



Fortnightly Update – Friday 28th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been passing by swiftly. On Monday the reception children enjoyed taking part in another successful Reception sports day. This was organised brilliantly by Jade and Jake. The children were incredibly well prepared and knew exactly what to do. I would also like to thank our Year 5's for being such efficient and knowledgeable helpers.

On Tuesday I welcomed our new Reception parents to the school. It was a pleasure to see so many new and familiar faces. I look forward to getting to know you and your children and supporting them in their transition to school in September. Please don't hesitate to contact the school by email if you have any questions regarding the settling in process.

Also on Tuesday, it was the Year 1 and Year 2 sports day at Wanstead Flats, we were lucky the weather held off!! Well done to the parents for yet again winning the tug of war!



The last few Wednesday afternoons we have met with our new Nursery cohort. New parents have been bringing their nursery children to stay and play sessions, and taking part in Ms Johnson's interesting and informative workshops on different aspects of the curriculum.

Finally, one of our biggest events at George Tomlinson is nearly here; only a week away!

GT Summer fair takes place at our school field on Sunday 7th July from 12.00 – 4.00pm. There are many ways to get involved, from donating prizes, buying raffle tickets, helping set up, or even just turning up on the day and spending your money.

It's still not too late to sign up to help on a stall. This could just be for an hour, while your family is enjoying the fair. The sign up sheet is in the Reception entrance, just by the door. We really appreciate any help and support you can give.

Have a great weekend.

NURSERY

Our children continued to create fantastic work this week. Lucas' creations have become bigger and bigger. Here is his now, life size hulk, that he made independently on Tuesday afternoon, starting at 12.30 and finishing at 2.45, he worked solidly all afternoon!





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Unfortunately the Hessian background doesn't do it justice, but you can appreciate the size!

Our Nursery children have also enjoyed lots of trips to Reception this week. They have been spending time meeting their new teachers and exploring the garden, as part of their transition to reception next September.



Luckily the weather brightened up at the end of the week and the children enjoyed working together. Here they are playing a game with a dice and counting out the corresponding number of bears.

Other children enjoyed playing with our phonics cards. Now they know some sounds, the children enjoyed working out how to write their name and other words.



RECEPTION

On Monday Reception had their sports day in the playground. The children were incredibly well prepared and had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the parents that came, especially the ones who took part in the parent and teacher events. We hoped you enjoyed it as much as we did!



On Tuesday Michael Garnett, a parent at the school came to talk to the children about his job as a Doctor of Philosophy. He posed some interesting questions to the children about reality....' How do you know whether you are really here, and you are not at home in bed asleep dreaming of being here?

The children contributed answers such as - "Because I'm cosy in bed". And, "I remember waking up and putting on my uniform."



He then challenged them by asking... "But what if that was a dream?" The children enjoyed discussing and thinking about life and reality.



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We would like to thank Michael for giving the children this unique opportunity.

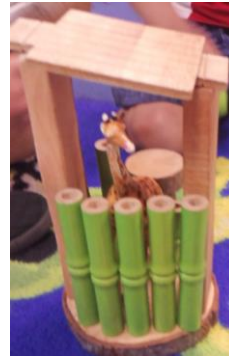
On Thursday, Eartha's mum came to talk to us about her job as an actor. She discussed how she had to learn lots of lines from a script, and how she had to transform how she looked using makeup and costumes. She brought in pictures of herself in character for the children to see.

Once again, thank you so much for coming in and sharing your work with the children.

For the last couple of Thursdays Otters and Pine Martens have visited Leytonstone Fire Station. We all had a fantastic time. We got to climb in the fire engine, watch the firemen slide down the pole, and we got to use the hoses! It was great trip the children got to find out lots about how the firemen react in a real emergency.



In maths we have been problem solving using shapes. Children were set a challenge of creating a shelter for different animals. The children worked in groups to build an appropriate shelter taking into account the shape and size of the animal and making the shelter water proof - each group had a different animal - each group had a to use a different form of construction.



The cuboid was the most appropriate shape for our shelters.

We still need wood for our wood work table and we still need your recycling for junk modelling. Thank you for your donations so far.

Don't forget to rehearse for international day!

Year 1

This week in Year One we celebrated Sports Day. We had fantastic fun doing the egg and spoon race, sack race and loved seeing the parents' vs teachers' tug of war.



We have been looking at the different plants in the edible playground and made sure to water them in preparation for the hot weather this weekend.

We are preparing for our trip to Southend; if you haven't sent the permission slip back please do so as soon as possible.



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WEEKLY DATES

Monday mornings - 9.00am - English conversation Classes –, these classes are free to all members of the school community.

Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45 – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

Afternoon toddler group is finished for the term and will start again in September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

Tuesday 2nd 9.30 am – New Reception Welcome Morning

Wednesday 3rd July 3.30 pm – Year 1 transition meeting for reception parents; letters out next week to confirm date.

Sunday 7th July – PTFA Summer Fair 12.00pm - 4.00pm. Vernon Road Field.

Tuesday 9th - Nursery AM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park.

Wednesday 10th July – Early Years transition festival.

Thursday 11th – Nursery PM children to visit Henry Reynolds Park

Thursday 11th 5.00pm – Nursery PIZZA NIGHT!!

Friday 19th July – Last day of summer term

September

Wednesday 3rd September – Years 1 – 6 back to school.

Monday 9th - Nursery reopens for current children.

Monday 9th – Reception children start mornings only 8.45 – 11.45

Wednesday 11th Reception stays for lunch 8.45 – 12.45

Friday 13th – Reception in all day



Donation requests: We are in need of children's prizes (girls & boys), but particularly for older children (ages 8-11). Please bring any donations (in good condition) to the office.

On the day of the Summer Fair on Sun 7th July, we will need plants and cakes, so please start planning ahead. Many thanks for your generosity and for helping raise funds for all our children.

Summer Fair Raffle: Look out for raffle tickets being sent home. Please sell the tickets and return the bags with the raffle stubs (filled in) and the money to your teachers.

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