



Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a treat on Monday from the children in Year 1 who came to visit me in Miss Alder's office with some delicious fizzy home-made lemonade.



This week I also had the opportunity to observe some lessons higher up the school, as part of my new role.

I was amazed by the enjoyment and engagement demonstrated by the children in their lessons, and the high standard and ambitious lessons delivered by their teachers. In Year 5 the children have been learning Macbeth! I was on the edge of my seat as I observed children constructing thought provoking arguments for and against killing the King!

In Year 4 the children were having lots of fun, playing 'conjunction tennis' and practising using formal language in preparation for report writing later in the week.

It's reassuring that your children have lots to look forward to in their future at George Tomlinson.

## NURSERY

The nursery children have been busy this week learning how to use knives safely when they have been cutting their vegetables. They have been chopping celery, peppers, cucumber, broccoli and cauliflower. They have also been tasting these different vegetables at the snack table.



Thank you to all the parents who have made their £10 nursery fund contribution, this helps us to buy exciting food for us to prepare and taste. If you would like to contribute, please give your money in an envelope to a member of the nursery team.





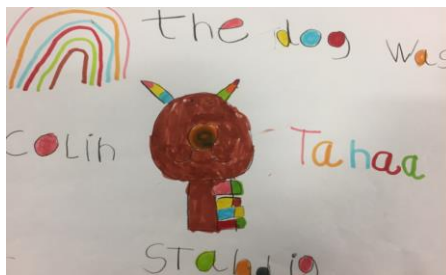
## RECEPTION

In Reception this week, the children have been busy at the woodwork bench. They have been exploring the different tools such as the Japanese saw, drill and hammers. We have also introduced the screwdrivers this week. Some of the children have been making lovely creations.

Boris and Mikey created wooden beds for a mouse and a gingerbread man, using a variety of tools including the Japanese saw and hammers. They added a blanket and a pillow to make them comfortable!

In Maths we have been using pennies to find the total of 2 groups by counting all of them. The children visited a 'shop' and then counted out how many pennies they needed for each item, before counting all of them to find the total.

We have begun to learn about dogs and how to look after them, as we will be having a visit from the Dog's Trust in a couple of weeks' time. The children watched a video about Flora the dog visiting the vet and we have been writing captions about dogs and reading dog related books.



## Year 1



This week year 1 learned about seasonal change. It was a very chilly day on Tuesday and the school pond had frozen! We also found pieces of ice inside the tyres on top of the sand pit! Some of the children wrote about what it felt like and what happened when they held the ice in their hands.

We have been investigating how much different objects weigh and using mathematical language to compare them.



We have also been writing lots of stories and learning to retell a traditional tale using a story map.



Taisha spent a whole afternoon working on her map.



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Have a lovely weekend!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Nursery reduced hours, finishes the same time as the main school;

AM 8.45 – 10.45

PM 11.30 – 1.30

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## WEEKLY DATES

**Monday mornings** - 9.00am - English conversation Classes – these classes are free to all members of the school community.

**Wednesday mornings** - 9.00 – 10.45 – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Nursery library trip for morning children 9.45am

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Nursery library trip for pm children at 1.30pm

Letters out next week!

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Reception Family Morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> children back to school after half term.

### MARCH

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Reception trip to Natural History Museum.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - World book day, Dress up as your favourite book character!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Science Fair

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Mums in school for Mother's day.

### APRIL

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bonnet parade  
School closes at 1.30