

the GREENROOM school



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GRW & GR6



GR6 Induction

Next week we are looking forward to starting our GR6 Induction Programme at The Swan. This is an unusual time for year 11s everywhere; so we want to give our future Sixth Formers the chance to meet each other and get a feel for their new environments. The pub and the allotment, are ready and waiting to come alive!



Thursday School

It was a pleasure to be able to open the school up to a limited number of pupils this Thursday, under socially-distanced guidelines of course! We welcomed back six pupils for the morning, who - after being temperature gunned at the gate, washed their hands, cleaned their phones followed the guideline strips along the floor and stayed 2 metres apart at all times displayed a brilliant attitude in their Edge and



Art, Craft & Design lessons. Alongside other pupils on the Virtual School Platform they had the opportunity to make Homemade Beauty Products as well as learn about Vincent van Gogh. We look forward to seeing our Thursday pupils again next week.

Bike Shop

The GR Bike Shop is proving a huge success and we are well on the way to renovating a fleet of bikes to help our pupils become more active and independent. To the eclectic sounds of The Green Room's very own lockdown playlist, pupils have enjoyed taking apart their chosen bikes, identifying problem areas and cleaning and preparing their frames for a respray in the GR Bike Shop livery. Some have chosen new names for their bikes, with the standout being 'Fence Panel 120!' Amidst all the fun, the kids have learned about how bicycles are engineered and have gained experience using hand tools and renovation techniques. We have been inundated with donated bikes, so a big thank you to anyone in the community who has given their old steed to the school. More are always welcome!



Allotment

The Green Room Allotment with its Market Garden Facility is devoted to composting its own green kitchen waste. So much so we've built a series of compost enclosures made from the old school room stairwell wall and other scrap building materials from The Swan.

Making your own compost has a multiplying effect and helps produce wonderful fruit and vegetables.

See [Charles Dowding's video](#) on all the benefits of creating your own compost.



/Site Challenge

Looking up at the night sky last week you may have been lucky enough to spot a glimpse of the International Space Station as it travelled overhead and was visible from earth. A couple of lucky astronauts, Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken, were able to go one better as they blasted off to dock with

the ISS in the SpaceX Nasa Mission. Accordingly, this week's /Site Challenge was simply, to create SOMETHING to do with outer space - entries were due by Friday and hopefully we'll see some space-related creations uploaded to Slash Sites. This week's Challenge will be to create a Finger Drawing Scene - details to follow!

Art Hangout - Views From Windows

The art room hangout this week looked at "views from our windows". We watched some clips from Grayson Perry's Art Club of a lady registered blind who draws and another lady who hadn't drawn since being at school, both had created great works of art and had interesting views about drawing. We looked at famous artists and how they have often painted the views



from their windows and we took some pictures of the views from our own windows and talked about composition using the window as an aperture to the world.

How do planes stay up?

In this week's science lesson at GRW, pupils were tasked with learning about the four forces that allow aeroplanes to fly (we are still convinced a little bit of magic is involved). What followed was one of the most incredible [paper aeroplane competitions](#) we have ever witnessed - there were planes that flew backwards and planes that went on forever: there were even planes made out of A1 paper!

The Edge

This week in the edge we started a new topic looking at the world of homemade health and beauty products.

We focused on body scrubs, using coconut oil, olive oil, sugar and salt. Pupils were pleased to find out that even with these simple ingredients they could make a high quality scrub.



Birthdays

A very happy birthday to Connor in GR6 on Thursday! We hope you had a great day.



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Physical School

It has been great to have so many pupils in school this week after the half term break. Pupils have been enjoying seeing the animals, tending to the market garden and doing some physical exercise. They have also enjoyed taking part in this weeks school group challenge - penalty shoot out!

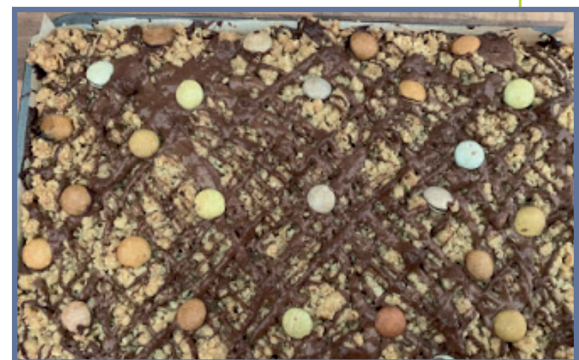
Online School

We welcomed pupils back to online school on Tuesday after a very busy and productive staff inset on Monday. Pupils have been joining in with a wide range of activities including; Art, Science, Mysteries,

Cooking, Piano, Lego, ISpy, Humanities, Trade, Equine, Animals, Coding, Documentary Club, PSHE and there was even a trip to the theatre (online) to see Aladdin the Musical. This was all along side Maths, English, Coaching & Therapy 1:1s and mentor check ins. A busy week!

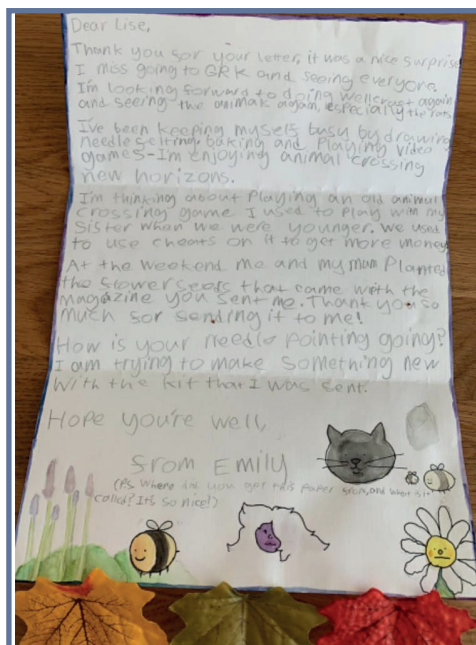
Baking

Emily and **Danielle** baked delicious Nutella flapjacks together over Google Hangouts and some of the lucky pupils in school got to taste them before they left. [Check out the recipe here.](#)



Star Pupils

Last week's pupil of the week was **Anthony** with the most positives. **Emily** won work of the week with a lovely reply to the letter sent to her from Lise. Finally our 1:1 star this week was **Caitlin**. Well done to you guys and everyone else for getting back into school after half term.



Half Term Staff/Pupil Visits

Over the half term all pupils were offered a visit from a member of staff. Staff enjoyed seeing where the pupils live and loved having a walk around their local area. It was a nice way to break up the week with dog walks, running and some even made a stop at the shop for a treat!

Relay Winners In School Challenge

Each week in physical school we are setting a challenge for the pupils who are in each day. Last week's challenge was a lap of the school following the one way system. The pupils got fully involved and all had a go. The winners were **Kelsie, Freddie and Jaidon**, well done to you three!

Learning Mats

We have introduced Learning Mats this week to allow pupils to keep track of what lessons they have attended and what they have learnt that day. They have been filling them in with writing and pictures and can use this to

discuss their learning with their families in the evening. It is a great point of discussion for mentors and allows us to celebrate their learning with them.

More Pupils In School!

Next week we are changing our timetable to allow more pupils to attend school more often which we think is great news. Pupils will either be 1:1 or 2:1 to allow for social distancing. There will be a much wider curriculum on offer too! We cannot wait.

Harvest Mice Release

Pupils have been looking after our harvest mice over the last two years and their offspring have formed their own colony to be released down near our bushcraft site into a woodland/long grass habitat! Pupils will be able to go down and check how they are settling in soon.



Laws of Motion

Following on from learning about Space-X's rocket launch with astronauts last week, pupils got to learn about Newton's three laws of motion from using a bottle rocket. We experimented by altering the amount of water in the rocket to see how high and far it could go!

Futures

Who might have said, "The thing I love most about my job is helping

people." or "No two days are the same." That's what makes the job so exciting." Have a look at our Futures room (on Google Classroom) to find out more about a rewarding career that some of our GRK pupils have expressed an interest in!

Humanities

We've been learning about the dastardly deeds of Henry VIII and Guy Fawkes and trying to come to our own conclusions about whether the former was really so bad, and if the latter was maybe the product of a royal stitch up at the hands of James I. History detective work at it's finest!

Reading

We have introduced a reading slide into our circle times where different staff share their favourite books, tips and tricks to reading, history of reading and its benefits with the pupils.

New Building

Our building project at GRK has started! The groundwork for the project will start on the week beginning 29th June and the building itself is being created off site and will be delivered in the coming months. We're not sure exactly when, due to delays of materials caused by the lockdown but we'll keep you informed of progress. Once installed we will have a new reception area, a new science lab, a new locker area, new toilets, and 2 new classrooms which can become one large classroom. Very exciting!

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Gareth on Sunday!

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

Summer Term Dates

GR6 Induction begins at The Swan Pub - Monday 8th June

Last day of term - Friday July 10th