

George Tomlinson News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've enjoyed another busy and productive week here at George Tomlinson.

The highlight of my week, as ever, has been spending time in classrooms, getting to see the brilliant engagement and the behaviour for learning our children display. Ms Mendelssohn and I were blown away by what we saw in classes this week. Year 1 creating art and fostering independence in their tasks; Year 2 taking on some descriptive writing with some amazing answers when describing the Grandpa in their story using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and similes; Year 3 using arrays to describe number sentences in maths; Year 4 doing some complex graph analysis; Year 5 going over their challenging assessment tasks and Year 6 learning about bacteria in science! What strikes me most as I walk around, is how well children talk to one another about their learning and how impeccable their behaviour is. We are proud of each and every one of them.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Reception bubble back this week after nearly two weeks in isolation! The school felt very strange without them and I've been impressed by how readily they've slotted back into the routines. They've been busily creating, learning and growing and I've shared some of their activities on our Instagram page. I was shocked at the level of phonics knowledge Reception display already and loved seeing the pride on the teachers faces as they taught them.

Across the school, children are beginning to prepare for their Christmas shows! Never too early in my opinion! Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will record their own shows within their bubbles and these will be recorded and uploaded onto our YouTube account for parents to access. We will send you the link in the last week of term. Years 2-6 will go over to the church as usual to perform theirs but within allocated year group slots. Again this can be accessed by parents once the video is ready. I am glad that we are able to offer you a chance to see their Christmas shows despite the restrictions. In the next week or so you will receive a letter from the school regarding permission for your child to be in these videos. We only want to hear from you if you do not give permission. Please be aware the YouTube account is private and only for the GT community.

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual parents evening! I hope you found the feedback helpful. If you haven't been able to find a suitable slot, please contact your child's class teacher directly.

The PTFA announced the winning posters in their Black Lives Matter poster competition this week. Well done to the winners and to everyone who entered, your artwork will be displayed in school. Thank you to the PTFA for the idea and for your support of our school.

Weekly Events

For safety reasons, our usual weekly events are all cancelled until further notice.

Upcoming dates

DECEMBER



Monday 7th December

Nursery Christmas Show
recorded

Tuesday 8th December

Reception Christmas Show
recorded

Wednesday 9th December

Year 1 Christmas Show
recorded

Thursday 10th December

Years 2 & 3 to St. John's
Church

Friday 11th December

Years 4, 5 & 6 to St. John's
Church

Tuesday 14th December

- Class Performances available for parents to view
- Nursery a.m. sandwich day

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch and
Christmas Jumper Day (Menu
attached)

Thursday 17th December

Nursery p.m. sandwich day

Friday 18th December

- Class parties with a visit from Santa
- School closes at 1:30 pm

I'm very happy to say that I will be using a generous donation from the PTFA to fund two lovely end of term events for our pupils, one of which has already been booked. We will be visited by a steel pan band who are going to do a workshop that will enable children to have a go on the instrument as well as watch a performance! This will bring the sunshine and joy we all need right now! More info to come on this and the second surprise as soon as I have it!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families!

Best wishes,
Verity



Attendance

1st Y5O, 100.0%

2nd Y4W, 99.7%

3rd Y3B, 99.5%

No late marks, Y1C, Y1P, Y2E, Y4D, Y4W, Y5G, Y5M, Y5O