



# George Tomlinson News



## *Dear Parents and Carers,*

We've had a wonderful but rainy week here at GT!

I hope you all enjoyed your bank holiday this Monday. The children returned on Tuesday and got straight back into lessons. After a very busy Spring term, we are focusing on ensuring our lessons are engaging and that teachers have enough time to plan their brilliant Project Based Learning topics for the next term! I can't wait to see how the topics take shape in classes. It is wonderful to hear how excited the pupils are by their topics and to see their homework completed with such enthusiasm too!

Our Year 6s continue to work extremely hard towards their SATs but I want the pupils more than anything, to not get stressed by the upcoming tests. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 cohort and how dedicated to their studies they have been since the start of the year, however we do not want any child to feel anxious about next week and so have been trying to reassure them that all we want is for them to try their best. The school will put on a free breakfast club for all Y6 pupils next week from Monday to Thursday from 8am to 8:45am. This should allow for children to have a chat and a laugh with their peers before the day starts as well as fill up on healthy food and snacks!

On Wednesday our two toddler groups continued and were well attended despite the rain! We also welcomed staff from Highbury Nursery who came to look at our 'In The Moment Planning' practise and provision in our EYFS. They were amazed at the resources, independence of the pupils and the wonderful engaging atmosphere there. Well done to Ms Corbett and Mrs Rimmer in EYFS and Year 1, who this week shared presentations with the team from their University courses.

On Thursday I led an assembly to focus on children's mental health. We try our best at GT to encourage a growth mind-set in our pupils, to try and build their self-esteem and make sure they feel safe enough to share their worries should they have any. We want pupils to recognise the connection between a healthy body and a healthy mind as well as the importance of seeking help should you need it.

On Friday we celebrated our pupil's achievements at Star of the Week! Well done to all of our stars.

It has been brilliant to get into classrooms and watch the high quality of teaching and learning this week. Our focus has been on Destination Reader and I was blown away by the pupil's ability to support one another when reading very challenging texts, ask great questions and give insightful answers. Year 3 on Thursday, were especially brilliant! Well done everyone.

Half term Holiday Club is open to book now through the office. All details have been e-mailed and are also on the school website.

Ramadan Mubarak. Please remember that any pupils who wish to pray or take time out can do so in the group room on the Y3 corridor.



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## Weekly Events

**English conversation classes**  
for Parents and Carers – Every  
Monday 9 – 10:15 am



**Head Teacher Drop-in**  
Every Wednesday between  
9:15 am and 11 am  
(Please book at the office)



**Toddler Group**  
Every Wednesday  
from 9:15 – 10:45 am



**Afternoon Toddler Group**  
Every Wednesday afternoon  
(limited numbers) 1-2:30 pm



**Parents' Reading Morning**  
with children in Y1, Y2 & Y3 –  
Every Thursday between  
8:45 am and 9:15 am



**Star of the Week assembly**  
Every Friday at 9 am

## Upcoming dates

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

- KS2 SAT's exams begin (until Thursday)
- Y4 Wilson to The Centre of the Cell

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Y4 Morpurgo to  
The Centre of the Cell

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Y3 Cleopatra Class Assembly
- Y4 Dahl to The Centre of the Cell

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Best wishes,

Verity Carter  
Headteacher

## Star of the Week



A massive **WELL DONE** to our **STARS** this week:

*David-Luca, Gintare, Ayaan, Mayssa, Muna, Justina, Mohsin, Aggie, Tuesday, Daniella, Sarina, Elodie, Leo, Kaheem, Zoya, Saleha and Zuzanna*



## Attendance

1st, Y1K & Y5M, 100.0%

2nd, Y6M, 98.8%

3rd, Y4M, 98.3%

No late marks, Y1K, Y2B, Y2E, Y4D, Y5G

Children are nominated by the Midday Assistants to eat at the Top Table with a member of the SLT for exceptional behaviour in and around the dining hall. Well done!

