

GRW & GR6

Newsletter April 2021

Diary Dates

End of Term: Thursday 1st April

Inset day: Monday, 19 April

Start of term: Tuesday 20 April

As the Spring term draws to a close and we begin to turn our thoughts to the summer, it feels like we may have weathered the storm! We've been looking back over the term and it is clear that the storm has not dampened The Green Room spirit. In true evolutionary style we have adapted, survived and dare I say it, 'thrived' during the lockdowns. Our class of 2021 should be proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout this year. Enjoy reading about their successes and look out for a jam packed newsletter in the summer as we tentatively stretch our legs into freedom!

World Book Day

It was brilliant to be able to recognise a genuinely important date in the global calendar this year - World Book Day! Staff fancy dress kicked things off, which is why you may have seen Little Red Riding Hood, the BFG and Gangster Granny, to just name a few, wandering around the school. The school was also decorated with posters detailing the 'Power 25' - the 25 Best Novels for Teenagers Voted for by Teenagers. Hopefully this piqued the interest of pupils, and it would



be great to see them picking up some of the brilliant titles from the list in the Easter Holidays. Lastly, it was wonderful to be able to send every single GRW pupil home with a novel thanks to World Book Day's £1 Book Voucher initiative. Pupils had their choice of four titles: The River Whale, Skysteppers, Kill Joy or Skulduggery Pleasant Apocalypse Kings.

EPIC Thursday

GR6 pupils have been honing their employability skills and gaining invaluable customer service experience by opening up The Swan and serving takeaway coffees and cakes, in what has become known as Epic Thursdays!

The days have been a huge success and customers have been pouring through the door, eager to try the array of delicious sweet & savoury bites for sale, as well as the



professional standard coffees served up by Arianna on the hi-tech coffee machine. As well as the refreshments, there are some pupil-created products for sale, like Planting Planks, as well as a book swap.

Proceeds from coffee sales go towards The Swan, whilst the cake stand is raising money for the GR6 summer Resilience Expedition, which will be a trip to Snowdonia Adventure Park to climb Mount Snowdon. Epic Thursdays are designed to give the young adults of GR6 the combined experience of careers and enterprise education. Pupils develop employability skills in an active working environment while still being supported by Green Room staff.



Science Week

British Science Week is a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths which took place in March, with a focus on how the next generation of scientists and engineers are going to innovate

for our future. Green Room Windsor took part by running a series of special experiments and cross-curricular events, looking at how the planet's energy and food will be provided in the years to come.

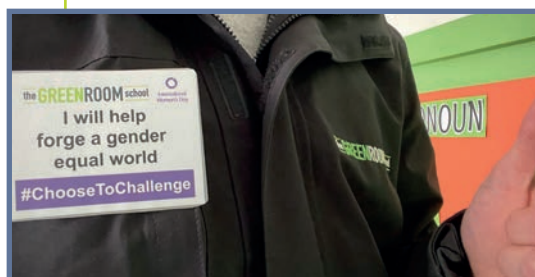
We set up various experiments around the school, all with the intention of bringing Science to the front of our pupils' minds.

The experiments included: seeing which plant would grow best under different coloured lights, a water filter experiment (pouring water through soil and twigs, stones, sand, cotton pads and lastly, a coffee filter!) and seeing the effects of energy drinks on your teeth by leaving an egg in a jar of Monster for a whole week!

We also combined Science with Art by using a swinging pendulum of paint to create a spiral-like effect on a giant canvas. (See below for more!)

International Women's Day

On March 8th all across the globe people were recognising the achievements and importance of the role women play in our society - and GRW was no different. It was superb to be able to highlight the impact some truly great women have had, and it was wonderful to see all of our pupils recognising that.



Painting Workshop (CB pupil)

As part of the Silver Arts Award programme that we run at The Green Room, pupils have the

opportunity to develop leadership skills in their chosen artistic field. Caitlin ran the first of what we hope will be a series of painting workshops for her peers and staff. She received 5 star ratings from the participants and encouragement to continue to run more... watch this space!

Coffee Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual Coffee Corner on the 16th of March. We discussed many issues around well-being and lots of great ideas were shared. We are hoping our next Coffee Corner will be in person. Stay tuned!

Engineering Waterwheels

Green Room Windsor pupils kicked off British Science Week by building working waterwheels, in a special virtual practical session of Engineering.

GR Engineering lessons, which are usually very hands on, have been virtual this term, so to try and rekindle the passion for learning through making, all pupils were given a take-home kit of materials, and after learning about the history and engineering of waterwheels, they were tasked with building their own prototypes for testing over the kitchen sink!

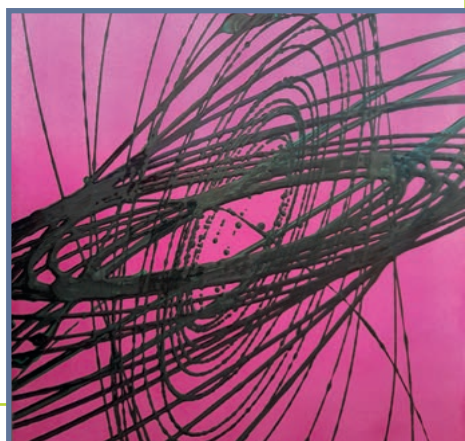
We had great success and saw some really well constructed wheels which behaved very well under flow, despite the soggy cardboard. The lesson was part of GR Engineering's 'Energyeering' module, which looks at the ingenious engineering which goes into how humans have learned to store, transfer and transform energy.



Pendulum Art

As part of the recent British Science Week we were encouraged to show our pupils how science is part of all disciplines and in everyday life. Art is no exception and we had the opportunity to make a pendulum painting discovering how the force of gravity effects velocity, acceleration and kinetic and potential energy while making a very cool image that is now hanging in the Head's office!

[Use this link](#) to see a video of the painting being created



GR6 News

The pupils of GR6 have been running an instagram-based news service, GR6 News. Featuring news, opinion and insights into life at GR6, the weekly bulletin has been written by pupils following a short course in the art of writing for news by former journalist and GR6 staff member, Matthew.

The layout of the posts and the GR6 News logo were also created by pupils, using web-based image editing software. Pupils will be given time each week to create further editions, and it is hoped some may find a passion for news and investigate careers in journalism and possibly unearth some scoops along the way!

The GR6 News project is part of the ROCCIT program of project-based and experiential learning that all GR6 pupils go through over the course of a year. This project is designed to develop pupils' Initiative, Communication and Teamwork skills. Show your support for the new venture with a like and a follow over on the GR6 Instagram channel, [@infoGR6](https://www.instagram.com/infoGR6).



Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Cameron** and **Jon-Paul** who are celebrating their birthdays in the Easter Holidays!

Curriculum Collapse


This week sees the exciting start of our first curriculum collapse week.

Now, more than ever, it is important for our young people to gain invaluable general knowledge as well as gain enriched educational experience.

We are focusing this week on the mesolithic period, a fascinating point in human history where homosapiens moved from hunter gatherers societies to agricultural civilisation.

Pupils will have opportunities to forage, build fires, conduct experiments to simulate glacial movement, create cave paintings in our tunnel, learn about predators and much, much more.

This promises to be an exciting start to our educational journey through the ages. Ad infinitum.



CALLS FOR GR6 SPORTS TEAM

BY ELLIOT

As excitement builds for the restarting of school sport, some GR6 students are calling for their own team so that they can "dominate" sport at The Green Room School.

The GR6 only team would be based at The Swan, with matches played against the lower school teams at Windsor Leisure Centre. Due to Covid 19, the sports-mad Green Room School has not been able to play favourites like benchball and battle ball at the leisure centre since April.

Despite the controversial calls for a GR6 team, some GR6 students who graduated from the lower school want to stay in their old teams, such as The Green Machine or Age of Orange.

Current GR6 student and lower school graduate Eliot says: "Green is my team for life, GREEN TEAM!!!!"

Those leading the calls for a GR6 team include Reece and Rosie, who has suggested adopting pink as the GR6 team colour. Green Room Head of Sports Deei was not available for comment.

GRK

Diary Dates

End of term: Thursday 1 April

Inset day: Monday 19 April

Start of term: Tuesday 20 April



Welcome Back!

We were so pleased to welcome everyone back into school at last! Over the past term we have been through both online and blended school and we are now finally all back together just in time to welcome the sunshine!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to **Tom, Freddie, Orlando, Callum, Joe, James, Toby, Rosie, Lise, Kelsie & Dan** who will all celebrate their birthdays next half term. We hope you all have fantastic birthdays!

Red Nose Day Community Bake Sale

As part of the pupils Inspiring Change lessons and for our older pupils working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award, GRK ran a very successful community bake sale. We had an amazing amount of orders flood in from the lovely folk of

Kingsley, after a group effort of promoting the event with flyers made by the pupils. After a full day of baking up a storm and packaging up the goods, the cakes, brownies, flapjacks and cookies have made their way to the people of Kingsley!

Lambing Live

It's that magical time of year for us again here on the farm! It is so wonderful having the local shepherds, Carol, Iain, Katie and Joshua along with their many expectant mothers join us on the farm for another Spring of lambing. They have been so welcoming to us as a school and have let us get up close and personal with the tiny new arrivals.

Science Experiments

Pupils have been discovering how fireworks are made by changing the colours of flames with different chemical compounds! Magical colours were created but, as we all know magic is just science that we don't understand yet!

Music - 4D

Keep checking the charts for The Green Room band as a number of pupils here are developing into budding rockstars! Whether it's Smoke on the Water on guitar, Star Wars on the piano or making as much noise as possible on



the drums, musical talent is everywhere at GRK.

Yoga

Naomi from Amber Yoga has been our resident yoga teacher and the younger pupils have been enjoying working with her. Pupils have the opportunity to try a variety of poses as well as get some time for reflection.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Things are ticking along nicely with DofE, with a variety of activities on offer from chess to whittling. Pupils are also working hard on their physical with Dan Bone's Big Bad Circuit workouts pushing them to their limits along with a few budding runners. GRK Cross-Country team anyone? We've got exciting plans for our summer expedition and as

the country starts to open up, we'd recommend watching this space...!

World Book Day

GRK celebrated World Book Day in style - giving pupils a taste of their favourite book and dressing up as their best-loved character. A cosy reading den was created in the Arctic Cabin and pupils enjoyed listening to a book with hot chocolate and popcorn snuggled in a sleeping bag.

Horse Box Project

Dave 'The Welder' has continued to give us his time weekly to push the horse box project forward. We recently made a visit to MoonRoast to get advice on the coffee we should be offering. We are hopeful still for our grand opening at the end of the summer term!



For up to date news and events visit our social media channels and our blog
thegreenroomschool.com/blog