

# the GREENROOM school



## Newsletter February 2018

We've had a great start to the year both in Windsor and Kingsley; pupils, staff and animals have settled into the new premises very well, our sheep and geese are enjoying the company of their new friends!



### Windsor GR6

One of our sixth form pupils has designed and is helping to construct a 'Makerspace' in the old kitchen area. This area will include 3D printing, electronics and robotics facilities and will transform The Green Room Windsor's STEM (Science, technology, engineering & maths) provision. The computers are in and there's plenty more to the project, it's great to see pupils getting involved in improving the school.



### ConsoleTopia

A couple of weeks ago The Green Room hosted an event organised by one of our GR6 pupils, as part of his Masters Edge Business Project which is designed to develop the organisational and leadership skills of the LORIC principles. The event was ConsoleTopia which aimed to bring likeminded individuals together to socialise over video games. We had 6 consoles on offer with 10-15 games ranging from the retro Sonic The Hedgehog on a Sega Mega Drive to modern Driveclub on a PS4. This was a fun night of healthy competition, pupils and staff members bonding over shared interests, and some people even reliving childhood memories!



### E-Sports

This week The Green Room will become part of the first ever eSports Championships League, competing in an online battle with other teams including Green Room Kingsley! There will be three gaming PCs with pupils playing Overwatch, Project Cars 2 and League of Legends. This is an exciting opportunity for those involved and we wish them the best of luck!

### Science

There have been some great results in our science assessments recently, and really good individual progress. In the lab pupils have been looking at fractional distillation of oil. We were able to see the full range of fractions collected from between 50-300 degrees C, including petrol and diesel.

### Arts Award

The Arts Award this term has been busy with leadership and skill share projects. A number of the Silver students have been running workshops:

**Birthing a Book** - a creative process in creating the content for a book.

**Sign Medley** - a selection of art and crafts workshops that have produced a new sign that will be displayed in the entrance hall to the school.

**Art Taker Over** - one pupil took over the running of the art session on a Thursday and taught her fellow students a variety of techniques in painting, she completed the project with a exhibition of the work that the students made.

The Bronze pupils have been developing communication and technology skills by becoming YouTubers. They have created a video of them sharing a creative skill and have had the opportunity to share and evaluate each others efforts.



## Kingsley

Pupils have been looking at kindness and how small acts of kindness can go a long way. We are making great progress in changing the mindset, to build a mind to be kind.



## BTEC

In BTEC Land Based Studies pupils have undertaken a range of activities from small animal checks, propagation of a seed and creating their own allotment plans, equine care and tractor driving. Pupils have embraced putting on their overalls and have really enjoyed getting to know and care for our three new rabbits who have been named Mufusa, Mr Wiggles (who turned out to be Mrs Wiggles) and Casper. We had a visit from Helen who runs her own rabbit rescue with over 65 rabbits, during BTEC time. She shared a wealth of knowledge with the pupils and demonstrated how to carry out health checks safely.



## Projects

Pupils took part in the project round up where they presented to the panel what they had achieved and learnt. Pupils undertook presentations, lead demonstrations and filmed their achievements. They presented their experiences eloquently and it highlighted some of their real passions and interests. We look forward to starting our new projects and seeing what the pupils come up with next.

## Sport

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays pupils at GRK go off site to Mill Chase Leisure Centre. They use the gym and swim facilities and we are proud of how well they conduct themselves with the staff and public. Pupils are working on their fitness and showing real grit and determination when in the gym! After half term we are going to introduce crib cards to record their personal bests and fitness programmes to build on what they have learnt so far.



## Bushcraft

In bushcraft pupils have taken part in creating a bug hotel as well as plaster of paris animal print moulds, maintaining fires and toasting marshmallows as well as helping support some of the work that is still being done on the farm site!

## Geography

In geography pupils finished off learning about volcanos and creating their own by conducting an experiment outside followed by a class experiment where they watched a plastic bottle erupt with red and orange foam! They have really enjoyed working both in the classroom and outside when working more practically!

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Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February. End of term Thursday 29th March.  
1st half of Summer Term - Wednesday 18th April - Friday 25th May