

# GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the bank holiday with your families. We've had a lovely sunny week here at GT!

On Wednesday we welcomed some interesting visitors into the school in the form of the Wild Animal Experience! Children in the EYFS and Year 1 were able to meet snakes, lizards, a hissing cockroach, and a beautiful baby meerkat! The children were so excited to get up close and touch the animals and it will be an experience they will never forget! Thank you to our fantastic PTFA for paying for this!

Also on Wednesday our Chair of Governors and one of our parent governors came in to look at our SEND provision. Our Governors regularly come into school to review how we are performing and we appreciate their time. We hope to welcome them to some of our lovely summer events that are coming up this term too.

On Wednesdays, as per my letter, we are running free weekly English lessons for parents. Ms. Ewa has done a great job at encouraging people to attend and we hope the group will continue to grow.

I hope by now you have all had a chance to look at our new website! As well as hopefully encouraging better communication between home and school we feel it shows our school as the happy, positive and child-centered environment that it is. Do follow us on Instagram, twitter and YouTube for regular updates, pictures, videos and notification reminders of upcoming events.

On Thursday, Mr. Green led his music assemblies in the morning; the children created a short story with him and then used musical instruments to retell it. It was enjoyed by all and the icing on the cake was a performance by 'Fall Out Girl' (two very talented singers from Year 5). Later that morning we held our Baby & Toddler music group. Please encourage any new mums and dads that you may know to attend if they'd like each Wednesday and Thursday from 9:15am in our school hall. We know the importance of making the connection between home and school early in children's lives as it will greatly benefit them.

Thank you to those who attended our parent workshops this week on times tables and Nursery maths and number. We hope you found them useful.

Well done to all of our stars of the week and to those children who were chosen for Tea with the Head! We will be sending out details of a free trip which we are organising for our children who have displayed excellent Green behaviour throughout the year soon too.

Next week our Year 6 students will take their SATs tests. As a school we are immensely proud of our Year 6s and how hard they have worked for them. They have shown resilience and determination and a love of learning and we know that they will do their best which is all we ask of them. We will be offering breakfast for year 6 children from Monday to Thursday of next week from 8:15am and hope to see your child there. A good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast will set them up for the tests. Thank you to the staff in year 6 who have worked so hard to prepare the children.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Verity Carter  
Headteacher



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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

English Classes for parent and carers every  
Wednesday at 6pm

## Upcoming dates

KS2 SATS Week Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May-  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Workshop Destination Reader KS2 –  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am & 6pm

Parent Workshop Nursery Messy Play –  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9:15am & 12:45pm

KS1 SATS Week Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> May

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## Stars of the Week & Sports Awards

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

Zara 1JK, Favour 1MM, Darshan 1CH, Sana 2GB, Sara 2AK, Elisha 2NV, Hazal 3MJ, Jahmari 3MP, Ruby 3AC,  
Will 4DN, Mustafa 4PC, Saleha 4JT, Wiktor 5SK, Elisaveta 5NH, Jauwariyah 5CT, Jayson 6AS, Anas 6AC & Maryam  
6AK

**Congratulations and well done to this week's  
SPORTS STARS**

EYFS - Olga RLS & Thomas RJM

KS1 - Zara 1JK & Oliver 1JK

KS2- Mohammed 4DN & Lukreja 4JT

Swimmer of the week - Jordon 5NH

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## Tea with the Headteacher

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Well done to the children who demonstrated excellent behaviour and hard work this week!



## Class Corner -1CH

Despite the shorter week, 1CH have had a really exciting week. On Wednesday we had some special visitors in to school when 'The Wild Animal Experience' came in.



*'It was amazing because there were lots of different animals' (Emily). 'I loved it because the animals didn't hurt my favourite was the big snake it was all slimy on its tummy' (Joseph). 'I liked it because they were friendly animals' (Thalia). 'I liked the spikey bearded dragon' (Mohsin). 'The meerkat was so cute and adorable' (Tariq). 'The blue tongued lizard was amazing because it stuck its tongue out at me' (Darshan).*

A massive thanks to the PTFA who funded this event with all their amazing work.

We have continued our work in Science looking at plants. We have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees, the parts of plants, and what plants need to grow. Hopefully the sunflowers we planted in the garden last week will soon start to grow! In Topic we are learning about famous 'Adventurers and Explorers' and what makes them significant. We will be looking at how they travelled the world.

We are looking forward to another exciting few weeks before the half term!

## Notices

### KS2 SATS Timetable

Day	Test
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	English Reading
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	English Grammar, punctuation & spelling Paper 1: Questions Paper 2: Spelling
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

### New website - Calendar Subscription

As you know, our new website has been launched! A good way to keep up to date with our school calendar is to **subscribe**. You can filter the calendar to only show news relevant to your child's year group - handy!

## International Coffee Mornings



We are hosting international coffee mornings every Tuesday at 9am-9:45am.

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, 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.

**\*Due to SATS our next coffee morning has been rescheduled\***

**Tuesday 16th May will be our Romanian Coffee Morning!**

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

*Henry Ford*



Dragi romani,

Avem placerea sa va invitam la o intalnire cu alti parinti romani pentru a discuta chestiuni legate de scoala, opinii privind imbunatatirea educatiei copiilor dumneavoastra prin intermediul scolii. Aveti posibilitatea sa va faceti noi prieteni si de asemenea puteti fi insotiti de alt membru al familiei.

Multumim si va asteptam in numar cat mai mare!



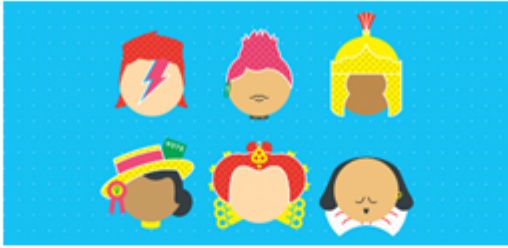
### Sports News

**Monday 10th July-** RECEPTION sports day in our school field  
**Wednesday 12th July-** YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6 sports day in Wanstead flats  
**Thursday 13th July-** YEAR 1 & 2 sports day in Wanstead flats.

**GT'S Got Talent-** Wednesday 21st June, 6pm.

Tuesday 9th May- Cricket team match  
 Monday 15th May- Tennis competition YR 3 & 4, Lea Valley  
 Friday 10th May- Quad Kids athletics R 3-6, Waltham Forest Athletics Track  
 Monday 22nd May- Tennis competition YR 5 & 6, Lea Valley  
 Friday 26th May -Quad Kids athletics YR 1 & 2, Waltham Forest Athletics Track


# History day



## Celebrate London History Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

We would like you to join in by dressing up as a historic person for the day.  
 This could be your favourite historic person, someone that you have studied, a Londoner, or member of a London community.

Who will you dress up as?



Why have you chosen to dress up as them?

Why are they significant?



### 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