

George Tomlinson News

Dear Parents and Carers,



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We've had a wonderful week at GT and have loved the sunshine!

On Monday we welcomed the children back and were very happy to hear about their half term holidays!

This week we welcomed many of you into school to attend parents' evening. If you haven't managed to make an appointment or the days were not convenient for you, please do contact your child's class teacher and ask for a suitable slot.

On Wednesday we welcomed Ed from Commando Joes into school. Ed will be working with us every Friday from now on. He is ex-army and will use his experience to build resilience, confidence and to raise self-esteem through outdoor activities and games during the day and at playtimes. He is also running an after school club, details of which were sent out this week.

On Thursday I visited the school field which is just off Vernon Road. We have recently had a new fence put up which makes the space completely private for our pupils and we are extremely lucky to have sole use of it! Our Reception pupils go over there every week and I am sure the rest of the school will make great use of it now. Two members of our staff are undertaking Forest School training next term and will be able to take classes and groups to do Forest School activities in our Edible Playground, field and in nearby Wanstead Flats. We are really excited to get this started!

Also on Thursday, we were happy to welcome back Howard from Front Row music. Howard's team already run our Ukulele and guitar lessons here, but are now going to run small group singing tuition too. A letter was sent out yesterday about how your child can take part in this!

It has been lovely to see Rainbow Maths displays popping up across the school, thanks to Ms Kaur! We are focusing on pupils learning their times tables as we know this makes all aspects of maths far easier for them. We encourage children to test themselves when they pass by a display!

We were also happy to see our hens back from their holidays this week! The hens made a visit before half term to the Nursery and children enjoyed looking after them. Their eggs are being used in our cookery room and we are very impressed by how our pupils have handled them so carefully.

Weekly Events

English conversation classes
for Parents and Carers – Every
Monday 9 – 10:15 am



Head Teacher Drop-in
Every Wednesday between
9:15 am and 11 am
(Please book at the office)



Toddler Group
Every Wednesday
from 9:15 – 10:45 am



Parents' Reading Morning
with children in Y1, Y2 & Y3 –
Every Thursday between
8:45 am and 9:15 am



Star of the Week assembly
Every Friday at 9 am

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 5th March

- SEND Monthly Coffee Morning 9 – 9:45 am
- KS1 SAT's meeting for parents 15:30 pm and 6 pm

Wednesday 6th March

- School Nurse drop-in session 9-10 am
- KS2 SAT's meeting for parents 15:30 pm and 6 pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Week Dress-up Day – everyone to dress as their favourite book character

Next week is our favourite week of the year - Book week! We have a jam-packed week ahead with a visit from Craig the Storyteller, a company who are putting on a Play in a Day and of course our wonderful dress up day on Thursday. In addition to that we have the opening of our book shed in the KS2 playground which, thanks to Ruth Akehurst, Elly Dowsett, Emma Spain, Liz Gentilcore, Liz Malloy-Jollands, Danny Holbrook and Miles Willis, members of our PTFA, and a very special mention to Caroline Willis who has been leading on this project and has been a total machine, driving it all through, the shed has been transformed into a Harry Potter themed reading shed! It is absolutely stunning and is all thanks to the PTFA's hard work and vision on this over the half term holiday. We are so grateful and know that it will encourage our pupils to spend more time in there at lunchtime, being inspired by books! Next week we will also encourage pupils to bring in a book that they feel represents their culture and ask them to share it with their class. We will also be holding a sponsored read in the playground so fingers crossed the beautiful weather remains!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Best wishes,

Verity Carter
Headteacher

Attendance

1st, Y3B, 100.0%

2nd, Y6M, 99.7%

3rd, Y2E, Y5O, 99.0%

No late marks, Y1C, Y2B, Y3B, Y4D, Y4W, Y5M, Y5O

★ *Star of the Week* ★



A massive **WELL DONE** to our **STARS** this week:

Evie, Mateo, Niki, Mohammed Ishaq, Zara, Mahveen, Adam, Safiyyah, Mariam, Rico, Orson, Leonard, Daniel, Andreja, Ayaan, Jashn and Nika

COFFEE MORNING



This is a chance for you to take a break, meet other parents and to hear useful specialist speakers, talking about the support offered to parents and carers of children with special needs



Dates	SEN Category	Specialist speakers
18/09/18	SpLD-Dyslexia	Sonia Ali (Whitefield outreach)
6/11/18	Communication and interaction-ASD	Jo Bean (Whitefield outreach)
08/01/19	Social Emotional and Mental health-well being	Yas (School project Manager)
05/03/19	Cognition and learning, Memory games	Pip Saffin (Educational Psychologist)
07/05/19	Communication and interaction Language	Ruth Coles (Speech and language Therapist)
04/06/2019	Sensory and physical need-hearing impairment	Sue Mir (Whitefield Outreach)

If any queries please speak to Parisa Angeletos (SENDCO)

Spaces available at a new Leytonstone girls' youth group

There is availability at your local Girls Friendly Society (GFS) Leytonstone group for girls and young women aged 5-11.

This week, many classes at George Tomlinson met and chatted with Jemma Moonie-Dalton, who works for GFS as the London Development Coordinator. Jemma said:

“Our GFS groups are great places for the girls to have fun, make friends and learn new skills. This alone can have a significant impact on how they feel about themselves, other people and the world around them.

Girls get the chance to engage with an exciting and varied programme of activities from games and trips out, taking part in creative sessions and learning new skills.

Our GFS volunteers work together to plan and run activities, events and trips out for groups of girls and young women all over England and Wales.”

Potential girls, young women and their parents can find out more about group, try out some activities and chat to our volunteering team at the group's launch event on Tuesday 12th March, 5-30pm-7pm.

Activities take place in a safe, non-judgmental, single-gender space where play and socialising are encouraged through positive relationships with fellow GFS girls and female volunteer role models. Sessions offer opportunities for girls and young women to play, be creative, get active, develop skills and a sense of belonging, feel good about themselves – and most importantly, to have fun.

Session time: Every Tuesday 5.30pm-7pm starting 12th March 2019.

Venue address: St John the Baptist, High Road, Leytonstone, London, E11 1HH

To sign up for the group and attend a first session, visit www.girlsfriendlysociety.org.uk/register.

For the launch event, it is preferred if girls attend with a parent, guardian or family member over 16+

