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Dear George Tomlinson families,

It has been an incredible week at George Tomlinson, with the highlight being the opening of our fairy tale library! We had a surprise celebrity guest join us for the day- Michael De Souza, acclaimed author and creator of Rasta Mouse, who attended the opening ceremony. Also present were Miss Tamblyn, our head librarian, and some children who will be our library helpers.

A journalist from our local Guardian newspaper was present, and an article and photos of the event and library have gone on their news website. Please follow this link to view: http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/news/15564714.Bookworms_welcome_acclaimed_auth_or_to_their_school_to_celebrate_opening_of_fairytale_library/

Michael DeSouza also did some wonderful performances in assemblies for the children, and some additional workshops with our year 6 children.

Reverend David Britton from St.John's Church came into the school on Thursday to talk to the children about Harvest festival, and how we can help those in need. It was a very moving and interactive assembly indeed.

We are also excited that our book club has started with Mr Foster, who has started a programme with some year 5 and year 6 children after school. They have been enjoying their reading with Mr Foster and have chosen the book they are going to be reading in depth next week!

Jeans for Genes day last week was a huge success, and we raised a lot of money for the Jeans for Genes charity, which supports children with disabilities. Thanks to all of the children who contributed and made a difference.

In sports this week, GT's new Sports Ambassadors went out on a trip to train up in their new roles! Afterwards, they were rewarded with a brilliant trampolining session! I am sure they will reach great heights this year!

Coming up at George Tomlinson, we're very excited about our Open Day, which is happening on the 5th of October and the 10th of November. It is going to be a big event, and all are welcome. Watch this space for further information!

Warm Regards,

Vicky Wiley

Assistant Headteacher



Verity Carter
Headteacher
Lead DSL



Chloe Alder
Deputy Headteacher
Deputy DSL



Parisa Anagnostos
SENDCO & Inclusion Manager
Deputy DSL

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

Tuesday 3rd October

Arabic Parents Coffee Morning -
9am

Wednesday 4th October

Toddler Group 9:15am - 10:45am

English Lesson for parents 3:30pm -
4:30pm

Walk & Bike to school day

Thursday 5th October

Open Evening 6pm

Parent Workshop - KS1 Reading
3:30pm- 4:30pm

Parent Workshop - Reception
Phonics 3:30pm - 4pm (Crèche
provided)

Stars of the Week & Sports Awards

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

Diera 4M, Joshua 2F, Amirah 6P, Daniel 6M, Daniel 3B, Matthew 2E, Ruqayya 4D, Esther 5O, Muhammad 6LK, Joshua 1K, Hadeeqah 5G, Jumaima 4W, Abdul Kadir 3C, Aleks 2B

Attendance Awards!

100% Attendance – Joint 1st place 1K & 3B!

No lates this week – Joint 4M, 2E, RH, RO & 3CA!

Notices



"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Henry Ford

George Tomlinson Primary has a diverse community, and the international coffee mornings will create an opportunity for parents and carers of each nationality to meet, socialise and speak with each other in their own language, all in an informal and relaxed environment. The idea is to unite the community of each country, and then every so often we will bring all countries communities together to join as one.

It's so important we work together and support each other.

We will hold a Coffee morning for parents/carers who speak Arabic on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 9:00.

Hope to see you there

Following the annual general meeting held on the 20th September we are delighted to introduce you to the new faces of the PTFA



Chair - Anita Luby

I'm Mummy to Darshan - Year 2 and Kishy (Nikishan) -Year 1. I am really pleased to continue to take an active role in the PTFA this year. I work as a Senior Manager running the Library, Culture & Heritage Services for Redbridge Council as well as overseeing the management of an early years setting. I am keen for the PTFA to continue organising events that all our children will enjoy and to raise valuable funds that will provide enriching experiences and opportunities for every child at George Tomlinson.



Vice -chair - Kate Perry

I am a mum to two boys (Tom, in year 1 and Ben, soon to be joining the nursery) and a speech and language therapist. I know our children enjoy talking about, learning from and sharing fun and rewarding experiences with their friends, which the PTFA helps to make possible. I've also seen first hand how fundraising events can bring the school community together. I'm proud to be a George Tom parent!



Co-secretary - Letizia Paoloni

My daughter Elena is in year 4 and we just moved to Leytonstone. I work full time in a charity that deals with survivors of torture and related international crimes, so after Elena, politics and travel are my passions. I am happy to help the PTFA because I believe education to be one of the most precious gift we can give our children. I think the PTFA is fundamental to create a sense of school community, to instil in children the love to come to school, the joy of learning and enrich their experience at George Tomlinson.



Co-secretary - Mary Gibbs

I am a mother to Freddie in Y3, & Evie in reception. I am a freelancer graphic designer or at-home Mum. I think George Tomlinson is a great school and could benefit by having a large PTFA. I want to help bring the extra experience trips which are so fun & enriching for all of our kids.



Co-treasurer - Rachel Batley

I have two children at GT (Y3 & Reception) and I work as a sales manager for a book publishing company. I am going to support Felicity as Co-Treasurer. School is more than just learning, it is about experiences and fun, and I am very happy to help support the PTFA in providing these extra-curricular activities. I think that it is up to all of us to input into the lives of our children at school and ensure they get the absolute most out of their time at George Tomlinson.



Co-treasurer - Felicity McSherry

I am mum to one daughter, Isobel in Year 1. I am originally from New Zealand and have been a primary school teacher in East London since arriving here at the end of 2001. I currently work as a part time supply teacher. Throughout my teaching career I have seen first hand how enjoyable and memorable the kinds of experiences funded by the PTFA are for the children. These are the experiences that children remember and talk about years later. The work of the PTFA has a real impact on the children and that is why I really want to lend my support.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Eily Dowsett, Amal Ali, Jo Moss, Syeda Khanom, Sharon Ellis, Naomi McCarthy, Kate Allen, Kelly le Surf

AND NOT FORGETTING

All of our amazing new volunteers for which we are truly grateful for any time you can spare whether it be to create a flyer, run a stall at an event make or bake something to sell or simply spread a positive word about our school and the events we run. Thank you for whatever way you can support the PTFA.

Should you wish to get more involved with the PTFA and help raise funds that will go directly to enhancing the school experience for your children, please contact us on: georgetompta@gmail.com or interact with us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgeTomPTA) or Twitter (@georgetomPTA)

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<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeTomPTFA/> - it helps if you like us

Please look out for our Christmas card project for the children to make personalized cards. The deadline will be in mid October – details & templates will follow in the next week.

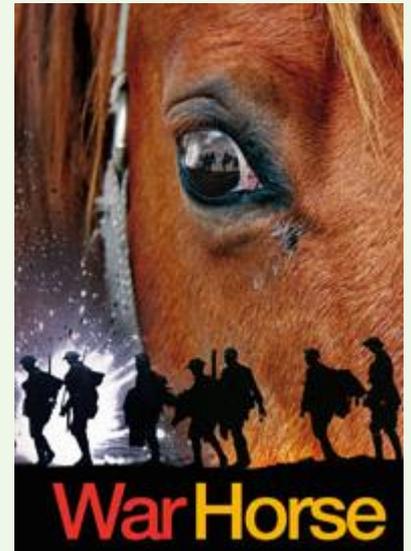


Walk & Bike to School Day - Wed 4th October

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October.

Year 6 Luther King Class Corner

In Luther King Class, we have been looking at the novel 'Warhorse' by Michael Morpurgo. This challenging text has provided us with plenty of opportunities for discussions such as how we would have felt when WWI was declared. In Science, we have been looking at the characteristics and traits that are shared between parents and their offspring through dominant genes. In Mathematics, we have started to look at angles – hopefully, we should all be able to tell you plenty of different facts about the angles in a triangle and around a point, and explain how we can find missing angles on a straight line!



Year 6 PGL

The deadline for the £25 deposit for PGL has been extended to **Friday 6th October**. Please pay via ParentPay or see the School Office.

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure that your ParentPay accounts for all school services that you receive are kept in credit. Please see the School Office for assistance if needed. If your child is now in Year 3, please be aware that free meals are only available to parents who have applied for Free School Meals. Please see the office for further information.





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