



GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

We've been incredibly busy this week in our last full week before the Christmas holidays!

This week we had a visit from two of our neighbourhood police PC Merry and PC Hughes. They spoke to the children about how to keep safe in the local area and about e-safety. The children were very happy to see them and asked some excellent questions. We also were delighted to hear that PC Merry has organised a fundraising event for our school next year so that we can install more CCTV around our playground. PC Merry is going to arrange a day with us where the police, fire brigade, ambulance, dog unit and army will come to our playground and children can meet them and find out what each service does. We are very grateful and happy that our community police officers are so involved with our school.

On Tuesday we were joined by two very special furry visitors! We brought two reindeer into school and used them as a stimulus for the children's writing. Children were able to stroke and feed the reindeer and we loved having them here. We hope that children will remember the experience for a long time.

On Thursday we watched the Year 1-6 Christmas concert at St John the Baptist Church in Leytonstone. The children sang brilliantly and were so confident and happy, it really was the highlight of our school year so far. We wanted to try doing the concert at the church as it is such a beautiful venue, and felt that it went very well. We aim for even bigger and better next year. Thank you to the teachers who helped their class prepare for the event and to our music teacher Mr Green for being so enthusiastic about bringing more music to our school.

The animals have settled in well to GT! It has been great to watch the children interact with the rabbits and guinea pigs and be so caring with them. This week's attendance winners were 3NK and they will keep the bunnies next week. The class with absolutely no lates at all were 4LC and they will house the guinea pigs. Well done to everyone! Attendance is a real focus for us as a school and we hope the animals will act as an incentive to our pupils.

Today we had a wonderful visit from Google Expeditions! We are incredibly grateful to Paul Carvill, one of our parents who works for Google, who arranged for them come in to work with us. They only work with specially selected schools and so this was a real honour! Every child from Year 2 to Year 6 spent time exploring a virtual reality using Apple equipment. They were transported to the Galapagos Islands, the Arctic and coral reefs! It was an amazing experience which the children should remember for life. I hope they spend time explaining the experience to you tonight!

I greatly enjoyed doing a very well-attended parent tour today with prospective parents. They had heard very good things about our school and I was happy to share the exciting changes we have made so far along with our great staff and engaging learning environment. We are certainly a school with much to be proud of and a very bright future!

We are very excited to be updating our book corners with money from the PTFA. The teachers are in competition with one another to create the most exciting and inviting book corner in the school to win a prize! A huge thank you to the PTFA for their continued support and fundraising.

We finish for Christmas next week on Wednesday at 2pm. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful new year in 2017!

Verity Carter

Headteacher



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Matthew Laban
Associate Head



Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher

Weekly Events

Whole school star of the week assembly –
Every Friday at 9am

Head Teacher Drop in – Every Wednesday
9:15am-11am

Upcoming dates

End of Term Christmas Assembly –
Wednesday 21st December 9am

**End of Term – Wednesday 21st
December – School day ends at 2pm**

Writers of the week & Reading Rocket Winners & Sports Stars!

Congratulations and well done to this week's WRITER'S OF THE WEEK.

Alfie 3NK, Darshan 1CH, Anaya 5SK, Haider 6AC, Scarlett 6AK, Rimas 4LC, Anas A 4JT, Andrei 2AK, Ibrahim 1MM, Milita 3MP, Bilel 3MJ, David 2NV

Congratulations and well done to this week's READING ROCKET WINNERS.

Kaysia 3NK, Lillie 3NK, Hubert 1CH, Muneeba 6AC, Umme 6AK, Olivier 4LC, Anas A 4JT, Eddie 2AK, Precious 1MM, Mehri 3MP, Manpreet 3MJ, Hafsa 2NV, Anushka 2NV, Ruby 2NV

Congratulations and well done to this week's SPORTS STARS OF THE WEEK

Phase 1

David 2NV & Nyla 3NK

Phase 2

Rosario 4JT & Kaysha 5SK

EYFS

Orchi RLS & Henry RLS

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations and well done to this week's STARS OF THE WEEK!



Alizay 5SK, Alanna 6AK, Cedric 1MM, Ruby 3MP, Dikra 3MJ, Maisha 2NV, Nyla 3NK, Demi 6AS, Tariq 1CH & Kyah 6AC

Class Corner – 4JT

I must say that 4JT has had one of our best weeks yet! It seems that every day has been packed with exciting learning opportunities and outstanding accomplishments. Our biggest highlight has to have been our performance of The Grinch during the George Tomlinson Christmas Concert. Each student worked so hard on this task and performed beautifully. I couldn't be more proud!

In Literacy, we have been reading various texts related to Christmas including informational papers about reindeer. In addition, we have had visits from real reindeer and asked their carers questions to further our understanding. We read a famous poem about Christmas Eve and even wrote our own creative versions entitled 'The Nightmare just before Christmas.' Excitingly, we were able to take a trip to the North Pole via a virtual reality program called Google Expedition to help add more interesting details. We got a little carried away and also explored Antarctica and a coral reef!

We ended this week sharing delicious Christmas lunch together in the Hall where I was impressed with the generosity of my students and their lovely table manners.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to wish my class and the other students of GT a happy and safe holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Miss Tamblyn

Notices

Attendance Awards

Well done to the following classes for fabulous attendance this week!

1st Place 3NK 98%

2nd Place 3MJ 97%

3rd Place 6AC 96%



Punctuality Award

Well done to **4LC** for exceptional punctuality this week and all children arriving on time for school!

Last Day of Term

We break up for the Christmas Holiday on 21st December at **2pm**
Afterschool Club **will not** be running on this day, please collect your children promptly at **2pm**

Class Parties

It has been a busy and eventful Spring Term and the children have worked extremely hard! Now it's time to party! On **Tuesday 20th December**, we will have our class parties and would greatly appreciate contributions of food and drink for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to contribute, please give food and drink to the class teacher on **Monday 19th December at either 8:45am or 3:15pm.**

Please ensure that no fizzy drinks or food containing nuts are provided.

We look forward to celebrating the end of term and would like to thank you in advance for any contributions.

Christmas Events Calendar

Event	Date
Reindeer visiting the school!	Tuesday 13 th December
Years 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 Christmas Concert	Thursday 15 th December - 2pm - 3pm
Christmas Lunch	Friday 16 th December
Father Christmas visiting Nursery & Reception	Monday 19 th December
Class Parties	Tuesday 20 th December
End of term Christmas Assembly	Wednesday 21 st December 9am

Christmas Concert

Thank you to those of you who able to join us for our Christmas Concert this week and well done to the children for performing so beautifully! We'd like to say a huge thanks to Mr Green who did a brilliant job of organising the event.

We hope that you enjoyed it as much as the children did!



A huge well done to the GT dance group who performed at the Christmas concert yesterday. You were all brilliant and made us extremely proud.



Santa's Reindeers!

We had a magical visit from Santa's Reindeers this week! The children had the opportunity to ask questions to the Reindeer Keepers and learnt many interesting facts!

Most definitely a day to remember!



Our Rabbits and Guinea Pigs have settled in!

The children and staff have been so excited with the new additions to the GT family! They've settled in very quickly.



Don't leave anything behind

When dropping off and collection your children, please keep an eye out for anything that may fall from your pockets or bags onto the playground.



We are excited to say that George Tomlinson will be the latest school to join the fun in the DAILY MILE programme. As a school we will complete a mile a day either walking or jogging. The Daily Mile is very simple to start in a school. Without wasting time to change into kit, every child in the school goes out each day in the fresh air to run, jog or walk

for 15 minutes. It is not competitive and most children average a mile, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but a physical activity that is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

We look forward to starting this in the New Year.

GT TV

GT sports team will be launching GT TV. We now have a sports display solely for sports news. The sports prefects and captains will interview players and deliver match reports from the week's events. This will then be added to the website, twitter page and be shown on the TV screen in the school reception. This is great way to celebrate and show the fantastic sports achievements of the children at George Tomlinson.

W; <http://www.georgetomlinsonprimary.com/>

T; @George_Tom16

A huge well done to the GT dance group who performed at the Christmas concert yesterday. You were all brilliant and made us extremely proud.



E-Safety & Monitoring at home

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to express my concern about our pupils' use of social media applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram, usually on their mobile phones. As an example, it has been brought to my attention that some children are experiencing bullying and receiving abusive messages on WhatsApp. As a school we cannot police how children use their phones or computers at home.

I want to request that you speak to your children about the seriousness of sending unpleasant messages online and the effect that it can have on others. I'd also urge you to be aware of what is on your child's phone and make sure that they tell you if they receive anything that makes them feel upset.

At our school, we teach children about the importance of being safe online so that they will have the tools to know what is and isn't acceptable. The way that children use social media is changing quickly and we need to work together with parents to protect them.

As a school we take bullying incredibly seriously and want all children to feel safe and happy. My hope is that we can work together on this to make sure that social media is only used in a positive way and brings benefits to our pupils.

Please see below link for a recent Facebook page for Parents providing information on cyber bullying.

<https://www.facebook.com/safety/bullying/parents>

We would to thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Verity Carter
Headteacher