

GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yes --- it's been another busy week at George Tomlinson!

We started the week off well by competing in a Waltham Forest Schools Netball tournament. The children did really well and thoroughly enjoyed it, so we look forward to the results.

I have seen some fantastic learning around the school this week. We had a visit from a Teaching and Learning consultant who was looking our new *Destination Reader* approach to teaching reading skills. He was really impressed with the learning behaviours of the children; they were focused, engaged and were really enjoying discussing the text with their reading partner and applying their reading skills. Miss Carter has been listening to children read this week, and I am looking forward to listening to some more next week and discussing favourite authors and current books. Remember to make comments in your home reading journals for your teacher to read!

There will be a workshop for parents next week on how we teach reading in Y2---Y6. The workshops will be held on Thursday at 10:30am and 6pm, so please come along – it would be great to see you there! Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. This week we had workshops on how we teach maths using a program called *Inspire Maths*. Thank you so much to Vicky Wiley (AHT) for organising – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

On Thursday during music assembly we were treated to a brilliant performance from Ridah, Maryam and Holly in Year 5. They played the drums and sang a rendition of *We Will Rock You*– three very talented singers. Thank you girls.

Today we all enjoyed a delicious Chinese lunch of stir fried vegetables, rice, noodles, chicken and beef. If you are out celebrating Chinese New Year this weekend, I hope you have a great time!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Chloe Alder
DHT



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

Attendance Matters workshop
Tuesday 31st January 9am

KS2 Destination Reader Workshop
– How we teach reading Thursday
2nd February 10:30am & 6pm

Great Coin Race Friday 3rd
February 9am – 11:30am

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

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

Nicole 1MM, Teja 3AC, Nawal 3MP, Ammara 2GB, Eilidh 6AK, Deividas 3MJ, Adam 4PC

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

Adam M 1MM, Isaac 3AC, Jack 3MP, Viv 2GB, Imaan 6AK, Manpreet 3MJ

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

EYFS

Buoydae RSR

Phase 1

Daniella 2GB & Cedric 1MM

Phase 2

Holly 4DN & Bobby 4JT

Stars of the Week!

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

Isma 6AK, Emily 5CT, Reuben 1MM, Massimo 5WS, Gauri 6AS, Olugbemi 4JT, Ayyan 3AC, Amy 6AC, Casey 3MP, Terrell 5SK, Abdul Kadir 2NV, Alexandra 2AK, Andrei 4PA, Riya 1CH, Aleyna 3MJ & Zahrah 4PC

Class Corner– 5CT

It has been a fun week in 5CT. I have been impressed with the improvement in learning behaviour and it has helped to ensure that lessons have been very enjoyable.

Our Philosophy for Children session was particularly rewarding. The children shared a variety of ideas on our question about 'Why do we need rules in society'. The children are becoming increasingly skilled at expressing their views.

The Daily Mile is still very popular with the class - and well done to all the children for being out in this very cold weather. I'm sure this is making a big difference to the children's health and making a difference to their learning.

Finally, we are looking forward to our trip to the Natural History Museum next week. This is a great opportunity for the children to take part in a practical workshop to support our topic of humans and animals.

Mr Turner

Notices



Attendance Awards

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

- 1st Place 5WS 99%
- 2nd Place 5CT 98.9%
- 3rd Place 4PA 98.1%



Punctuality Award

Well done to **4LC & 1MM** 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 30th January; Nursery and Reception late children must go to the Office, Years 1 – 6 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.

Mobile Phones in Years 5 & 6

Mobile phones must only be carried to school by children who walk to and from school alone. Children who are dropped off and collected from school must not bring their mobile phones to school.

Library Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with adding new books to the library catalogue. Volunteers will be sticking barcodes on and scanning books. We will need our volunteers to start on Monday 6th February. If you would like to help, please email chloe.alder@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk

Sports news

Netball Tournament

On Monday selected children from year 5 and 6 represented GT in a netball tournament. It was a fun packed day and the all the other teams were extremely good. The children played 9 matches, winning 4 drawing 2 and losing 3. All of the team made us so proud and they all performed at their best. Player of the match was Demi with an outstanding performance. Well done!!

Massimo, Jack, Rajvinder, Alanna, Maja, Hannah and Demi.



Sports Hall Athletics

Yesterday 8 children went out of school to take part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition. They performed in a range of track and field events winning numerous events. The competition was over 2 days so we wait for the results. Our sports star of the day goes to Alfie for such fantastic skills.

Well done to all the children who took part.
Esther, Ephraim, Zuzanna, Sayid, Zulaykah, Alfie and Anas.

Thanks
Sports Team



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