

# the GREENROOM school



## Newsletter December 2018

Term has ended with the usual Green Room festive traditions; Windsor's staff panto - Robin Hood, Christmas lunch and ice skating trip, and Kingsley's festive day trip and sleepover, to reward our pupils for all their hard work over the last few weeks. It has been an incredible term with the success of both schools' Ofsted inspections and finally having our offer on The Swan pub accepted, we are looking forward to seeing what 2019 will bring!

### WINDSOR

#### Ofsted

If you haven't read the report yet, it is on the website and worth having a little look. Even just to see all those 'outstandings' on the front page! The report represents everything and everyone who has played a part in The Green Room since we began. It was extremely gratifying to see that Ofsted appreciate all the things that we think are important in education. The wellbeing of pupils and staff, the development of character and resilience to go on and be brilliant people in life. Thank you to those of you that came to our party, and to all of you for supporting us on this journey so far. We could not have done it without you.



#### Christmas Market

GRW's annual Christmas Market was bigger and better than ever this year! Organised entirely by the sixth form, as part of their PiXL Edge Masters qualification, everything from the products on the stalls, the design of the Winter Wonderland and the creation of a karaoke grotto was either made, designed or organised by them. Those who dared to try something a little different were able to have their fortunes told by



our resident tarot card reader in an occult-themed alternative grotto, and one history buff pupil gave moving and poignant talks about Christmas in the trenches, to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. There was also an escape room, which pitted contestants' wits against a money grabbing Santa and some budding entrepreneurs set up stalls selling homemade scented candles, and hand drawn Christmas cards.

Proceeds from the evening will be channeled back into future sixth form projects.

#### Nanowrimo

This was the second year that The Green Room accepted the challenge to try and write a novel in the month of November. Although it's quite a feat to write a whole book in just 30 days, many pupils joined the cause, and the result was a frantic typing marathon that included 10 pupils and 6 staff members.

We are delighted that school's final word-count outstripped last years by far with a total of 40,100 words! Special congratulations are in order for Matthew for writing the most out of all pupils with a word-count of 6,817 words and for Eddie for leading the GR6 pupils with 6,309 words! Well done to all the novelists of The Green Room!

#### West End Trip

We made Green Room history recently with our first ever school trip to the West End to see the matinee musical "Everybody's Talking about Jamie". Pupils enjoyed a morning of exploring the West End, the



shops on Oxford Street, the lights in Covent Garden and getting lost in a bookshop. For lunch they had the chance to reconvene and relax in SoHostel, a perfect place to share stories and compare souvenirs and pictures, before heading to the Apollo Theatre. The show was spectacular and the music and story had everyone dancing in their seats - and on their feet!

Back home on the coach an impromptu sing-along ensued through the London traffic and all arrived home with sides hurting from laughter. What a fantastic day out and well done to all our pupils for their exceptional behaviour! We will definitely be revisiting the West End again!



#### The Swan

As you know we have played a major role in setting up a Community group to help save a local Victorian pub from being sold off to developers. After a long journey, our offer to buy the pub has been accepted! This is great news for the local community and also for our school as we now have a perfect place we can use for our GR6 pupils. We hope it can provide a venue for learning, an inspiration for Masters Edge projects and a perfect place to learn vital life and work skills as our pupils prepare for adulthood. Having a pub to use by the school is a new and exciting project, it sounds like something we should do! We hope to have the keys by the New Year, so watch this space.



## KINGSLEY

### Police Horse Stables

GRK pupils recently went on a trip to visit the mounted police yard in Bushy Park. The police officers introduced the horse and all the kit, which the pupils had the opportunity to try on and even handcuffed each other!

We had a great time the pupils were so well behaved and inquisitive, we have been invited back in the



summer to watch a ridden display.

### Tom Yendell

We received an inspirational visit from artist Tom Yendell which was a remarkable experience for our young developing artists. To witness some of Tom Yendell's impressive stories ranging from how he obtained his scuba licence in Australia, worked in Ghana raising money for less fortunate children and securing books for education.

Tom was given a delightful tour



of the school grounds by pupils and discovered what we do at The Green Room to be insightful and creative for those in need of alternate structured schooling.

### Christmas Meal

Since half term the pupils have been preparing food in cooking sessions to be eaten during the Christmas meal. The pupils have made Christmas puddings, stuffing, pigs in blankets, mince pies and shortbread. They have also built gingerbread houses with varying degrees of success.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

GRK held a fantastic Macmillan Coffee morning for friends, pupils and parents. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils and the cakes and treats they prepared raised £250. It was a great effort for cancer research and to help make a difference for people facing cancer.

### BTEC Assessments

GRK is now registered as a BTEC provider through Pearson so pupils are able to don their PPE and get fully involved in their lessons in Equine, Small Animals and Horticulture. They've been progressing really well and are succeeding in the assessments, we look forward to continuing with their achievements in BTEC in the new year.

### Scottish Wildcats Project

Pupils have been researching the plight of the scottish wildcats, whose numbers in the wild are shockingly low and thought to be between 30 and 100. Pupils are planning to raise money to help save this cat by doing a 30km sponsored walk, contacting local businesses and raising awareness through social media.

### London Trip

GRK Pupils have been on a festive sight seeing trip to London where they enjoyed a train ride into Waterloo followed by a boat trip on the famous



clipper up the Thames. They visited Sky Garden for panoramic views over London, Winter Wonderland and the Magical Ice Kingdom. This was followed by a night time walk over the Millennium Bridge, a meal at Giraffe on the Southbank and a sleepover at the GRK bungalow to finish it all off! A busy, cold but very fun and memorable day.

### Memory Quiz

On Friday pupils took part in a memory quiz. There were 8 rounds including both a 'Music' and 'Name That Cartoon' round but the rest of the questions were compiled of facts from across the curriculum which pupils have learnt this term. The atmosphere was great and the memory skills of our pupils who had clearly been listening in their lessons was fantastic! The winning team took home their prize with pride, well done Sam, Owen and Freddie!



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Term begins - Monday 7th January - Friday 15th February,  
Half Term Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February