

the GREENROOM school



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GRW & GR6

It has been nearly three months since lockdown began. Being apart for so long has been very strange but over the last week we have now seen nearly all of our pupils in 'real life'! The mixture of the virtual and physical world is working well as you will see in all our news this week....



GR6 Induction

Our year 11s may not be sitting their GCSE exams this summer, but that doesn't mean we aren't keeping them busy! Those who will be returning in September to our sixth form provision, GR6, have started an induction program at The Swan pub, where they met with external GR6 applicants for the first time. The induction program, which will run over 5 weeks, kicked off with an introduction to the history of The Swan and the school's role within the project. Three groups then rotated through sessions which were designed to gently introduce the new group of students to each other and the staff, and their new environment. Thankfully the rains held off and many of us took our lunch in the courtyard, where the seeds of

new friendships were sown over juice and sandwiches. Watch this space for further updates on how next year's GR6 cohort progresses through this exciting induction program.

What's That Falling From The Sky?

This week in science our pupils continued their work on Newton's laws of physics and looked at gravity! Pupils were tasked with creating their own parachute that would slow down their dice which was launched out of a first floor window. With only wrapping paper, a bin bag and some string to hand, we saw some brilliantly innovative creations! Check back in next week when our pupils will be stepping it up a level and dropping raw eggs from the sky!



First Aid

We continue our first aid course and this week we looked at spinal injuries following on from broken bones last week and asthma attacks. We are now all fully versed in using inhalers and could even have a go at

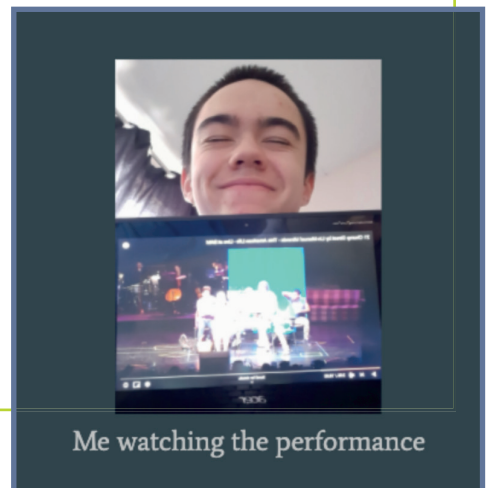


making a makeshift spacer if our casualty was struggling to breath their medication in.

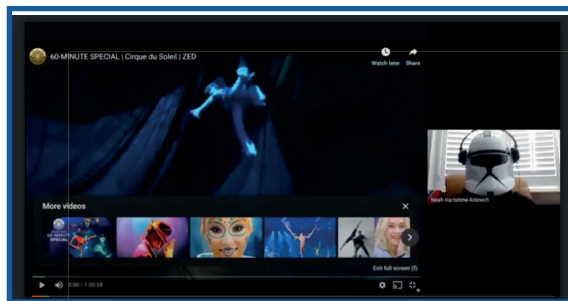


Fine Art And Artists

We have started a new module with the Art, Craft and Design lessons this term looking at Fine Art And Artists. Last week we delved into the life and work of Vincent van Gogh finding out about his short career, his prolific painting, his most expensive painting, the truth about the ear and his strange death.



Me watching the performance



Arts Award

A core group of students are continuing to work on their Arts Award projects and have recently watched a cameo performance of a Cirque du Soleil show called Zed for a review, as well as one pupil reviewing the world's shortest musical 21 Chump Street.

Slash Site Challenge

This week's Slash Site Challenge was to create a Finger Drawing Scene. 'A what?!' I hear you cry. A Finger Drawing Scene. Use your imagination to turn your fingers into characters in a scene and then get it on your Slash Site. The Challenge required a bit of

brain work, a bit of finger dexterity and a good old sense of humour! Hopefully we get some fantastic entries. Next

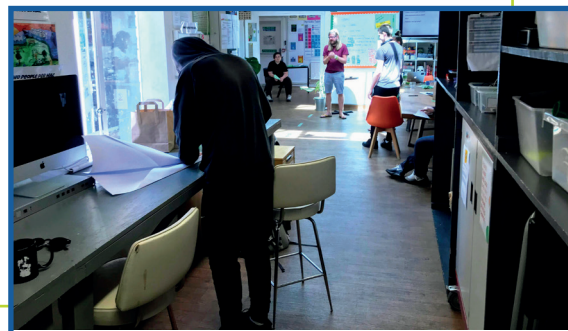
week's Slash Site Challenge is called 'There's a Face, There's a Face'



in awe at some impressive aeronautical engineering, while the kids have had a great time learning all about forces, friction, air resistance and other fundamental physical principles. We're pretty sure this gang are not going to forget Newton's Third Law in a hurry!

Science with Tom

Tom's physical school sessions on Newton's laws of physics have been taking place in the kitchen and diner, where everyone is safely spaced and has room to get creative. This has produced some remarkable results, with balloon-powered paper and polo mint cars zooming across the floor, giant paper aeroplanes gliding through the air and bin-bag parachutes being furiously constructed. Staff have been



GRK

Reading

Lots of reading and incentives going on this week at GRK. Staff are sharing tips, favourite books and reasons to read in circle time as well as both group reading and 1:1 reading happening in the physical school for all pupils. Reading is so important and it is great that pupils have been responding to it so well!

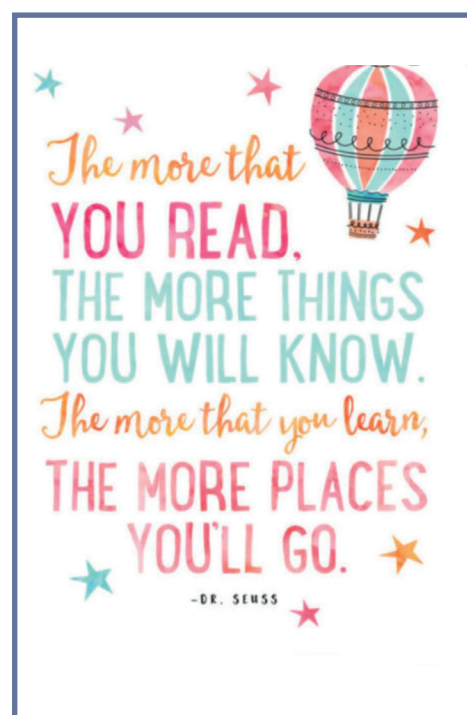
Virtual School

Virtual school has remained very consistent allowing pupils to join in from home on the days they are not in school but also in the mornings before school.

Rebecca, Jodie, Tom and Lauren are offering a wide range of subjects to keep pupils engaged including Art, Cooking, Mysteries, Humanities, Lunch Club and much more.

Physical School

Physical school has been very busy again this week. We have opened up the school to more pupils and added even more to our curriculum. Pupils have enjoyed practical lessons such as trade, sport and horticulture in person as well as having 1:1 lessons in school including Maths and English. Pupils have continued to work therapeutically with Elizabeth



in school and have taken part in Science, Animals, Numeracy and Literacy. It has been lovely seeing pupils twice a week and for longer days than before.

Star Pupils

This week's pupil of the week was **Joe** who was excellent across the board last week both in school and online. We had 2 winners in the work of the week, with **Orlando** collecting the prize for his writing about Black Lives Matter and **Warren** for the amazing work he is doing at home and sending in. The 1:1 superstar this week was **Anthoney** who did great in all his sessions. The in school challenge this week was taking penalties at Scott. The winners this week were **Toby, Caitlin, Joe and Oliver**.



Cooking Cookies

This week saw the launch of our weekly cookery class! We started off on a high by making some delicious double chocolate chip

cookies. The students did an amazing job by listening carefully and following the instructions and all ended up with a batch of delicious cookies to eat.

New Pupil

We are delighted to welcome **Oliver** to GRK. He has got stuck in with 3 days of physical school so far and looking forward to seeing him in virtual school too!

Friday Visits/Bespoke 1:1

This week saw the launch of our new timetable where on a Friday all pupils will receive a visit or bespoke 1:1 lesson from individual staff. It is a wonderful way to maintain relationships between staff and pupils as well as have a break from our screens with a walk in pupils local area.

Futures

What do these organisations all have in common: Sky, Amazon, Landrover, Coca-Cola, BBC, RoyalMail, NHS, theRAF, Network Rail, BT, Gatwick Airport? They all offer Apprenticeships. Take this week's quiz in our Futures Classroom to find out more about the amazing opportunities that apprenticeships offer to get into all sorts of careers.

Una Puppy

We had a puppy visitor at GRK this week on Wednesday and Thursday. It was really great to meet Una the Collie and the pupils enjoyed doing their therapy and literacy lessons with her there to keep them calm and focused.

Birthday

Happy Birthday to the Maths Master Mr Rob Mynard we hope you have a wonderful day on Saturday.



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Summer Term Dates
Last day of term - Friday July 10th