

# the GREENROOM school



## Newsletter October 2018

Term has started with lots of new faces who have been working hard adjusting and enjoying everything The Green Room has to offer. We have had a busy term with Ofsted inspections, school trips, new 4th Dimension choices, and several new 4+ legged additions to GRK!

### Windsor



### The Swan

As you may know we are looking to expand our 6th form provision. We finally have some good news regarding our mission to Save Our Swan pub in Clewer. We now have a mortgage in place and are in the process of collecting in all the generous pledges from the community so that we can finalise the purchase and begin the refurbishment. Here's to the beginning of some great opportunities for our pupils as they prepare for adulthood.

### Rewards Trips

Four of our pupils were selected to go on a rewards trip to GoApe, one of the UK's foremost outdoor adventure parks. They were selected because they had excelled in academic work, embodied the school values and have been exemplary Green Room role models. It was a well deserved day out and they had a fantastic



time. This was the first of many rewards trips planned this year.

### GR6 (Sixth Form)

Some of our GR6 pupils recently went to the Escape 3600 escape room in Maidenhead, called "The Pirate's Hut." Here they had just one hour to solve a baffling succession of pirate-themed puzzles and physical challenges and escape the hut before it was too late! We completed the challenge with only 4 mins and 16 seconds to spare.

The trip was designed to help our pupils develop and enhance their skills relating to the LORIC principles, Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication. These five principles form the core of the PiXL Edge program, and are at the heart of what we do at The Green Room School.

### 4th Dimension

The new school year brought a fresh flurry of 4th Dimension topics, where pupils explore subjects and ideas that lie outside of the basic curriculum. Always a hit with the pupils, this autumn has been no different.

One of the subjects on offer is Conspiracy Theories where pupils have been debating whether the moon landing was faked or if the sinking of the Titanic was an insurance scam gone horribly wrong. We've seen the return of History where we've focused on pre-history and the incredible human journey from Africa to the rest of the planet. There's also Oracy where pupils begin to understand the



basics of communication and how to effectively debate with one another. These are just a few examples of the 4th Dimension options this term and we're excited to see what the future terms include.

### NaNoWriMo:

When November rolls around the Green Room will be full of brave authors who have accepted the challenge of writing a whole novel in just 30 days! November is National Novel Writing Month - or NaNoWriMo - where people all over the world sign a pledge to exercise their creativity. 2018 will be the second year that The Green Room joins the challenge and this year we're focusing on making a school-wide commitment to reaching 100,000 words - more than doubling last year's word count of 38,690 words! We'll have write-in meetings and brainstorming sessions so that we can attack the challenge together. There's been a lot of talking around school about new ideas and we can't wait for November 1st to get started!

### Christmas Market

The Green Room School Christmas Market is returning this year! There will be a variety of activities, from gingerbread decorating and karaoke to slightly more unique experiences including escape rooms and tarot readings! For the first time the market will be completely run by the pupils, who will have organised everything. Be sure to save Friday December 7th in your calendars, as you won't want to miss it!



## Kingsley

### New Science Lab

GRK now has a fully operational science lab which is also home to some of our new animals (see below). This has given us an additional teaching space and is purpose built to support lots of exciting and engaging experiments in class. Pupils are working towards their ELC qualification in Science.



### Events

We hosted a Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning on Friday 12th October where we raised an incredible £254.68 for the charity. Pupils made and decorated their own cakes throughout the week! There was a brilliant turn out of local visitors, staff and family members, with over 20 guests who all complimented the pupils on their service, behaviour and obviously their delicious cakes.



### New Additions

This term we have welcomed some new animals to GRK and pupils have been getting to know them, adding them into the morning routine, which involves feeding Wrango the veiled chameleon his locusts and learning to hold the 6 hissing cockroaches. There are now five harvest mice given to us by the New Forest Wildlife park, better known as the 'mice girls', five Giant African Land Snails and six amazingly camouflaged Leaf Insects.

### Trips

Always trying to utilise the schools beautiful surrounding areas we did an orienteering trip to Alice Holt Forest. Pupils used their orienteering course as part of sport for the week, focusing on map skills. All pupils had a great time running through the forest, finishing with an ice cream and run around the play park.

We also held a trip to Mill Farm Organic, just ten minutes from GRK. Nick the Farm Manager gave up his time to give us a 'field to fork' experience, looking at where our meat comes from and how it ends up packaged at the shops and then onto our plates. It was great to see how well these organic animals were cared for and we ended by purchasing some mince meat to be used in our lunch at school. We did a big walk around the farm, meeting the butcher, seeing the cows and sheep and even got to see some two day old piglets.

### Curriculum

We are now a fully registered Pearson BTEC centre and some pupils have started to be assessed on their first modules in horticulture and animals. Pupils have responded really well to the course and have completed some excellent assessments.

Mindfulness and Yoga is back in the curriculum and gives pupils a chance to get some headspace



from their busy lives. Lisa works with them every Tuesday and pupils have embraced this lesson, taking every opportunity to learn new skills and focus on relaxation.

Cooking is also back by popular demand where pupils have made their own pastry and from this made fruit pies and sausage rolls. The lessons also look at the health and safety of cooking, cooking techniques and most importantly different flavours to create tasty food. Pupils are very good at wearing their aprons and hairnets which is pleasing to see.

Finally.....Thank you to everyone who helped with our Ofsted inspections in both schools - we are awaiting our reports so watch this space.....

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Half Term - Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October, INSET DAY - Monday 29th October, End of term - Friday 14th December.