

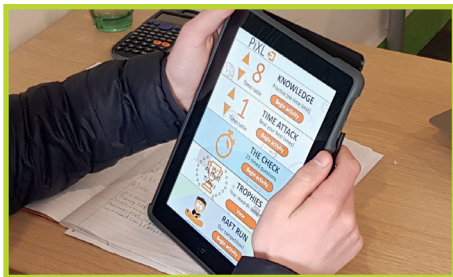
the GREENROOM school



Newsletter April 2018

GRW

With the beginning of Summer term, preparations are well underway for our pupils to face their upcoming GCSEs with confidence! GR Windsor held a Parents Evening at the end of last term to give plenty of advice, support and revision tips for pupils to utilise during the holidays.



Maths

It's been another brilliant half term in Maths and with exams fast approaching we thought it would be a great time to roll out the brand new PiXL Timestable App! Pupils can access the App in school, on a Chromebook or iPad, at home on their mobile phones or even to-and-from school in their taxi.

The App is aimed at strengthening times tables and provides a variety of ways in which to do this.

Pupils - Why not try the Time Attack, where you can choose the times tables that you want to practice, but watch the clock doesn't run out! Or maybe the Raft Run, where you can pit your knowledge against a pupil from another school. However you decide to use the app, it's sure to start improving times tables in no time.



D.E.A.R

Drop Everything And Read! has been very successful and some of our pupils have really enjoyed getting stuck into some great books. We are planning to push this further this term to get more pupils involved and extending the time from five minutes to ten.

Arts Award

Last term pupils started work on the Zombie film, the large cross collaboration project of the year. They have chosen to work in one of three departments; costume & make-up, special effects & props or acting & filming. Pupils have created the concept and story for the film, developed characters and discussed these with the costume department who have developed ideas for costume. The make-up department have been exploring how to create zombie SFX make-up looks and the special effects and props department have been developing some brilliant special effects. They have made fake blood and brains for the crescendo of the film, when one of the characters, played by Horsey, gets ripped apart by the zombies!

The Swan

The Green Room has been involved in trying to save The Swan Pub, Clewer from being sold to developers, and to restore it to a community hub. Together with Windsor and Eton Brewery and The Clewer Group, who have registered The Swan as an Asset of Community Value with the council. We are also supported by Windsor Neighbourhood Plan, The Windsor and Eton Society and The West Windsor Residents Association.

We have raised over £140,000 so far and are waiting to hear whether our bid has been successful. See www.thegreenroomschool.com/blog for more information.



Box Hill Trip

Some of the GR6 pupils went on a trip to Box Hill in Surrey where they completed a picturesque and hilly walk in preparation for their physical challenge part of The Edge program, where they plan to climb Snowdon.

/sites

Over the last few weeks, staff and pupils have each been building their own websites, using the Google sites platform. We're developing the websites to share our interests and passions, as well as showcase some of the brilliant work we're doing within the school community. For staff, the sites are becoming a really useful tool for sharing learning resources, or thought-provoking material, to promote debate within the school.

Pupils have been putting their personalities into their sites, posting about their favourite sports, cars, music, film and TV, and also sharing work. In time, their sites will become a digital portfolio of all the best things they do at The Green Room, while they will also have developed a wide range of skills, such as responsible internet use and web development. All sites can be reached, with a Green Room School account, at <https://sites.google.com/thegreenroomschool.com/sites>



GRK

At the end of last term pupils enjoyed a successful trip to Birdworld where they engaged with a talk on Evolution and met a range of animals and birds, including a gecko named Dave and a blue and gold macaw named Noddy. Pupils had a great time walking around the park and watching the penguin feed, despite the rain, and were a real asset to the school.

Art

Art has been a keen feature lately, with pupils painting 'social media stones,' door handle signs, pink and blue gender art and making their own bean bags for our home made corn hole game! The maker space is being used more regularly now and it is a great place for our pupils to get creative.



on the excellent work happening in their BTEC sessions. Pupils have taken to this really well and their /sites are really taking shape and reflecting their interests and ideas.

Work Experience

Work Experience has gone from strength to strength with some pupils taking up placements outside of GRK, with excellent feedback, and our younger pupils have been working on the farm. Pupils have been making their own sandwiches at school in the morning and setting out for their day of work which is embedding a great work ethic and some valuable skills. Pupils also committed fully on one of the snow days and after a full day of work we finished with a snow man competition which was great fun.

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

Reading Club

Reading club has started at lunchtime at GRK with a range of students engaging with Harry Potter! This will help the pupils that take part develop their literacy skills and it is a great calm way to relax at lunch and enjoy a well loved novel!

Google

We have embraced Google Classroom at GRK with pupils working on ipads in maths, creating their own Google Slides presentation in history and using Google Docs on a weekly basis in pupil log book sessions to reflect

BTEC

BTEC has offered some really exiting opportunities throughout last term as the allotment has started to take shape in preparation for this summer. Pupils have undertaken some big projects such as building the ferret enclosure where all three ferrets are now happily living. Pupils have made great progress with the horses and grown in confidence. We are all excited that the sun has started to shine ready for lots more outside work in the coming term.



Summer Term begins Wednesday 18th April End of 1st half term Friday 25th May
Summer Half Term - Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June