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## GRW & GR6



### 'Physical' School

We are delighted this week to be able to invite a few more pupils into what is now being called 'Physical' School. With a dose of academic lessons, a tasty pack lunch and some wholesome outdoor activity, it has given staff and pupils a much needed boost, after nearly two months of isolation. Hand washing, temperature guns, face visors and handy guides on the floor for social distancing have become the 'new normal' which everyone has embraced. The Virtual school is still going strong as we begin to blend these two platforms...a sign of schools to come?

### GR Bike Shop

With over half the school staff regularly cycling to work or clocking up leisure miles in the saddle, we know the benefits to health and happiness that cycling bestows and we want to make sure our students do too. So, we've created the GR Bike Shop where students have started to build a fleet of school bikes. This week, they've

been stripping down some donated old and unwanted bikes and finding any worn out parts. Over the course of the program, which dovetails with their virtual Engineering classes on bicycles, they'll replace and repair, recondition, and then ride their new(ish) bikes. If you have any unwanted kids or adult bikes clogging up your shed or garage, then please think about donating them to the GR Bike Shop. We can safely collect from anywhere in the local area.

### Allotment

The Green Room Allotment has

had a Greenhouse assembled. A delightful new aspect for us to fulfill the want of fresh produce and plants for our School. Recent moderate access to the site has enabled some maintenance and planning preparation for our large site. The site has gone from strength to strength, during the past year and remains a wonderful opportunity to green up The Green Room.

### Isolation Station

Pupils and staff have enthusiastically taken part in a 30-day song challenge by sharing songs according to the

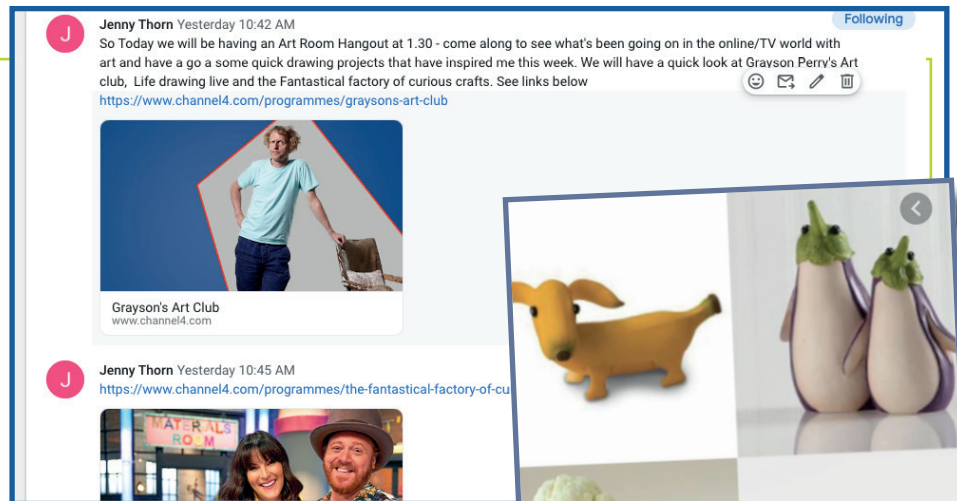




theme of the day. These songs have been collated into what is turning out to be a huge, varied and very impressive "Isolation Station" playlist on the school Spotify account. We're proud of this little collaboration between pupils and staff - a little souvenir of great tunes in an odd time.

## Slash-Site Challenge

We have another Slash-Site Challenge to keep minds and bodies active over the weekend and into next week. This week we are challenging pupils to create a Vegetable/Fruit Animal! Pupils will need to get creative and use their imaginations; could you turn a banana into a dolphin? Could you dig out that last lonely potato and create a hippo? Or how about a giraffe made out of celery? There are no bad ideas and all entries are welcome. Once pupils have completed the task, they can take a quick snap and upload the photo to their Slash Sites. Good luck!



## Art Room Hangout

The Art Room has started a new hangout on a Wednesday afternoon - we are looking at TV



art programmes being aired during the lockdown to inspire us such as Grayson Perry's Art Club, The Fantastic Factory of Creative Curiosities and Life Drawing Live. Pupils and staff have shared what they have been creating during lockdown and projects that they would like to do once we are back at school.



## GRK

### Chapter Challenge!

Well done to this week's winners, **Emily** and **Toby** for their efforts to read. Enjoy your prizes!

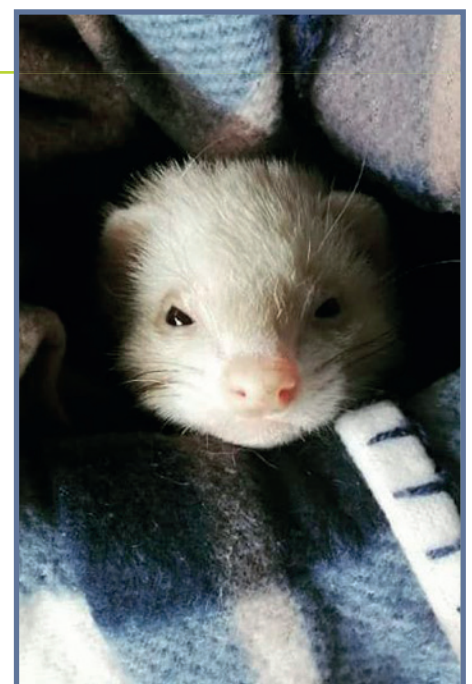
### 'Physical School'

As of Monday 18th we will be inviting 3-4 pupils in a day to work 1:1 with staff in the afternoon. They will take part in sport, caring for the animals and the market garden. We hope this will help break up lock down

for them for both academic and therapeutic reasons as well as putting us in a good place to reintegrate pupils for when we do return fully. We will make sure social distancing and hand washing is at the top of our priority and thanks to everyone who has helped turn this around so quickly.

### Virtual School

Virtual school will continue to run. 1:1 lessons will still be at the same time and should not be impacted as we have taken



this into account when scheduling days for pupils to attend, including journey time. Any problems please get in touch. Due to staff being needed in the afternoon there will be some slight changes. Afternoon sessions will finish at 1.15 rather than 1.30 and Scott, Gareth and Dan will no longer offer a session 11 - 12.

### Lessons this week

We have as always had a wide variety of lessons this week with pupils learning about dressage in equine, saving the planet in science and famous buildings around the world in trade. On top of these lessons pupils have been looking at dinosaurs, mysteries such as area 51, learning spanish, piano and guitar, coding, bushcraft, completing lego challenges and playing a range of games including brain box, sketchfull and quizzes.

Reading is always a common feature on the timetable with pupils enjoying being read to and reading to others.

### Magician



Tom used magic as a treat for pupils this week. His friend

Andrew joined us on Wednesday to teach our pupils how to do some basic magic. He taught them some card tricks and the pupils were enchanted!

### Pupil and Work of the Week

This week's pupil of the week was **Orlando**. The work of the week went to **Kelsie** for her work in science. The 1:1 star went to **Joe**. Well done to all three of you!

### Staff News

Gareth gave blood this week despite having a fear of needles. This has encouraged lots more staff to get involved and book in sessions to give blood to help others - even if some of us are a bit squeamish!

Dan and Rosie have joined the Mutual Aid team and are helping those in Alton and the surrounding areas in isolation by doing their food shopping. Tom is also volunteering with online youth groups to support other young people during the pandemic. Elizabeth has been distributing homemade PPE and Jane has been volunteering at a hospital.

### Letters

All pupils have received their letters from staff now and many have written back or started to in 1:1 lessons. Please make sure you do reply with the stamped addressed envelope provided.

### Careers

We all love the NHS, but did you know that there are more than 350 different careers in the Health Service? Have a look at our Futures room on Google-Classroom for more information. There is even a short survey you can take to find out the ideal healthcare job for you!

### Times Tables Rockstars

Congratulations to **Orlando** (aka Phil McRock) and **Caitlin** (aka Gwen Manga) who have become the first GRK pupils to earn their Rockstar Status! Keep rocking you legends! Who will be next?

### Emily's Art Work

**Emily** has kindly shared some artwork that she has been working on at home. Well done Emily!



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Summer Term Dates

Last day of this half term - Friday 22nd May

Summer Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

INSET DAY Monday 1st June

Back to Virtual & Physical School Tuesday 2nd June