the school showing great behaviour and following the respect ethos. They have been setting up experiments with prisms and mirrors to show how light travels in straight lines and learning about the exodus of people from the Caribbean on the Windrush boat in the 1940s. All children in Year 6 have a diary now to record key dates and homework activities.

Many thanks – The School Office