



Fortnightly – Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful start to the summer half term. We hope you had a restful break and have been enjoying the wonderful warm weather.

The reception area was open for a week, and the children really made the most of the outside space while they could, but unfortunately, due to rising covid cases in the area, we have had to split the year group back into class bubbles. It will keep everyone a little bit safer and avoid any more whole year group isolations in Reception.

Once again, I must thank all staff involved for acting so quickly on this, preparing the outside area, rearranging their planning, and securing more afterschool club and dinner staff.

However, please can you also make sure you do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have any symptoms. If they are feeling unwell with symptoms, please get a PCR test. There is a walk in center just up the road from the school. The lateral flow tests are for us all to use twice a week, to catch anyone that does not have symptoms. A positive flow test should be followed up by a PCR test. Tests are now widely available and can be obtained via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Thank you for your support on this, hopefully we will get through the next few weeks safely and keep everyone in school!

It has been a pleasure to meet some of our new parents and children who will be starting school with us in September, although we will be meeting virtually for the moment, it's been worth using the opportunity for us to get to know each other a bit more before September.

Today was Ms Ewa's last day, she has been at the school seventeen years, and has been a constant pillar of strength, having supported so many of our children and their families in various different ways. She has always demonstrated genuine care and commitment to everyone and everything she does. Ms Ewa was a midday meal supervisor and after school club manager before taking on her EAL students. She has been teaching English to EAL students for many years, even before her role of Family Liaison Officer. She's done everything from running our toddler group to looking after our hens and garden. She has worked alongside our children and parents to grow an amazing variety of plants, and vegetables, bringing our edible garden to life and sharing her talents at her numerous gardening clubs!

She is leaving to be with her family in Poland and we wish her the very best of luck in her new adventures.

We hope you have a lovely weekend
Jessica Mendelsohn

EYFS Lead and Assistant Head teacher,
Interim Deputy



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NURSERY

It's been a very busy start to the new term in nursery. The children returned after the holiday, refreshed and ready to engage with their learning in the glorious sunshine.

The children have been using their imagination to make parties with the natural resources and Hamza has been busy making roads and train tracks with his friend Henrique.



Emmet has been learning to order and recognise numbers, he enjoyed the challenge of putting the correct number of shapes for each number. He was very creative with how he arranged the shapes when the number got bigger so they could fit in the space, great thinking Emmet!

On Wednesday Year 1 gave Ms Ewa a musical send off! They performed some songs using their ukuleles and percussion instruments. They did a smashing job, it was lovely! And on Friday she spent some time with Nursery and Reception children so they could say goodbye too.



Thank you for your donations for our football dress up day!! The PE staff greatly appreciates your support.

Arlo has been using his knowledge of letter sounds to write his food order in the mud kitchen, he was thinking very carefully and listening to the sounds he could hear in each word. Great writing Arlo, well done!



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We welcome our new friend Zainab and her family to our afternoon session, it is wonderful to have you with us and hope you have a great time at GT!

We are very sad to have to say goodbye to Martha who is moving away to a new house. You have been a fantastic friend to us all Martha and you will be greatly missed. Good luck in your new school, they are very lucky to have you xx

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed £10 to our nursery fund. We are very grateful. If you haven't, it's never too late!!

Pam Johnson
Nursery Teacher

RECEPTION

In reception the children have enjoyed talking all about the positive activities they have encountered during their half term break. They have settled into back into the routines refreshed and even a little taller!

The school field has also grown a lot over the week and the children have enjoyed using the wild flowers and found material like stones, sticks and leaves to make transient art.

In our writing sessions we have been writing about the different habitats of animals using a fabulous peep-hole book called 'Guess where I Live'. This has led to the children capturing their ideas using spider diagrams and writing short sentences to accompany their wonderful illustrations which collated into a fabulous class book.

You'll also be pleased to learn that in our Math's sessions we have been mastering the art of spending money. The children used real coins to count up the total value of two items brought from our in-house classroom shop.



In Pine Martens the postmen have been busy again with the backlog of post. Leo, Finn and Louis were on duty sending letters from classroom to classroom. Willow and Zaynab are posing proudly next to their transient art masterpiece whilst Evie is busy counting her pennies as she learns how to count the total cost of her chosen two items.





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Hedgehogs have been loving science week this week! We have been investigating lots of different things and the pictures show us testing our boats to see if they are buoyant and float or if they sink, as well as testing out our bubble mixture on the field! Sara and Charlie were particularly helpful this week in sorting out all of our resources and labelling them so we could find everything we needed for each investigation.



Otters were making giant bubbles at the field this week. We learnt that you need to dip all of the string in the bubble mixture and move slowly and gently to make the best bubbles.

YEAR 1

In Year 1 we have been innovating our own Avocado baby story maps and tasting avocados which seem to have made us all incredibly strong! We also used our nouns, verbs and adjectives to build some silly sentences like "The faded bronze parrot skipped in the ocean!" and "A clever hamster hid on the bus."





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We have also been exploring vertical addition and started using our tens and ones to add double digit numbers together using the column method in maths.



The whole year group performed "The Thumb-brush Strum" on our ukuleles and with drums for Ms Ewa's leaving concert. We all felt very sad to say goodbye but very grateful to have had such a lovely teacher in our school.



The EcoWarriors have created some fantastic posters which will be going up around the school to remind everyone to use a bin for their rubbish and to respect the wildlife and plants in and around our school, and everywhere else of course. Mr Young from our Reception team came to join our meeting and hear all about

what we have been doing for the last two years. We're very happy to have him join us to support us in keeping GT greener than ever!

Dates for your Diary

June

Tuesday 22nd 9.30 New Reception meeting 3 - Zoom

1.30 – New AM Nursery meeting 2nd session - Zoom

Tuesday 29th 1.30 PM & FT New Nursery Transition meeting 1st session Zoom

July

Friday 2nd July – Maths dress up

Monday 5th July – Children's sports week

Reception and Year 1 usual PE days

Thursday 22nd July – Last day of term

run by PTFA

Secondhand Uniform Shop

We sell good quality secondhand uniform at very reasonable prices. Logo and plain uniform and PE kit from supermarkets, John Lewis and M&S in all ages from 3-4 to 12-13.

Green logo jumper £3.50

White logo polo shirt £1.50

Green logo cardigan £3.50

Grey skirt, skirt, culottes £2 - £3

Grey trousers £2 - £3

Grey dress £2 - £3

Black school shoes £7

Plain white polo shirt 50p

Green summer dress £2 - £3

Grey shorts £2 - £3

Blue logo PE jumper £3.50

White logo PE T shirt £1.50

Blue logo PE trousers £3

Blue PE shorts £1 - £2

PE Kit

PE pinnacles £1 - £2

We also stock school bags, coats, hats and uniform for the GT nursery. Collection and payment available at the school office.

All money raised supports activities and events funded by the PTFA for all children at George Tomlinson Primary School. Contact us on uniformptfa@gmail.com to place your order today.