

GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has flown by! Christmas seems such a long time ago!

I was really pleased to take Ellie Ross, one of our parent governors, around the school on Thursday to look at the English and Mathematics provision across the school. We were both so impressed with all the Read Write Inc phonics groups that we saw at the start of the day. We went to every group and saw some excellent learning going on. The behaviour in fantastic and it was evident that the children were making really good progress. We also looked at the Inspire Maths resources and the use of these new books in lessons. Finally, we went to Year 4 who were doing Destination Reader.

I have been working with a group of Year 6s this week at lunchtime and we have started a lunchtime project group. We have been learning about the first landing on the Moon in 1969. It is important that children have as much general knowledge as possible so that they can fully understand any text that they read. It is so important that you read with your children so that they know as many different stories as possible.

The school is going from strength to strength and with your support it can achieve the excellence we are striving for!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Dr Laban



Verity Carter
Headteacher



Matthew Laban
Associate Head



Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher

Weekly Events

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

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

Upcoming dates

KS1 Addition and Subtraction
using INSPIRE maths – Monday
23rd January 10:30am & 6pm

KS2 Addition and Subtraction
using INSPIRE maths – Thursday
26th January 10:30am & 6pm

Writers of the week & Reading Rocket Winners & Sports Stars!

Congratulations and well done to this week's WRITER'S OF THE WEEK.

Sarah 3AC, Izac 6AK, Hamza 2GB, Ruby 2NV, Noah 3MP, Manpreet 3MP, Ruqayya 3MP, Inaaya 2AK, Rayyan 1JK & Adam S 1MM

Congratulations and well done to this week's READING ROCKET WINNERS.

Daniel 3AC, Scarlett 6AK, Joe Joe 2GB, Tuesday 2NV, Nadia 2NV, Emilia 2NV, Erica 3MJ, Eddie 2AK, Hasenat 1JK & Marni 1MM

Congratulations and well done to this week's SPORTS STARS OF THE WEEK

Phase 1

Hasenat 1JK & Asher 1JK

Phase 2

Jessie 3AC & Andre-Raul 4DN

Stars of the Week!

Congratulations and well

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Alfie 3AC, Finegan 6AK, Aisha 2GB, Stella 2NV, Hussain 3MP, Ayaan H 3MJ, Raluca 2AK, Rhia 1MM, Lorena 1JK, Noel 4JT, Rimas 4PC, Kinga 6AC.

Class Corner – 5SK

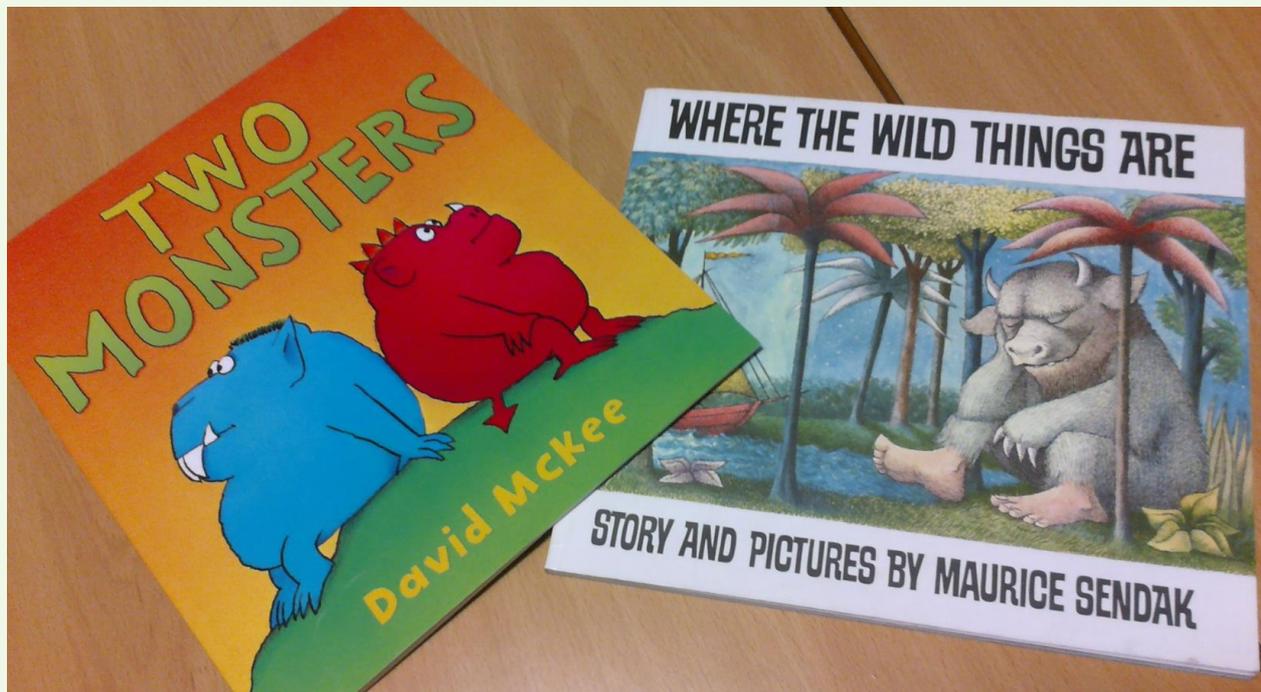
This has been a phenomenal week in the 5SK. I have seen a huge improvement in learning behaviour and as a result, the progress made by each individual learner in my room. I would attribute this to our whole school approach on P4C.

P4C, stands for Philosophy for Children. It is a great opportunity for children to share their views, learn how to listen to each other and develop communication skills which can be taken to the playground to help our children learn to manage their emotions and solve their own playground problems.

Our class have been using the stories "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak and "Two Monsters" by David McKee as starting points for discussion. Learners in my room were able to create questions that they would like to discuss and have very maturely, taken a democratic vote to choose a question to discuss as a whole class. Some of the questions raised included, "Why did the monsters not peek through the hole to see each other?" and, "Why are the monsters arguing over the same point said in different words?"

Thank you Edidi for raising that second question, and this was the question that the class voted to discuss. You can imagine, we had an amazing child led discussion around this question. There were some very sophisticated points made and the boys and girls in my class were able to link it to their playground behaviour and learning behaviour in the class. I even had a few children making links to the wider world and discussing how wars ruin people's lives and have huge impact on the world that we live in.

Finally, thank you to all the amazing parents for providing the support our children need to develop. I have had such an amazing week working with this class and cannot wait for our next P4C!



Notices



Attendance Awards

Well done to the following classes for fabulous attendance this week!

- 1st Place 3MJ 99%
- 2nd Place 2AK 97%
- 3rd Place 5CT 97.3%



Punctuality Award

Well done to **RSR** for exceptional punctuality this week and all children arriving on time for school!

Drop-off & Pick up times

Please ensure that all children are accompanied by an adult or someone at least 14 years of age when arriving to school in the morning. Children must be supervised until they are taken in by the class teacher. The same applies for picking up at the end of the day; anyone under the age of 14 will not be allowed to collect a child. Please ensure that you have informed the school if your Year 5 or Year 6 child has permission to walk home alone.

Late Children

Please note that starting from Monday 23rd January; all late arrivals to school must go to the Year 1 entrance on Harrington Road where they will be signed in. Children arriving from 8:50am will be classed as late.

KS2 Fruit for Sale

Our School Council will sell fruit for 10p during first break starting from Monday next week.

Richard House Fundraiser

We raised £313.71 for the Richard House Children's Hospice from carol singing at tube in December.
Thank you to Laura Tomlinson who organised this.

Sports news

In the 2 weeks we have been doing the Daily Mile the children and staff have walked, skipped, laughed and jogged for 10 miles. This is the equivalent of GT pupils walking from our school to Big Ben!!! Keep up the good work :)



GREAT COIN R&CE!

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

On 3rd February, each year group will line up their coins in rows in the playground. The group with the longest line of coins and the group with the line of the greatest value will win a trip to the George Tomlinson cinema with popcorn. Parents are welcome to come and help with the count: 9–11.30am.

START COLLECTING COINS NOW!



E-Safety & Monitoring at home

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to express my concern about our pupils’ use of social media applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram, usually on their mobile phones. As an example, it has been brought to my attention that some children are experiencing bullying and receiving abusive messages on WhatsApp. As a school we cannot police how children use their phones or computers at home.

I want to request that you speak to your children about the seriousness of sending unpleasant messages online and the effect that it can have on others. I’d also urge you to be aware of what is on your child’s phone and make sure that they tell you if they receive anything that makes them feel upset.

At our school, we teach children about the importance of being safe online so that they will have the tools to know what is and isn’t acceptable. The way that children use social media is changing quickly and we need to work together with parents to protect them.

As a school we take bullying incredibly seriously and want all children to feel safe and happy. My hope is that we can work together on this to make sure that social media is only used in a positive way and brings benefits to our pupils.

Please see below link for a recent Facebook page for Parents providing information on cyber bullying.

<https://www.facebook.com/safety/bullying/parents>

We would to thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Verity Carter

