

GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a wonderful week at GT with lots of celebrations of learning and examples of mature independent learning happening throughout the school.

This week we have been conducting Maths lesson observations as a Leadership team. We have been delighted to see children engaged in exciting lessons, independently accessing concrete resources to aid them in their learning, confidently discussing their answers and method with their partners and receiving quality feedback from the teachers. Maths is fast becoming a strength in our school and if you'd like to find out more about Inspire Maths do speak to our Teaching & Learning AHT Ms Wiley.

This week we have started to rota each year group from 6 to 2 so that they can go to our school field at lunchtimes. Year 6 go on Mondays and we then work our way down to Year 2 visiting on a Friday. They eat their lunch straight away and then are walked over by three adults. This alleviates our busy playground and gives our children the chance to run around and play games freely at the field. We are very lucky to have the space and EYFS are already utilising it well each week. We are also investing in new equipment for the playground so that there are craft and art activities, basketball as well as daily football. We hope that this equipment will keep children occupied and happy.

This week was national Anti-Bullying Week. I held an assembly on this on Monday and children were able to empathise with examples and case studies as well as identify the difference between bullying and one-off poor or unkind behaviour. We reminded children that they must tell us should they be unhappy with any friendships or if they are struggling with any aspect of school life. We have our learning mentor Mrs N plus three in-school counsellors now through Place2Be and plenty of support for children who are unhappy. We have a zero tolerance of bullying in our school and take it incredibly seriously. Please talk to your child at home and remind them to 'Make some noise' about bullying if they experience it or witness it both in and out of school.

On Thursday we welcomed Grandparents into GT! It was so lovely to see you all and watch you observing and helping out in class. We recognise the important role all family members have in bringing up children and thank you for your support!



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Headteacher
Lead DSL



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Weekly Events

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

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

English Classes for parent and carers
every Wednesday at 6pm

Upcoming dates

Monday 20th November
Universal Children's UN Day

Tuesday 21st November
Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Book Fair

Wednesday 22nd November
Toddler group 9:15 – 10:45

Thursday 23rd November
Nursery behaviour parent workshop
9am – 9.45am

Parents Reading Morning
with children Y1 & Y2
8:45am – 9:15am

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.30pm

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Across the school our biggest focus is on Reading. Reading is the key to language and communication, writing and creativity and we must give children as many opportunities as we can to become confident readers who love books. Our Read Write Inc Phonics programme gives children the basics of decoding words but we need to focus on the huge importance of children being read to at home and at school and make sure they are heard reading aloud also. Ms Shakes is setting up a programme in school called 'Catch me Reading!' where adults will be found in the library at lunchtime reading to any children who wish to attend. The children will all be given a card to collect stamps on (like a loyalty card) and will receive a stamp for every time they hear an adult read to them. When their card is complete they will receive a free book. In EYFS and Years 1 and 2, parent volunteers are reading with children and Ms Burnei has set up open mornings for parents to come in and read with their child. We are however looking for more parent volunteers who can devote some time to hearing children read across the school on a weekly basis. The impact of this is enormous and I have seen this work extremely well in my previous schools. Please do let us know if you'd like to volunteer by contacting your child's class teacher. Many thanks.

This week the PTFA met to discuss future bids. Thank you to all who attended for your continuous support of the school.

Next week is parents' evening and if you haven't signed up already please do so. If you cannot make the evening slots please speak directly to your child's class teacher who will be happy to make a separate appointment with you. I hope you find it useful.

Next Friday, we have an extremely special visitor coming! We try to put on a special event once a term for our children as a stimulus for writing and I must say that this visitor is my favourite yet! I can't wait for you to meet them in the playground after school at 3:15pm next Friday...bring your cameras!

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Best wishes,

Verity Carter
Headteacher

Notices

Attendance Awards!

1st: 4W 100.0%

2nd: 2B 98.8%

3rd: 5O & 6M 98.6%

No lates: 1P, 1F, 3CA and 4D,

NEW PE KITS

Please ensure your child has their full PE in school at all times. PE kits should remain in school as PE day can change. Children must be changing their t-shirt from a school top to a PE top and changing their PE shoes. On the grounds of hygiene we are unable to lend PE kits.

We are phasing out the green PE kits and moving to navy. Any new kits ordered must be the correct colours with the 'sports team' logo. Speed Stich now has the 'sports team' design

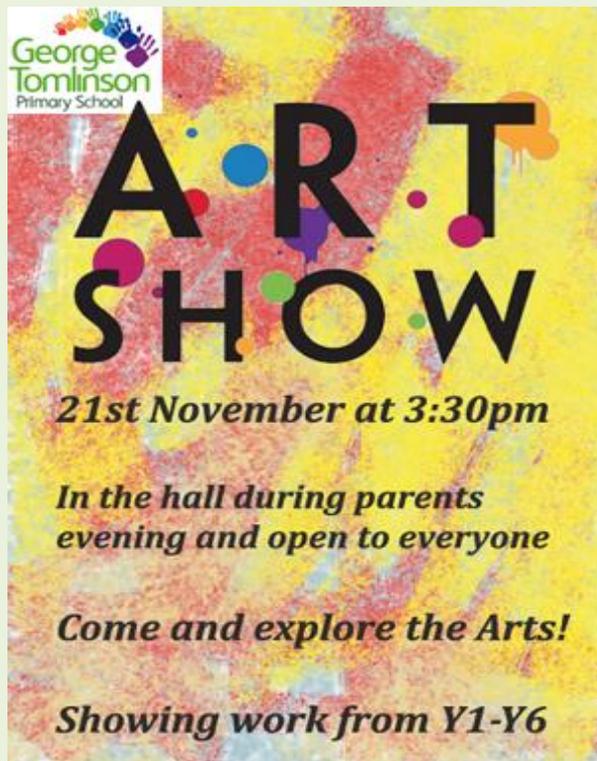


STAR OF THE WEEK!!

This week we have had quite a few 'Star of the Week' students for lots of different reasons. Such as being a good friend, improvements in writing, excellent behaviour, having a growth mind-set and for challenging yourselves. A 'big' well done to all of you!



ART EXHIBITION!!



Come and see the ARTS!!!

Our Y1 to Y6 children have completed some fantastic work, it would be great if you could pop in during Parents' Evening to admire their creativity.

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP!!

Shhhhh! At the Christmas Fair this year there will be a children-only shop, stocked with pocket-money presents they can choose and get wrapped so they can surprise their family and friends!

This is amazingly popular with children as they feel very grown up choosing and paying for their own presents. Adults get a surprise... so join them and us in playing along with this fun, secret idea.

Please support us and your children by sending in one or more (Unwrapped) items to sell in the Christmas shop!

Please send in something small but lovely, in good condition that you and others (male or female) might like to receive. It could be choccies, candles, mugs, stationery, toiletries, books, DVDs, cool non-perishable things that you or they have made. Donations of wrapping paper would also be very gratefully received.

Please hand your items in to your class teacher (or the reception office) by **Tuesday 5th December**

