



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year 2023-24. This has by far been our busiest year in recent times. Staff and children have worked tirelessly together to achieve so much. The experiences through our offer have been broad and engaging and I hope this year has left your child with many delightful memories as they look back over the year. Our school values, which were newly introduced at the start of the year, are now fully embedded in our daily school life and routines and it is a delight to see our children

### **Being Honest - Being Respectful - Being Kind and Being Confident**

Last week was our transition week, where we saw our new Year 3 children join us from Mousehold Infant School. It was lovely to welcome them to George White and our Celebration Assembly on Friday morning saw us all together as a school for the first time. Last week also saw our current Year 6 children take part in their high school transition days. This year our Year 6 children are moving on to 9 different high schools in and around Norwich. We hope Year 6 have had a lovely time at their new high school and we cannot wait to hear about this when they return for their final week with us today. Year 6, you are all ready for the challenges and opportunities that high school brings and we know when you begin Year 7 in September you will continue to flourish and shine.

As we end the year, we are not just saying goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff moving on. It is always sad to have to say our goodbyes, but we wish all staff the very best of luck as they begin their exciting new chapters. On Friday, we say goodbye to:

**Miss Potter** who is moving on to teach Year 1 at Lionwood Infant School

**Miss Ferguson** who is moving on to teach Year 2 at Drayton Infant School

**Mr Mitchel and Mrs Hussein** two of our teaching assistants who had a one-year contract which ends at the end of this term.

**Mrs Sweeny** one of our Midday Supervisors is retiring after being at the school for 33 years. Mrs Sweeny has shown such commitment to our school where she has seen many changes and developments. To be at George White for so many years is a true testament to her loyalty and hard work for the school and the many, many children she has helped and supported at lunchtime over the years. Mrs Sweeny, you truly deserve the rest!

Finally, myself and all the staff at George White would like to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers who have supported us throughout the year. Without you, we would not be ending the school year with such positive memories made. We are so excited for the year ahead, but first we all need a holiday to rest, recharge and reflect.

Have an amazing summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 8:30am.

## A polite reminder of our PE uniform

Our PE kit comprises of a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue, black or dark grey shorts or joggers, plain dark blue, black or dark grey jumper or a school jumper and caridgon and trainers. If you are struggling to source the correct PE kit, please speak to either Mrs Derer, Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts in the school office as we may have spare PE kit in school which we can offer.

## School Car Park

We are still seeing some parents and children walking through the school car park in the morning and at the end of the day. For your safety, we ask all parents, carers and children to use the steps at the side of school by the office. The school car park can become quite busy and using the steps rather than walking through the car park is the safest option, thank you.

**No  
pedestrian  
access to  
car park**



## OUR YEAR IN REFLECTION

### YEAR 3

We are so proud of how Year 3 have grown and developed over the last year. They have truly been so wonderful, resilient, kind and hardworking.

Despite all of the changes and transitions, which they handled incredibly maturely, we have filled the year with so much exciting learning. We have been transported to the Stone Ages, Ancient Egypt, Anglo-Saxon and Viking periods in History; we ventured around our local area and learnt lots of interesting facts about Norwich, and then compared our climate to other parts of the world in Geography. We have been creative and expressive in Art, as well as understanding our rights and responsibilities in RSHE and how we contribute to our communities. We had our Maths thinking caps on all year, exploring place value, the four operations, learning about time and money and rehearsing our 3, 4, 6 and 9 times tables. We have taken Maths outside and used our playground and school garden to help us with our learning, visualising concepts in different and abstract ways to support with consolidation. In English we have produced some beautiful pieces of creative writing and have made it our mission to 'deepen the moment' whilst doing so, taking inspiration from fiction texts such as 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy', 'Little Red Reading Hood', 'The Wolves in the Walls' to name a few, as well as our non-fiction texts where we have used technology and books to discover relevant and topical information. In Science we have experimented, hypothesised, questioned and became fascinated by fossils, plants, the human body, laws of motion and light and shadow, as well as having visitors in to help us with our learning. We had visits from animal experts, a Biologist and a Chemist, and learnt about the work of Mary Anning, Beatrix Potter and Sir Isaac Newton.

We have been on some fabulous trips to the Time and Tide Museum, West Stowe, The Millenium Library, The Bridewell Museum and Hickling Broad and have definitely made the most of hosting experience days in our lovely school grounds.

Mrs Lincoln and Miss Potter have absolutely adored teaching the children from 3 Blyton and 3 Potter, and both feel very lucky to have shared this year with them all. We know they will continue to be phenomenal students and flourish in Year 4.

Well done on a tremendous year,

Mrs Lincoln, Miss Potter, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Desborough and Mr Abbott.

### YEAR 4

What a fantastic Year 4 we have had, with the children working hard and making progress in all areas of their learning. Particular highlights were our trips and visitors, including facing our fears with a high climb and katanauing down the river at Hautbois Activity Centre - and some children getting entwined in the bushes!

Roman Day was a brilliant experience with many children dressed for the occasion as soldiers, emperors, citizens and slaves. We were fortunate enough to meet a Roman settler who help us make coins, work collaboratively to dress up in armour and practise Roman army tactics like The Turtle to prepare for battle. There have been some explosive (and very messy) moments in our science and geography lessons, such as investigating how volcanoes erupt, testing types of tectonic plates, exploring which materials make the best insulators and understanding how the digestive system works, including the production of poo!

Our English work has covered a wide range of different types of writing, t example newspaper reports about finding a strange creature washed up on a beach, different types of stories, a historical diary and a tour guide about the water cycle. The poems children wrote linked to our river theme impressed us with how well they flowed! Children have been inspired to write by participating in such drama activities as role play, conscience alley, freeze frames and hot-seat questioning in role.

Memorable maths work has been going on a time treasure hunt, analysing angles, making terrific triangle types with art straws - and we cannot forget, the big battles of the bands between the classes. The teachers were blown away at how many achieved Rock Legends we had in Year 4. We created a feast for the eyes with art and DT work about food with sculptures using a range of materials - one looked good enough to eat and another was actually eaten! We even considered the French words for our food.

Au-revoir to everyone in Year 4 - it's been a blast! Good luck with your continued learning journey in to Year 5. With best wishes and much affection, The Year 4 Team

## YEAR 5

What a year we have had in year 5. We have fitted in so many amazing learning experiences from visiting Happisburgh, touring the Tudor hotspots of Norwich, virtual reality zooming through space, spending a day as an evacuee in Gressenhall and finding out all about where our food comes from on our trip to the farm. As if that wasn't enough, we have built and tested bridges, investigated doodlers and have planned a luxurious 3 course seasonal menu in DT. We have designed and made houses, learnt all about typography and maps, and monotypes in Art. We have travelled through time, visiting the Ancient Greeks, the Tudors and World War 2 in our history, and have travelled from Norfolk, across Europe and the world and back again in our Geography. We have explored so many fantastic texts in English and Vipers, including how to survive being stranded on Mars, zoomed through space in Cosmic and One Small Step and looked at life in WW2 through the eyes of a German child. In Science, we have investigated forces, changing materials, animal, plant and human lifecycles and learnt all about the solar system including learning some amazing songs along the way. Our maths has been amazing, learning how to multiply, divide, add and subtract large numbers, learnt how to use decimals, fractions and percentages and much, much more. All in all, a very busy year and one that all the children should be very pleased with.

As teachers, we are all very proud of what the children have achieved this year, and we look forward to seeing how amazing they continue to be in year 6. Well done and have a very well-earned summer break.

## YEAR 6

What a year it has been for Year 6! From September to July, it was packed full of exciting experiences and lots of learning. We started off the year with a residential trip to Bawdsey Manor where the children worked as a team and overcame their fears. We then had visitors from a Norwich Mosque come in and talk to us about Islam. As we made our way into the Spring Term, we had a fascinating trip to the Bridewell Museum where we were fortunate enough to attend a chocolate workshop as well as have a look around the museum itself. As always, the Summer Term is the busiest yet! We had a Crucial Crew trip where we learnt all about staying safe in different environments and what to do if we were ever to get into dangerous situations. We have also had Bikeability in where children were able to learn how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. To top it all off, we put on four shows of our school production 'Matilda!'. It was a brilliant show that exhibited so much talent and joy. Furthermore,

our learning this year has been amazing. We have learnt how to write beautiful narratives of different genres in English; we learnt all about algebra in maths; science saw us learn about evolution and inheritance and we have learnt so much more! All this hard work prepared the children for their KS2 SATs. We are so proud of every single child for fully embracing SATs and Year 6 in general. With so much change about to happen, they have coped with everything amazingly and they have taken everything in their stride. As we prepare to say goodbye for the final time, it has given us a great opportunity to reflect on the time spent together as a year group. It has been a busy year, but it has been wonderful. We would like to wish Year 6 the best of luck as they move on to high school.

### Blake Class

Blake class have had a brilliant end to the year. Some of the most important skills we work on in Blake class are team building, cooperation, taking turns, communication and problem solving, so it was lovely to see children working together to make structures to hold a beanbag. We heard some thoughtful and considered ideas being shared and children stepped out of their comfort zone, allowing others to take the lead if they are a natural leader or taking charge if they usually take a step back. These photos sum up what it means to be part of the SRB. Children are part of a group of children from schools across Norfolk but they come together as a team, a unit. They work incredibly hard during their time with us and then return to their home schools with strategies to continue their learning and build independence. Well done Blake class on another fabulous year. Have a well-deserved break and we will see some of you when you return after the summer holidays!

