

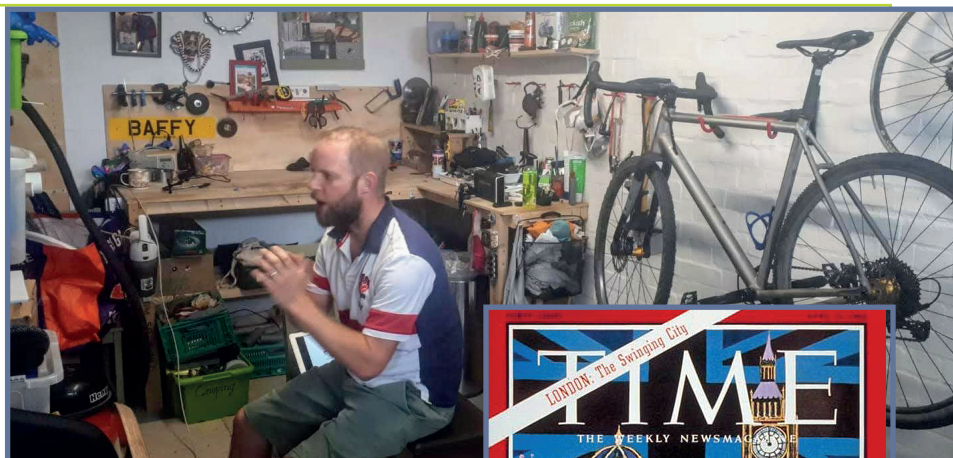
# the GREENROOM school



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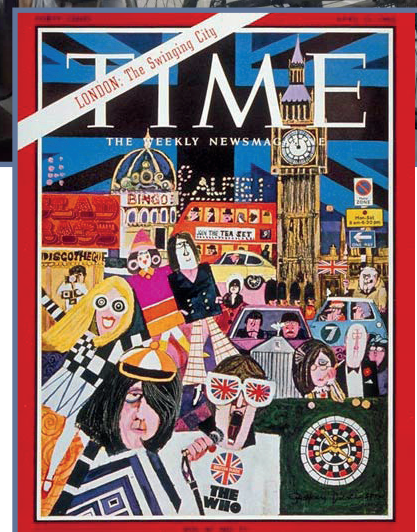
## GRW & GR6

The Green Room Virtual School is here to keep pupils safe, keep them learning and keep us all connected. We are running a full timetable available for all our pupils. For the latest timetable, please visit the Pupils & Parents area on our website. (Find your pupils initials and you will see where they are meant to be and when). Our newsletters will let you know all about the things we have been doing and what is coming up. Parents/ Carers and pupils can always get in touch with the school if you are struggling with anything and they will point you in the right direction.



### Engineering

This term's Engineering subject is bicycles and on Friday pupils began their learning journey by looking at the crazy 19th century machines that evolved to become the modern bike. Each week, we'll be breaking down the parts of the modern bicycle to study their inner workings and some of the engineering principles involved.



Room sports club on STRAVA and together we are logging our physical activities to complete weekly tasks. This week the challenge was set to complete 'The Nifty Fifty', collectively staff and pupils have to clock up the miles trying to reach a 50 mile target. Success was seen in 2 days with nearly all club members contributing to the distance made. We are now seeing how many miles we can achieve over 50 to set our goal for next week.



### The Great Bake Off

On Monday afternoon, Charley shared her secrets to creating the best cookies of all time! The recipe and method can now be found on the Kitchen google chat for pupils (and parents!) to refer back too.

Next week, we'll be knocking up some brownies - come and get involved!

### History (4th Dimension)

We continue to take a totally groovy trip back to the Swinging 60s in History this Term, exploring why London became the Capital of Cool, what impact music had on the decade, how art and fashion changed and why people's lives got better. Righteous!

### 1 minute silence

The virtual school fell silent for 1 minute on the 28th of April at 11am, in honour of fallen NHS staff. All lessons were halted for a minute to reflect on the incredible sacrifices and great heroism of our frontline staff.

### GR Sport

We have created our own Green





## Food and Cookery

Pupils cooked up a delicious vegetarian curry in this weeks Food and Cookery session. Students are learning to create well balanced meals that don't break the bank - a life skill if there ever was one! here is a picture of Daisy's meal that she cooked for her whole family - good job, Daisy!



## Netflix Party

After our Easter poll and Netflix party, we've decided to host

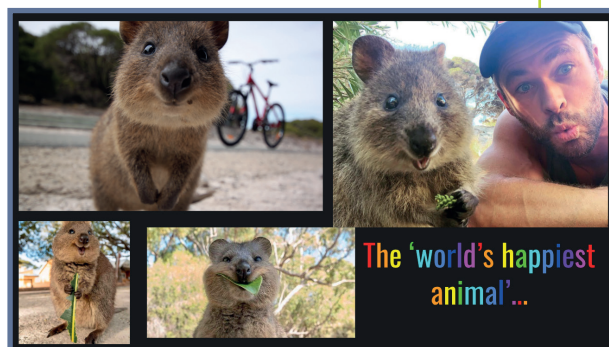
another! This Saturday, we will be running another Netflix party for pupils and staff. Ideas are being thrown around in the Movies, TV Shows and Gaming Google chat but we're sure whatever we choose will be great!

## Guest Circle Time

In our guest circle time this week, we explored Rottneest Island off the Western coast of Australia! This island is famous for its native species of Quokka. Quokkas are incredibly photogenic and have been nicknamed the 'world's happiest animals' because of their inclination to smile all of the time! The travel bug is catching on and we can't wait to go out and explore when this period of time is over. Until then #bemorequokka.

## Slash Site Challenge

There is a new Slash Site Challenge set every Friday at the end of Week Circle Time. If pupils find themselves bored over the weekend or one evening in the week, the Slash Site Challenge is there to be attempted! Last week's Slash Site Challenge was to write an Isolation-themed poem, this week's is to try and draw the School from memory. We've all been away so long, I think it's worth remembering what school looks like!



## GRK

### Reading Challenge

The Chapter Challenge is starting this week! Pupils are seeing how many chapters they can read in 1 week with a prize for the winning reader. Don't forget, if any more books are needed at home, please contact the school.

### 2.6 Challenge

We are encouraging pupils to get involved in fun challenges for the 2.6 challenge that has been launched in the media. Pupils and staff can do any challenge they like (it does not have to be sport related) but it must link to the numbers 2 and 6. For example Danielle ran 2.6 miles, read 26 story books to her daughter, drew a picture with 26

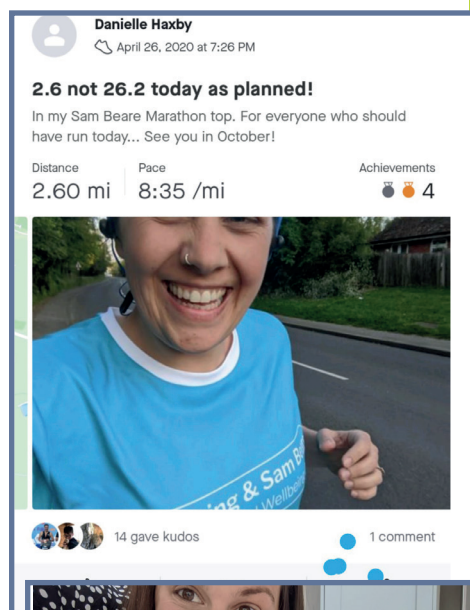
lines and ate 26 segments of satsumas! Anything goes. Get involved and send in some pictures!

### Marathon Challenge

We have almost completed our pupil and staff marathon, with five miles to go we need a final push from those that have not yet done their mile. It will be a great group achievement and also with the money going to the NHS and medals to pupils it is a win all round!

### Lessons This Week

This week has seen another array of lessons. With the usual Equine, Horticulture, Animals, Trade etc... but also included 1:1 Dog Training Sessions, Make Up, Farm Simulator and



Cooking. These 1:1s allow us to focus on the specific interests of each pupil.

Music - Another week of mastering the guitar and piano for GRK students with Caitlin, Stirling, Anthoney & Orlando all practicing Happy Birthday on their instruments in order to coincide with the birthday of new national icon, Captain Tom. Well done all.

In History this week we started our new topic of snapshots in the last millenium! We started way back with the Norman invasion and Battle of Hastings and concluded with Freddie staying on for another lesson just to debate whether or not we feel it deserves it's prominent place in English and European History. I'm glad to say we ended up agreeing that it did!

Other sessions include scavenger hunts, dog walks, model making, film club, chicks hatching, sleep training, languages and bushcraft.

### 1 Up (Level Best)

In coaching sessions pupils are creating their 'Corona 1 Ups' which is separate to their Level Bests that they have created when in the school setting, but follow a similar format. This is helping pupils focus on a key area for development and is personal to each individual. It has been great to see how engaged,



reflective and honest the GRK pupils have been and how keen they are to self improve.

### Star Pupils

This week's pupil of the week was **Anthoney**, he attended and worked the hardest across all lessons this week. Well done **Anthoney**!

This week's work of the week was **Joe** for his excellent writing challenge about what the Inca Trail is and why so many people visit it.

Finally this week's 1:1 star was **Stirling**, his excellent attitude and focus in his sessions was recognised by all the 1:1 team.

### Alumni

It has been nice checking in with some of our old pupils to see how they are getting on and see how their families are. Important to know that when pupils leave they still have their school email and

a school support network behind them. Pleased that Jake has a new job working at the Quarry and Andrew is enjoying college 1 day a week but looking forward to going back full time after lock down.

### GRK Bake Off

Last week Lise packaged up ingredients (including eggs!) donated by Waitrose (thank you so much Waitrose) to go in the post to each pupil so they could make a chocolate tray bake online together. What a triumph - the GRK-ers did brilliantly... so much so that Prue Leith and Noel Fielding popped into our newsreel to congratulate our bakers. See the video here!

It was great to have pupils, parents and staff working together.

### Exploring the the world through Google Earth

Pupils have been exploring the earth visiting famous landmarks and even swimming in the Great Barrier Reef. They collected facts and spotted items as they travelled from places like the Eiffel Tower and Easter Island to the Grand Canyon and the Kennedy Space Centre.

### Futures

Unlike Peter Pan, we can't stay young forever, so what does the future hold for GRK-ers? What sort of career paths would our pupils like to follow? We are building up our new Futures Room on Google Classroom to contain interesting information, film clips and quizzes about options after GRK ... whether that be further study, the world of work, or an apprenticeship.

### Times Tables Rockstars

It is brilliant that most of our pupils are now signed on to Times Tables Rockstars! Remember that a few minutes practise every





day - or even every other day - will make a real difference to maths confidence.

## Animals

On the whole the animals at GRK are doing really well although missing you all very much! The vet was called out for little Lucy who had a bad stomach ache but after being administered painkillers, is back to her usual chirpy self! Talking of 'chirpy', we have had yet more new arrivals in the way of six new Chicks. Some of these guys will hopefully go and begin living with our very own Fardijah. Lucky little ones!

## PiXL Booklets

Pupils have all been sent the

PiXL Kindness Diary and the Coping With Change booklet. It is definitely worth a read as it can give some positive ways to spend your time during lock down and was written by our very own Joe Sparks!

## Equine

This week we looked at the horse racing world. We explored the most famous race in the UK. The Grand National which looks very fast and furious, and enjoyed finding out about a top jockey Frankie Dettori who jumps off a horse at the end of the race.

## Science

We have begun doing live experiments in the lab at GRK for pupils to follow along from home. Pupils can make predictions and are discovering what happens in our Air Pressure and Water themed experiments so far! Be sure to tune in next week for more science madness. If pupils want to do any

experiments be sure to have an adult with you. All the videos and equipment for experiments are in the science Google Classroom or catch up on what you've missed on the GRK Instagram!

## Work and where to find it

Please do not forget pupils have their work book. There is also an abundance of work set on the Google Classroom ranging from academic subjects, vocational subjects, careers and even things to do in your spare time in the Isolation Ideas Classroom. Teachers are more than happy to support setting further work by email too.

If you need any more resources please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Joe for Monday, Toby for Friday and Rosie for Sunday! We hope you all have a great Birthday from all of us at GRK!



For up to date news and events visit our social media channels and our blog [thegreenroomschool.com/blog](https://thegreenroomschool.com/blog)

Summer Term Dates

May Bank Holiday - Friday 8th May

Last day of this half term - Friday 22nd May

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

INSET DAY Monday 1st June