

GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a very busy and enjoyable week at GT!

Our assemblies this week have been based around behaviour and safety; reminding children what to do should they have issues with their friends. We want all children at George Tomlinson to feel that they are well looked after and can always approach adults should they have difficulties. We will not tolerate bullying or poor behaviour and we have already noticed that behaviour around the school is improving. We have celebrated many children achieving a Gold award in these past two weeks, from our 'Good to be Green' behaviour system. A display explaining how the system works is up in the reception area in addition to the letter we sent home last week.

On Monday we are launching Read, Write, Inc in our EYFS and KS1 classrooms. Read, Write Inc is a superb phonics system widely used in schools which ensures rapid progress for all learners. The system relies on precision teaching in differentiated groups; making it accessible for every pupil. We look forward to updating you on its progress after half term.

On Friday I enjoyed my first 'Tea with the Headteacher!' gathering. I had tea and cakes with a child from every class across the school to reward them for excellence! The reasons they were chosen ranged from doing an outstanding piece of work, displaying a positive attitude, helping a friend or for improved behaviour. The reasons were brilliant and we had a great time chatting through what they enjoy about school! Well done to everyone! I look forward to meeting more children at this next week!

George Tomlinson is at a very exciting point in its history and we are looking to the future! Therefore it seems the appropriate time to work collaboratively and create a vision statement which will feed through everything we do. In order to develop this we would like to invite parents into school to be part of writing this on October 12th at 6pm. Here we will collate ideas for our school motto which will stay with us for the next chapter in the school's life. I'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Our new website is almost ready! We will launch it next week with a letter home. We will also be using Twitter and Instagram to communicate with parents and look forward to you joining us online!

Parents have asked me what is happening with our Year 6 residential trip this year. I have been made aware that very few parents expressed an interest in the proposed trip to PGL last year, mainly due to the high cost. I'd love for the trip to be as inclusive as possible and have researched Grosvenor Hall in Kent as a cheaper but no less exciting alternative. I will be sending home a letter next week with details on it and would appreciate you responding as soon as you can so that we can arrange this.

I hope that you will be able to join me on October 6th at the 'Meet the Headteacher' evening at 6pm. I'd love to discuss my ideas for GT and answer any questions you may have. Please also note that I am always available for a Headteacher drop in each Wednesday between 9.15am-11am and if you need to meet me outside of these hours please email me on verity.carter@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Verity Carter

Headteacher



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Matthew Laban
Associate Head

Weekly Events

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

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

Upcoming dates

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 29th
September 3:30pm

Meet the Headteacher – Thursday
6th October 6pm

School vision meeting – Wednesday
12th October 6pm

Stars of the week!



**Congratulations and well done to this week's
STARS OF THE WEEK, you've all displayed great positive qualities:**

Zara Hasany, Iris Rimmer, Joseph Britton, Qaim Parker, Sameer Zaib, Yacoub Grairi, Genevieve Carvill, Omotomilola Oyerinde, Holly Howarth, Leonard Lichev, Mohammad Ayann, Maryam Adeel, Samantha Sharpe, Holly Eve, Shannon Bridgeman, Amani Alsarraj & Joe Joe Jollands

Class Corner - RSR

This week our children have been learning how to retell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff using actions and familiar story telling language. Whilst describing main events they have taken on the role of the characters within small world play, puppet shows and role-play.

In maths children have been learning how to recite, recognise and use careful counting to calculate different arrangements of objects.

We have been focusing on friendship and sharing through the stories of Every Little Thing and The Rainbow Fish as well as recalling significant events in their own experiences. All reception classes have started the Read Write Inc phonics scheme and it has helped to promote the importance of early mark making and writing.

Mr Ramdial



...TO THE EYFS!

It's been a pleasure welcoming the children into the new term and seeing how quickly they are adapting to the routines of school life. As several of you have commented, once they are through the door and onto the carpet, they are already self-registering and attempting to scribe their names. Thank you for working with us to get them in *on time and ready to learn!*

We are keen to increase our EYFS provision as well as building a surplus of resources to enable us to replace objects throughout the year. I have provided a list below and if you are able to donate any of the following, I would be very grateful. I will set up a drop off point in the outdoor area next week. Thank you in advance.

Water and Sand Play

Plastic jugs and bottles, Measuring containers, Syringes, Shells and stones, Funnels Sieves and Ladles and utensils

Exploring Indoors and Out

Spades and forks, Magnifying glasses, Bug boxes, Binoculars, Nature books, Spare raincoats, Spare umbrellas, Spare wellington boots, Spring bulbs, Small gardening tools, Watering cans

Play dough and cooking

Rolling pins, Cutters, Small toy cookers, Plastic plates & Utensils, Cookery books, Baking trays
Wooden spoons, Play dough, Plasticine or modeling clay

Home Corner

Baby dolls, Toy clothing, Toy blankets, Plastic mobile phones, Household objects, Notepads, pens & pencils

Music

Musical instruments, Music CDs & DVDs, Microphones

Exploring Indoors and Out

Dressing up clothes, Masks, Shoes, Nurse/doctor sets, Handbags and bags, Animal outfits

As of next week, the children will be in school full time. Please ensure children are in school by 8.55am for registration and are picked up at 3.30pm for Nursery and 3.15pm for Reception. Gates will be closed promptly after these times. If you are late, please make your way to the main office.

Date for your diary: Thursday, 29th September - Meet the Parents

In the meantime, should you have any concerns or questions, please contact your class teacher or myself where we will be happy to help.

Staff will make themselves available 5 minutes before the start of day should you wish to catch them.

Mrs Rachael Clements (Assistant Head – EYFS)

GTPS Sports Clubs

Date & Time of Clubs	Club names	Time	Price
Monday Lunchtime	Dodge ball 1,2 & 3	12:00pm to 12:40pm	
Monday Afterschool	Football 4, 5 & 6	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£2 per session
Tuesday Lunchtime	Fun & Games 1,2 & 3	12:00pm to 12:40pm	
Wednesday Afterschool	Football 1,2 & 3	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£2 per session
Thursday Lunchtime	Dodge ball 4, 5 & 6	12:30pm to 1:10pm	
Thursday Afterschool	Tennis 4, 5 & 6	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£2 per session
Friday Lunchtime	Street dance 4, 5 & 6	12:30pm to 1:10pm	
Friday Afterschool	Table tennis 4, 5 & 6	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£2 per session



SPORTS STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations and Well Done to this weeks sports stars, you've all displayed true sportsman qualities

PHASE 1 - Ivy 1CH, Jaden 2NV

PHASE 2 - Jessie 3NK, Ayaam 4JT

Congratulations and Well Done to our SWIMMER OF THE WEEK:

Oliwia 5WS

FOOTBALL TRIALS

Well Done to all the children who took part in the Football Trials last week.

We were extremely impressed by the talent and effort from the children. Jake and Jade.

Lost Property

Please ensure that you regularly check the labels on your child's school uniform, bags and lunchboxes as children's belongings often get mixed up.

The "Lost Property" box is now overflowing. In order to help parents collect their children's belongings, we are going to display everything so that you may take what is yours.

This will be happening on **Wednesday, 28 September** ,from 8:30 till 9:15.

Items with no names will be available for you to take for free. Anything left behind will be disposed of

Transfer To Secondary School 2017

If your child is currently in Year 6 and they are due to start Secondary School in September 2017, please be advised that the eAdmissions website for online applications opens on 1 September 2016. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2016. If you would like help completing the online application form, please come in to see Ms Ewa either on Wednesday 28 September or Wednesday 5th October 2016.

Tea with the Head

Congratulations to these children who were invited to have Tea with the Head today for Exceptional Behaviour

Well Done!

