

# 4 GEORGE TOMLINSON NEWS

Dear parents and carers

We've had a wonderful week at GT!

On Thursday night we had our first open evening for prospective parents! It was wonderful to see so many new faces alongside our current Nursery parents. We really want to get the word out about all the superb things we have going on at GT and one of the best ways to do that is by word of mouth; so please spread the word! The school has always had a warm, strong community spirit and we are confident that if we can encourage people to take a look around they will fall in love with our school! Our next event is our full open day on November 10th. We start at 10am and all current and prospective parents are invited! A massive thanks firstly to Mary Gibbs who produced some wonderful information boards for us. We hugely appreciate your support, they are amazing! Also huge thanks and well done to our wonderful tour guides for the evening Gabriel, Sana, Sara, Lorena, Holly & Massimo who impressed the visitors enormously with their charm, knowledge of the school and articulate manner when discussing all that happens at GT! You were wonderful ambassadors for the school and we are hugely proud of you all.

In order to keep everyone safe at school we will have to ban any food being brought in that contains nuts. We do have a number of children who are allergic to them. Therefore we want to take any precautions we can to keep them safe. Please avoid sending in food such as peanut butter and do of course let us know should your child have any new allergies. We will be embarking on some Healthy Schools work and projects and must encourage you to send your children in with healthy snacks please as opposed to chocolate, crisps and sugary drinks. Some children do not still have water bottles and its very important they can access water throughout the day. Many thanks for your support.

Well done to Y6 Mandala class for their assembly on Thursday! Each class will have perform their assembly throughout the year and parents are welcome to attend if they can!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated food to the Harvest collection this year. There was an overwhelming amount of donations and they will go to the local Leytonstone Food Bank for families in need of support.

I met with the newly appointed PTFA committee members this week and was delighted to welcome them to their new roles. Thank you to the members last year who did so much to raise money for our school! I was very happy to receive a cheque for over £4,000 which will be spent on more books for our library and for works to the library itself. An amazing sum so thank you. If you would like to join or contribute your time or ideas to the PTFA please do attend our next meeting in November.

I've loved watching classes access the library this week and seeing so many children with their heads firmly planted in books at lunch or break time! Our school magazine has started and I enjoyed being interviewed for it by Y6 this week. More information to follow about its progress.

Have a lovely weekend with your families!

Best wishes,

Verity Carter

Headteacher



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Headteacher  
Lead DSL



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SENDCO & Inclusion Manager  
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## 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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Toddler Group 9:15am - 10:45am

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

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Workshop - Writing in the  
Primary Curriculum 3:30pm -  
4:30pm

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Black History lunch for children

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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!**

Diera 4M, Gabriel 6P, Elena 4D, Maria 3C, Nyla 4M, Aaliyah 1C, Cora 3B, Oliver 5O, Precious 2F, Elijah 6M, Denislava 2B, Ayaan 5G, Armand 1K, Alice 5M, Ridah 6LK, Elena 3C & Khalil 4W.

### Attendance Awards!

1<sup>ST</sup> 4W 99.4%

2<sup>ND</sup> 1F 99%

3<sup>RD</sup> 6M 98.9%

No lates this week – Joint 5O, 4D, 3B, 2B, 1P & RO

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## Notices

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### Year 6 Pankhurst Class Corner

During their morning lessons, Pankhurst class have been getting to grips with the angles of complex mathematical shapes and are about to tackle the finer points of fractions. In our English lessons, we have been creating a diary written from the perspective of one of the characters in the book *War Horse*.

After looking at some of the fantastical portraits created by the fifteenth-century Italian artist Arcimboldo, we made our own composite portraits formed from different fruit and vegetables. The pictures are so impressive that we would like to display them in a special exhibition: watch this space.

Learning about evolution and inheritance in science has been an eye-opening and mind-expanding experience for all the children. For example, thinking about how we are all in some way (albeit very distantly) related to the blue whale or the golden eagle and that all of life on Earth began in the ocean.

Finally, we have been learning how to tell the time in French. Having practised their pronunciation, it's now parfait!

A la prochaine.

Mr. David Foster



# PTFA

## CHRISTMAS CARDS PROJECT

This is an opportunity for you to purchase cards with your child's own design on them.

This will also help raise funds to provide more Experiences for All our children at George Tomlinson.



You will receive a card template via book bags.

Over the next week please help your child/children to complete a design of their choice. If you want to participate in the Christmas Card Project, please return all completed templates to the Christmas card post box in the school office by

**Wednesday 18th October.**

Later in October you will receive a custom produced order form (one per pupil), showing their design. This gives you a preview of what the card will look like and an opportunity to spell check the details that will be printed on it. You can then decide if you would like to purchase the cards.

**Personalised Christmas cards are lovely for family and friends to receive.**

# !!GET CREATIVE!!

[georgetompta@gmail.com](mailto:georgetompta@gmail.com) - Please be in touch if you would be able to help with events  
<https://www.facebook.com/GeorgeTomPTFA/> - Please like us!!

Our Autumn Disco will take place 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 4.30pm for Reception Y1 & Y2, 6pm for Y4, Y5, Y6

Look out for our DJ request slips next week.

## Library



Ms. Tamblyn's Year 4 Dahl class were able to test out the library to ensure everything is in working order before last week Monday's opening for other classes. It was incredible! Students were delighted when they entered through a 'secret' door into the even more magical space. Students strived to model the expected library behaviour despite being overwhelmed with excitement. There were so many new things to see and explore. The class chose to sign out fiction books by Roald Dahl (of course), Jacqueline Wilson and Michael Morpurgo (among countless others) and non-fiction books about our Science and History topics (Living Things and their Habitats and The Anglo Saxons and Vikings). Students got the hang of the library's shelving system and using their new bookmarks as library cards. They even spotted books by Michael De Souza! Year 4 Dahl is excited for the other classes to begin using the library - there is so much more to discover!



## 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