



George Tomlinson News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very festive and busy final full week here at GT.

On Monday we welcomed our new Office Manager Linda Parr. Linda has a great wealth of experience as a school Office Manager and is already getting the office into shape! Our aim is to improve communication and ensure that your experience of dealing with our office is smooth and clear. We have had a few staffing changes and our new structure looks like this:

Admissions & Reception - covered by Natasha Duval until a permanent staff member is appointed

Attendance & Welfare - Munira Syed

Office Manager - Linda Parr

School Business Manager - Gill Hart

Finance Officer - Tanya Henry

Reprographics & Events - Jeanette Doyle

Veronika is going to be working in Breakfast Club, as a midday and at After School Club and we are delighted to have her in those teams.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our school Christmas lunch! The cooks excelled themselves and prepared turkey, chicken, stuffing, potatoes, three types of veg, gravy and three types of pudding! Thank you to Bolum and his team! Many classes had made festive hats for the occasion and there was a very jovial spirit in the dinner hall! Also on Tuesday classes were visited by Santa Claus himself! Santa came to deliver presents for everyone and he was welcomed by the children with great enthusiasm!

On Wednesday, our Reception classes performed their Christmas show. I was lucky enough to get a preview and they performed with such confidence and energy! Wonderful acting and singing from everyone, well done! On Thursday, it was the Nursery children's turn to perform and they sang 12 different songs to the audience. The children performed brilliantly and some of them had done two shows in a day so an extra well done to them! Thank you so much to all the Reception and Nursery staff who put this together, it was a lot of work and we all appreciate it greatly.

On Friday we watched Year 1 to 6 perform songs at St John's church in Leytonstone. The children had been rehearsing for weeks and it really paid off! I loved watching them sing with such confidence and enjoyment. Well done also to Daniella in Y3 and Gabriel in Y6 who read their poem and passage so eloquently. We are very proud of you both. Also well done to the Year 6 singers who performed as an ensemble, it takes real courage to stand up in front of your peers and you did yourselves proud, well done!



Verity Carter
Headteacher, Lead DSL



Chloe Adler
Deputy Headteacher, Deputy
DSL



Parisa Angeletos SENDCo
Inclusion Manager, Deputy DSL



Weekly Events

Whole school Star of the Week assembly – every Friday at 9 am



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



English classes for Parents and Carers – Every Wednesday at 6 pm



Parents' Reading Morning with children in Y1 & Y2 – Every Thursday between 8:45 am and 9:15 am

Upcoming dates

Monday 18th December

Christmas Choir 'A Star is Born' – 5:30 – 7 pm



Tuesday 19th December

- ❖ Last day for Nursery children
- ❖ Reception classes trip to the Theatre Royal, Stratford.
- ❖ Food Tasting provided by our cook in the KS2 playground at 3:15



Wednesday 20th December
School closes at 1 pm for the Christmas Holidays and re-opens on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Mr Foster and his team of reporters, illustrators and editors have produced their first school magazine! It is called 'Book Lookers' and is an 8 page, full colour magazine which is on sale now for just 30p. The team will be selling it both during and after the school day. I can't wait to read it! Mr Foster has also invested in some new books for the library following on from our Book Fair. Classic novels such as Treasure Island, A Christmas Carol and Alice in Wonderland are amongst the new texts and we hope that children will enjoy them. This is part of our ongoing project to develop our book quantity and quality in the school.

Thank you to Ms Ewa and her team of parent and child helpers who organised, baked and sold cakes and hot chocolate this week for #BakeforSyria. They raised a fantastic £179.45.

Well done to all of our Star of the Week winners this week as well as our Cheerleading Team who performed in assembly! Our latest GTTV video is also on our website now for you to have a round-up of all our sporting news.

Please do follow us on social media for latest updates and pictures from the school. On Instagram we can be found under gtpprimary and on Twitter under George_Tom16.

Please remember that we finish at 1pm on Wednesday and that there are no clubs or After School Club on that day. This will be the last newsletter before the holidays so can I take this opportunity to wish all of you, whether you will be celebrating Christmas or just enjoying the winter break, a very happy and safe holiday with your families. The children certainly deserve a restful break as they have worked incredibly hard this term.

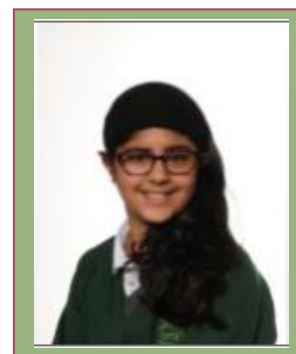
With very best wishes,

Verity Carter,
Headteacher



Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Ridah in Year 6 who has passed every single entrance exam she took for her secondary schools. This is a huge achievement and we are so proud of you! How exciting to look ahead to the next step in your education.



CLASS CORNER – Year 3 Caesar

Even though the term is coming to an end, Y3 Caesar has continued to work hard. We have been learning our 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. It's easier when you showed us a trick for the 9 times researching and writing a she found 'curiosities' on the beach findings that helped developed the

With all this hard work, we are our families.



learn how to skip count. Ms Porter tables. In English, we have been Biography about Mary Anning and how with her father. It was all of her amazing field of Paleontology.

looking forward to a break at home with

Meet our Stars of the Week



Students have been awarded 'Stars of the Week' for lots of different reasons, such as being a good friend, improvements in writing, excellent behaviour, having a growth mind-set or for challenging themselves. A BIG well done to all of you.

'Catch me Reading' Club – New for Spring!

At George Tomlinson we know how important it is to read every day! In the Spring term we will be starting our new and exciting 'Catch me Reading' club for all children in Key Stage 2. The 'catch me reading' club will run every lunchtime between 12:00 and 12:20 and is open to children in years 3-6. The children collect a sticker each time they attend the club and when they have collected 20 stickers they will get a free book. It is a great way to get your 10 minutes of reading a day and we are looking forward to seeing lots of children there.

Attendance

1st Y5O, 98.9%

2nd Y5G, 97.6%

3rd Y3CA, 97.2%

No Late Marks, Y1P, Y2E,

The children have enjoyed lots of fun events in school this week. Father Christmas came to visit and we enjoyed a delicious lunch, carol singing and concerts.





Christmas Fair



George Tomlinson PTFA would like to say a big thank you to ALL for coming to support our Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December.



We raised over £2000!!



LAURA LEA



THE NORTHCOTE E11

The PTFA would like to thank Theydons' generous support as well as all the local business and individual craft-makers that contributed to make this such a wonderful event.



We also cannot forget all those who baked or brought delicious cakes, those who donated raffle prizes, and presents for our pop up shops & Lucky Dip.



We also would like to thank all the staff, parents, and volunteers for their hard work, not just at the event, a lot of hard work goes into the preparation of it. A special thank you to Mary Gibbs, who, on top of helping with all of this has coordinated and managed the beautiful Christmas Cards project.

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