

USEFUL INFORMATION

A quick update of everything going on at GRK this week!

Dates for Diary

Friday 8 May: Bank Holiday

25-29 May: Half Term

10 July: End of Term

Work & Where to find it

Please do not forget pupils have their work book. There is 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.

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.

Help With Food Bills

Our second tranche of payments have gone out this week to help our families with food bills. Everyone is offered this regardless of whether they qualify for the Government's Free School Meals Scheme - if you haven't signed up yet do get in touch.

Great Advice in The Lockdown

We partner with PiXL - who have developed some brilliant resources for pupils and parents to help cope with the lock down. There's also a Kindness Diary. We've attached the parent booklet and Kindness Diary for Mums, Dads and Carers to use and the pupils will be introduced to their resources in school. We'd be delighted to know what you think.

Lessons

We have a wide variety of lessons being offered virtually. Between 10-11 we have normal school lessons including Science, Sport, Life Skills, Equine, Horticulture, Trade, Animals and Humanities. After this between 11-12 we offer a vast array of 4th Dimension lessons to allow pupils to try new things. These lessons include; reading, music, riddles, lego, mini beasts, Yoga, Show and Tell and much much more. After this during lunch we offer boxercise daily and nurture twice a week followed by afternoon extra curricular activities 12.30 - 1.30 including netflix party, sketchful, Big Quiz and scavenger hunt. This runs alongside a teacher walk, usually with a few pet dogs involved!

In Humanities we have been looking at the British Empire. Pupils have been considering the reasons why countries might want empires, about other types of empires and the discovery of the New World. We will move on to cover lots of different snapshots of exciting bits of world history!

We have a number of budding rock stars in GRK, with pupils grabbing their axes (guitars), and beginning to nail the basics of tuning, notes and chords!

1:1s are proving a great success, we do English with Becky, Maths with Rob, Therapy with Elizabeth, Literacy with Jodie, numeracy with Dan and coaching from Danielle.

Pupils speak regularly to their mentors and it has been pleasing to see so many pupils at circle time. It is so important for them to be there so they can understand what is on offer and set them up for a great day.

Staff News

Congratulations to Dan who has passed his NQT. Well done Dan!

Animals

Like all of us, the GRK animals are dealing with a lot of change during the lockdown. While they don't get to see our pupils, Rosie & Gareth are doing their best to keep them entertained since GRK's doors closed. They've certainly been enjoying the hot weather, leading to creative ways to keep them cool! See our [instagram](#) page for regular updates



Social Media

Rosie has been uploading photos and videos to our Instagram account nearly every day! It's lovely to see how our animals are doing and the various activities with Ally on the farm. Also, news from our virtual school is being uploaded... take a look!

Video of our First 2 Weeks

Check out what it was actually like in The Virtual Green Room.. [watch the video here](#)

Green Room News

The staff at GRK create a News Bulletin every evening to give an overview of the day, successes, lessons and hints at what is to come. They are shared every morning at circle time but also posted on our [blog](#) and [instagram](#) for you to watch at your leisure. A fun way to summarise and celebrate and to make you smile!

Events

Strava - Some pupils have joined Strava and are logging their daily exercise be it run, walk or cycle. We urge pupils to get involved. It gives us a platform to celebrate each other's successes and motivate each other to carry on.

Inca Trail - We are doing a Virtual Inca Trail Marathon between 23-30 April. We have asked all pupils to run or walk at least a mile, evidence it either through strava, sending a photo to Danielle or letting us know in some way. We will receive a medal to display at school and pupils will receive an NHS charity medal where the proceeds will go to the NHS fund - Get involved!

GRK Bake-Off with Danielle. Lise has kindly sent the ingredients to your house, the ingredients were kindly donated by Waitrose and we will be cooking them soon using a Waitrose recipe. Having a virtual Great Green Room Bake Off

Healthy Eating Week 8-12 June!

Reading

It is really important to keep reading as much as possible. All pupils went home with a book before Easter to enjoy and we encourage you to take a break from the virtual world and spend a few minutes enjoying a book. We offer regular reading sessions and if any resources are needed please contact the school and we can provide more reading material. Audio books are fantastic too, don't forget Audible are offering lots of free books for children at the moment.

Get In Touch

Please get in touch if you would like to speak with a member of staff regarding your child, if your contact details have changed or if your child is unwell, 8am-4pm Monday to Friday Mobile 07549 078891 info@thegreenroomschool.com.

G Bucks and Rewards

Pupils continue to earn G Bucks through Pupil of the Week and Work of the Week recognition. Tasty prizes for 1:1 sessions are being sent through the post so make sure you continue to work hard! We have also added in a weekly challenge which will be given in Circle Time should pupils wish to win a prize!

Useful Websites

The BBC has launched an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers, helping to keep children learning at home and supporting parents. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak National Academy is a new collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown. The online classroom offers free access to great teachers, delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. Available for both primary and secondary levels, it covers a range of subjects. All of the lessons are ordered so your child can learn along a clear plan. They'll provide new lessons and resources each week. <https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils>

Food banks

Some families may find it useful to know that local food banks are working hard to make sure everyone has enough food to eat. If you are struggling to provide enough food for you and your family please do not worry, there is fantastic support out there if you should need it at this difficult time.

You can find your local foodbank here: <https://www.russelltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>



Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is a fun way to practise and become masters of our times tables. A good number of pupils and staff have started their rockstar journeys with great enthusiasm. A little practise every day will make a huge difference to our maths confidence.