



NEWSLETTER – Friday 19th May 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Bonjour from George White Junior School. Yesterday saw children take part in our whole school French day. There was much discussion in our celebration assembly this morning about the learning that took place, and the food that was made and consumed. It was such a huge success for everyone who took part. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lincoln for planning and organising such a successful event. This week, has also seen children learning and taking part beyond our school site. On Monday afternoon a group of children from across the school took part in an athletics event at Sewell Park Academy. On Wednesday, Year 5 visited West Runton Beach to look at the effects of coastal erosion, and today Year 6 spent the afternoon at Mousehold Heath as part of their Norwich through time History unit. Another busy week has been had!

I would like to remind parents and carers of our DT open door event taking place on Thursday next week. It will be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

A message from Mr Griffiths, one of our Year 4 parents:

A number of parents are setting up a parents group for those with children at George White. This group will be working with the school to support a parent voice with positive links and communication between the school and parents, as well as looking at how we can use our skills and expertise to support the school.

We are meeting this Sunday, 21st May, at 4:30pm in The Stanley on the corner of Knowsley Road and Magdalen Road. You'll be able to find us in the garden room at the back of the pub. If you're keen to get involved, please do pop along and help shape how the group might look.

If you want to get involved but can't make the meeting, please pop us and email on gwparentgroup@gmail.com



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning to find equivalent fractions using a number, quite a tricky concept!. In English we have started a new writing unit based on the text 'How to look after an iRobot dog. The children are looking forward to using some of the technical language in their writing!. We have explored the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians in History and looked at the function of leaves in flowering plants in Science. We very much enjoyed French day where we explored Paris, ate some bread and French cheese, and painted in the style of Paul Cezanne.



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been very excited to start the new English unit about persuasive adverts. In Maths we have fun using concrete resources to explore and recap the concept of time. In PE we have continued to practise our tennis skills and have begun to learn how to rally the ball more confidently. To 'rally' things up we have had a great 'time' learning about Canada (specifically Quebec) during the French Day. We showcased our wonderful projects in front of the school. C'était magnifique !



Year 4 Notice:

It's been so lovely to see so many of you at our multiples drop in sessions. Here's a reminder of when and where the sessions take place. All Year 4s and their parents/carers and siblings are welcome. These sessions will also be running until the end of the term.

Day and Time	Host
Tuesday 15:30 – 15:50	Mrs Breakenridge in 4 Maple
Wednesday 15:30 – 15:50	Mrs Cojoc in 4 Maple
Thursday 15:30 – 15:50	Miss Webber in 4 Elm
Friday 15:30 – 15:50	Miss Ferguson in 4 Sycamore

YEAR 5

This week has been super exciting for Year 5! We have started our new unit in English based on 'Refugees'. We researched refugees to find out as many facts as possible that will support us with our upcoming sentence stacking. Our outcome for this unit will be to write a speech. In math's we looked at translation of shapes as well as lines of symmetry. In PE, we practiced relay - specifically looking at how to effectively pass the baton from one person to the next. In addition, we had a go at triple jump and tried to beat our own personal best's! We have started looking at Hinduism in RE. We learnt about the different Gods and said which was our favourite and why. On Wednesday, we took a trip to the coast! We walked from West Runton to East Runton - and then back again! We observed the impact of coastal erosion, identified different sea defenses and we went for a fossil hunt. Thursday was French day. We created tourist information videos for Benin, tried food and played games from Benin, and created some beautiful collages. In science, we learnt about how the body changes in adulthood and old age.



YEAR 6

Year 6 enjoyed their choice of activities for their 'free' afternoon following their final SATS test last Friday. We are all so proud of their resilience and conduct throughout the tests. We had full attendance and the Year group showed great attitude.

In English, we are still adding to their writing portfolios for their KS2 Teacher's writing assessment. They are currently completing a poem about an arctic fox. These are all full of great description and figurative language. In Maths, we are focussing on angles and will soon be moving on to shape and co-ordinates.

In History, we continue to look at how Norfolk has changed in the last 100 years. to look at its history: airfields, crash sites, tram routes and hidden churches.

In Science, we are constructing electrical circuits and seeing how they can be overloaded and investigating how voltage affects lamp brightness.

On Thursday 18th May, French day, children experienced what life is like in the French-speaking island of Tahiti finding out about its culture and making Tahiti punch!

In PE, we have started practising for Sports Day which is just after the half-term break.

Next week, we have planned a visit to 'The Space' for 'Crucial Crew'. Children will be able to see and experience how the emergency services function.

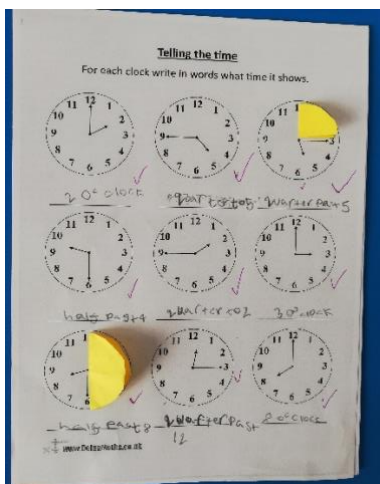


APPLE CLASS

Telling the time was the focus in Apple class this week. We used clocks and folded paper to show fractions (halves and quarters) to help us with our learning. We also learnt how to write important words related to time.

We have been experimenting with different types of poems, using similes and adjectives, and created these fabulous shape poems about the sun. One description we particularly liked was the sun, 'as hot as dragon's breath'!

As usual, we ended the week with a story while enjoying our baking. Our lemon drizzle cupcakes tasted as good as they looked and filled the classroom with the wonderful sweet smell all afternoon! Well done Apple class, a great week.



What's On

MAY 2023	
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 5 to Theatre Royal – Connecting Cultures Music event
Thursday 25 th May	DT Day. Parents and carers invited in to school to work with their child on their DT project at 9-10am and 1:30-3:00pm
Friday 26 th May	Year 6 Crucial Crew trip
Monday 29 th May	HALF TERM
JUNE 2023	
Monday 5 th June	Welcome back after half term – gates open at 8:40am
Monday 5 th June	Art Week – whole school art week events
Monday 5 th June – Friday 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon from 1pm on the school field Please note this date change
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon from 1pm on the school field Please note this date change
Thursday 15 th June	International Day – whole school event. More details to follow
Friday 16 th June	Day of Welcome – whole school event
Friday 23 rd June	Athletics Event at UEA
Monday 26 th June – Wednesday 28 th June	Assessment week for Year 3, 4 and 5.
27 th and 28 th June	GW Got Talent
Thursday 29 th June	Science Day – whole school event
JULY 2023	
Monday 3 rd July	DT Day. Parents and carers invited in to school to work with their child on their DT project at 9-10am and 1:30-3:00pm
Thursday 6 th July	Athletics Event at Heartsease
Friday 7 th July	Summer Fair from 3:20-5:00pm
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 3 & 4 end of year disco from 3:20 – 4:45
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 end of year disco from 3:20-4:45

Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 leavers disco – 3:20-4:45 Subject to change due to High school transition days
Friday 14 th July	End of year reports out to all parents and carers
Dates to be Confirmed	Year 6 Farm Trip
Friday 21 st July	Whole school final assembly at 11:30am
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 leavers assembly – parents and carers invited 2:30pm
Friday 21 st July	Term ends at 3.20pm

No Smoking On the School Site

Please can we remind all parents and carers that smoking is not permitted in any part of the school at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, sports field or car parks.

Silver Road Community Centre

Large Collection of School uniform & Food bank - Open: Thursdays 10.30 - 12.15

Community Fridge Saturdays & Food Bank Fresh food & bakery - Saturdays 11.00 - 12.15. To Book an Appointment Please call [07786694325](tel:07786694325)

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Derer is on our school playground every Thursday and Friday morning from 8:45am. Mrs Derer is our school Parent Support Advisor, and you may already recognise her as she works at Mousehold every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Derer is always happy to talk to you about any worries or concerns 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 are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen, Miss Alderton, Ms Connor, Mrs Derer and Mrs Burman

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



ONLINE SAFETY



Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.

