

Headteachers Weekly Newsletter



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Messages:

Next Week:

What a great week we have had!

Thank you to everyone who attended our reading week drop in on Thursday after school.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased books and had a go at 'cracking the code' to win a prize. Miss Knowles will update you soon on how much we raised towards our reading vending machine!

All children in Y1 - Y6 visited our local library this week!

The children have had a fabulous week celebrating reading!

Keep up with raising the profile of reading:
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/apply-for-a-blue-peter-book-badge/>

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our open evening on Wednesday to check in with class teachers, it was great to see you all.

We celebrated attendance and school meals on Thursday too!
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/attendance-and-school-lunch-prize-winners/>

Year 6 took part in a Tag Rugby match:
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/rugby-is-always-the-winner/>

What a busy but awesome week!

This week is 'Kindness Week'! Please check out Mrs Spetch and Learning Council's blog:

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/nspcc-the-kindness-challenge/>

Monday - Learning council are launching 'Kindness Week'

Tuesday - Y5 curriculum visit

Wednesday - Pastor Kevin visiting EYFS

Thursday - Y6 curriculum visit

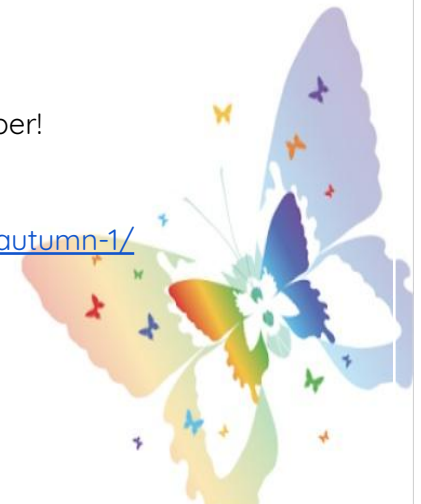
Friday - Non uniform day - raising money for NSPCC

Friday - break up for half term

We return for autumn 2 on Monday 30th October!

Autumn 1 diary dates:
<https://greentopschool.co.uk/diary-dates-for-autumn-1/>

Autumn 2 dates will be shared after half term!



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Attendance shout outs:

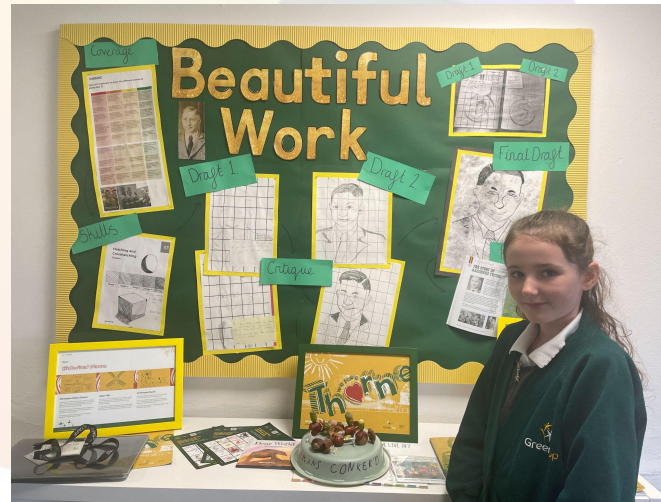
Our attendance winners for last week were:

Crew Knowles, Crew Shaw and Crew Good/Pearson all with 100%

Well done - great work!!



Beautiful Work:



Blog of the week:

Great work class 8!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/class-8-are-reading-about-significant-activists/>

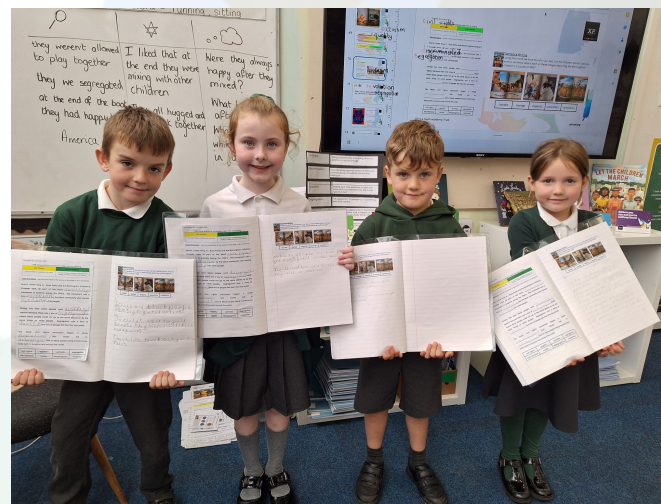


Sharing our stories as we go...

Have you seen our recent XP Trust 'Sharing Our Stories' and 'Beautiful Work' blog post?

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/sharing-our-stories-06-10-2023/>

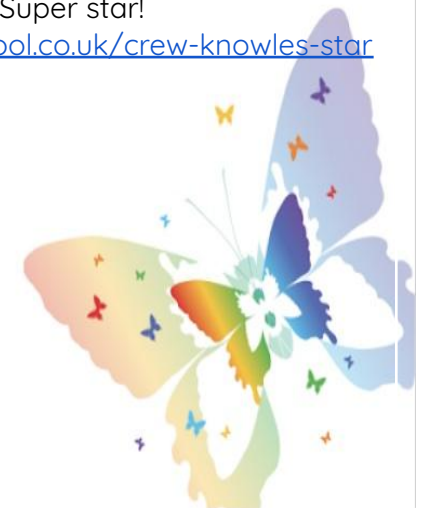
Academic Success



Shout out:

Well done Georgia! Super star!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/crew-knowles-star-of-the-week/>



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Expedition:

EYFS have been exploring and sharing their knowledge of Harvest. The children created anchor charts in their crews and had a fun session with Mrs Walton choosing from activities linked to Harvest and the fruit and vegetables we see in Autumn. We are very much looking forward to Pastor Kevin next week!

KS1 have had the best week as our case study about the Great Fire of London comes to an end. Mr Kershaw supported us with burning down the houses from Pudding Lane that the children made. Not only did it give us a fantastic opportunity to learn about fire safety first hand but we saw fire breaks were so important and this was a significant lesson that was learnt from 1666.

Y3/4 have been focusing on Roman soldiers this week and have looked at the positives and negatives of being a soldier. Did you know that Roman soldiers had to serve for 25 years and weren't allowed to be married? We have used our knowledge in our final touchdown to write a persuasive advert to encourage people to sign up to be a Roman soldier!

Y5/6: This week has seen children in the upper phase begin their second case study: biology. We have built our background knowledge of animal groups and used their characteristics to classify them. We wrote like scientists to explain our reasons for each classification of various rainforest animals. Next week will see us build on this knowledge to learn about plant and animal adaptation. We will study the work of Charles Darwin.

Character Growth (Crew):

EYFS Crew have thoroughly enjoyed reading week this week! We have explored Autumn poetry and talked together about kindness. Our hoWL of the week is 'I can work independently on tasks' and the children have modelled to each other what independence looks like in many words!

KS1 have had a fantastic reading week. We loved our visit to Thorne library where we explored fiction and non fiction books. The children watched a live session with an author as he read his book to them and talked about the characters. In line with reading week we have looked at poetry books and discussed why we liked some much more than others. They have also really enjoyed our PCSO visitor, where the children were encouraged to ask questions about his job and made him feel very welcome. It has been a very busy week but we have enjoyed these fantastic experiences together.

Y3/4 have had the best week celebrating reading this week! We enjoyed a trip to Thorne library, watching a hangout from the author who writes Shifty McGifty and reading stories on The Windrush Generation. We also had the pleasure of a real author and illustrator visiting us which was so much fun!

Y5/6: Another great week in crew with a focus on reading! All crews have enjoyed their visits to the library and there has been much enthusiasm to crack the code! In addition to reading week, we also began our focus on Black History Month by hearing about some inspiring and influential people of the past. We have planned in many sessions to celebrate Black History Month; it is important to learn about diversity, respect and equality.

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Message from 'The Friend's of GT':

Thank you to 'Cheeky Smiles Fund' for donating our new playground equipment. The children at Green Top really appreciate your generosity and the kindness you have shown.

Thank you to our Friends of GT for making this happen!
We are very lucky to have you!

<https://greentopschool.co.uk/new-playground-equipment-appreciation/>


Our next coffee morning/afternoon:

Dates coming soon for Autumn 2!



Weekly lunch menus:

Summer Menu

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Communication

Phase Leader email addresses:

EYFS - Miss Carter - eyfs@greentopschool.org

KS1 - Mrs Shaw - ks1@greentopschool.org

Y3/4 - Miss Knowles - u3-4@greentopschool.org

Y5/6 - Mr Mumby - u5-6@greentopschool.org

In the first instance please speak to crew leader or class teacher.

Sunset

Should you wish to access our **sunset club** you can book by contacting Mrs Dewsnap: sunset@greentopschool.org.

Please include the following details: name, teacher, any allergies/dietary requirements, days required and a Contact number.

Sunset club runs from 4pm to 5:30pm daily at £5 per day which should be paid in advance via ParentPay.

Clubs

If you no longer need your child's place at a club, please let the office know so we can offer the place to another child.

If you don't attend a club for three weeks, we will contact you and give your child's place to someone else.

We have waiting lists for clubs so we really appreciate your support with this!

