

George Tomlinson News

Dear Parents and Carers,



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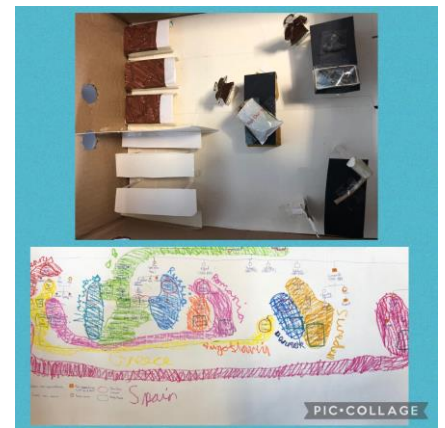
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This week the children have been working hard, benefiting from our extra Maths and English sessions. These are designed to ensure children have every opportunity to catch up after the lockdown. However, this has not been to the detriment of their enjoyment. In year 5 children have become fully immersed into the classic novel *Oliver Twist*. Building on the Drama they did last week, they became Newspaper reporters today and have been writing reports about events that took place in the world of the story.

The project work that children produced over the Easter holidays has been particularly impressive across the school. From Roman Shields in Year 3, Mayan constructions in Year 4 to a model Victorian Workhouse in Year 5. Do take a look at these projects on our school's Instagram account.



On Monday we had a special delivery of hatching eggs for the Reception children. The children have enjoyed seeing the chicks hatch and develop, and have been recording their observations in their chick diaries.

This week we also had a welcome delivery of wonderful diverse and inclusive books for our library. These were very kindly donated to us by Scotty Emmons, who set up a crowd funding page on social media during lockdown. This was specifically to raise money so local schools could benefit from a fantastic range of inclusive free books.

Weekly Events

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

Upcoming dates

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday. School closed.

Children to return on Tuesday 4th May 2021

Friday 28th May – last day before half term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – School closed for half term

Monday 7th June – Children back to school

Thursday 22nd July – Last day of the summer term

The atmosphere in the playground has been wonderfully calm since the children have returned. The children have been using the new Calm Corners in the playground to help support their emotional well-being. We have noticed a significant improvement in children's emotional literacy as they have been able to identify their emotions and use the Calm Corners to help them feel better. We would love your feedback from any of you who have been using them at home.

Please look out for Ms Shakes' Top Picks in our weekly Newsletter. Each week she will recommend a resource that you can use at home to help support your child with their learning.

This Monday is bank holiday so the school will be closed for one day.

We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 4th May.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Jessica Mendelsohn
Assistant Head teacher and Interim Deputy

Pick of the Week:

<https://www.pobble365.com/>

What is it?

Pobble365 is a website dedicated to providing ideas for children's creative writing. Each day, there is a different image to hook the children in and get their creative juices flowing! There are ready made activities to go with the image, such as story starters, grammar activities and conversation points for you to discuss with your child. Younger children can use the picture prompt along with the image to create work too! With 365 different images and related activities there is something for everyone! Why not have a go at creating something amazing - I would love to see some of your fantastic work!

Ms Shakes

Attendance

1st - Y1C, Y2E, Y3B, & Y4D: 100.0%

2nd - Y1K: 99.2%

3rd - Y5O: 99.1%

No late marks - Y1C, Y1K, Y2F, Y3B, Y3CA, Y4D, Y4M, Y4W, Y5G, Y5M, Y5O, Y6M and Y6P.