

the GREENROOM school



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GRW & GR6

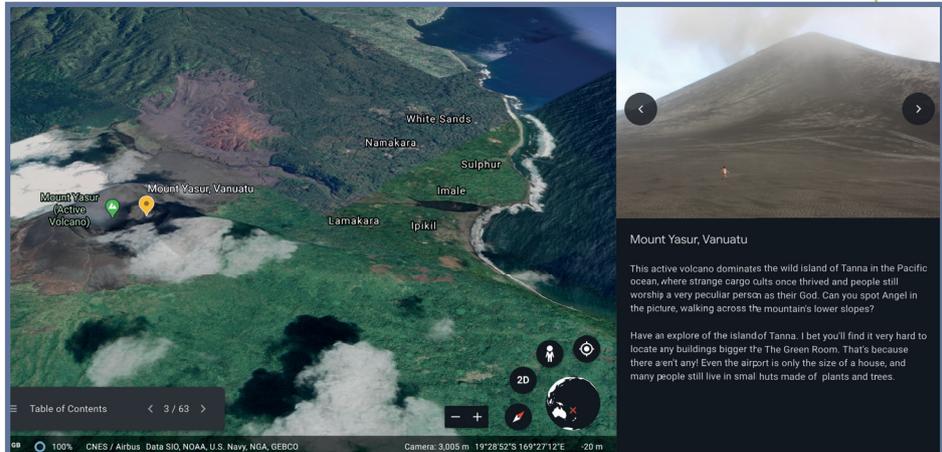


Easter Fun Day

Staff and pupils spent a daft couple of hours together in the holidays for our Easter Fun Day! Silly hats, a scavenger hunt, musical quiz, a joke competition and even some dramatic readings from Tom, our poet aficionado. The perfect Easter tonic to keep us all connected.

New 4D Options / Activities

One of the new options for 4D this half term is Logographic Languages. This week, we looked at deciphering Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and attempted to write our own names using this archaic alphabet. Next week - Yucatec! An old Maya language.



Wacky Races

Despite lockdown we continue to be audacious and provide positive learning experiences for our students. Traditionally we start each term with a Brain Gym to help students re engage their mental muscles and we did not want to veer from that path. This term began with a Virtual Brain Gym, a Wacky Race around the globe using google earth. Students travelled the globe taking in information and answering questions from the depth and breadth of our curriculum. It was a lot of fun; a great way to travel the world from our own lockdown locations

Netflix Party

During the Easter Break, pupils and staff put their new Netflix addictions to good use and hosted a Netflix Party! A poll was taken and the pupils voted amongst themselves for us all to watch the movie 'Megamind'. We watched and chatted together as an alien nemesis to explore some of the world's most interesting and cultural sites. Staff acted as tour guides and led pupils around sites such as Glastonbury, Disney World, and Central Park. Pupils even had the chance to explore volcanoes or some of the world's best museums through a Google Arts and Culture Tour.

Virtual Tours

As we're all finding out, being permanently at home during the Lockdown has its limitations - but pupils had a unique opportunity on Wednesday morning to explore some of the world's most interesting and cultural sites. Staff acted as tour guides and led pupils around sites such as Glastonbury, Disney World, and Central Park. Pupils even had the chance to explore volcanoes or some of the world's best museums through a Google Arts and Culture Tour.

Music

This term Music lessons are dedicated to understanding Self Reliance Techniques.



A guided yet independent focus on Bass Guitar and Singing is offered within our 4th Dimension Catalogue. We are adding material and lessons to Google Classroom, Chat and the occasional video call and becoming quite aware the music is not in the notes, but in the silence in between.

Help With Food Bills

Our second tranche of payments has gone out this week to help our families with food bills. Everyone is offered this regardless of whether they qualify for the Government's Free School Meals Scheme. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteering

We all want to do our bit to help our community cope with the Coronavirus Pandemic. Staff & students have already

been shopping for those who are self-isolating and helping the NHS by sewing scrubs and assisting in hospital wards and on the phone. We are actively exploring more ways to help the community and get our 6th Form involved in volunteering.

Video of our First 2 Weeks

Check out what it was actually like in The Virtual Green Room...

[Watch the video here](#)

Epic Minecraft Mega Hunt

Pupils and staff alike participated in an Easter themed Minecraft Mega Hunt. Challenged to mine or craft 20 items of varying difficulties, competitors raced to be the first to collect them all. Noah came out on top, with a helping hand from Ross. Congratulations everyone on your excellent efforts!



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Animals

Like all of us, the GRK animals are dealing with a lot of change during the lockdown. While they don't get to see our pupils, Rosie & Gareth are doing their best to keep them entertained since GRK's doors closed. They've certainly been enjoying the hot weather, leading to creative ways to keep them cool! See



our instagram page for regular updates

G Bucks and Rewards

Pupils continue to earn G Bucks through Pupil of the Week and Work of the Week recognition. Tasty prizes for 1:1 sessions are being sent through the post so pupils need to make sure they continue to work hard! We have also added in a weekly challenge which will be given



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A gift note from Danielle Haxby:
Hi Orlando! A huge well done for your effort 1:1 in week 1 of our virtual school
From GRK

Gift note included with Haribo Sweets Gift Cube (Medium) with Ribbon, Perfect Retro Birthday, Father...

in Circle Time should pupils wish to win a prize!



media. limiting the intake is recommended as too much doesn't help the feelgood factor.

As always, pupils / parents are welcome to get in touch with us with any concerns.

As well as from school, support can be found by following the links below.

Mental health support and advice for parents and young people.

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

Parents Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines)

Expert advice and practical tips to help look after your mental health and wellbeing including information about how to help others with mental health problems like anxiety.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>

Beat is the UK's leading charity supporting anyone affected by eating disorders.

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk>

Green Room News

The staff at GRK create a News Bulletin every evening to give an overview of the day, successes, lessons and hints at what is to come. They are shared every morning at circle time but also posted on our blog and instagram for you to watch at your leisure. A fun way to summarise and celebrate and to make you smile!

Events

Strava - Some pupils have joined Strava and are logging their daily exercise be it run, walk or cycle. We urge pupils to get involved as it gives us a platform to celebrate each other's successes and motivate each other to carry on.

Inca Trail - We are doing a Virtual Inca Trail Marathon between 23-30 April. We have asked all pupils to run or walk at least a mile, evidence it either through Strava, sending a photo to Danielle or letting us know in some way. We will receive a medal to display

at school and pupils will receive an NHS charity medal where the proceeds will go to the NHS fund - Get involved!

GRK Bake-Off with Danielle.

Lise has kindly sent the ingredients to pupils' houses, which were generously donated by Waitrose and we will be cooking them soon using a Waitrose recipe. Having a virtual Great Green Room Bake Off!

Healthy Eating Week 8-12 June!

Mental Health

Two tips for mental health:

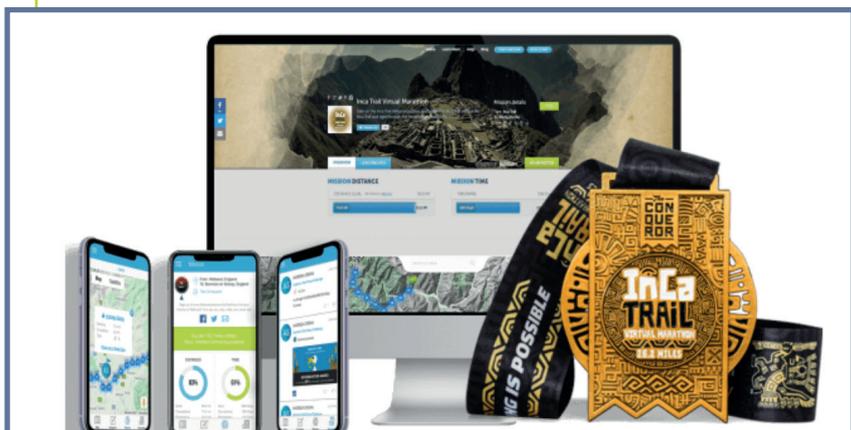
Tip 1. A daily routine:

A simple & great choice could be... getting outside for a walk. The benefits are Vitamin D from the sun plus it's a physical activity - exercise, which we know is good for our bodies and our happiness.

Tip 2. Not too much news or social

Times Tables Rockstars

Timestables Rockstars is a fun way to practise and become masters of our times tables. A good number of pupils and staff have started their rockstar journeys with great enthusiasm. A little practise every day will make a huge difference to our maths confidence.



Lessons

We have a wide variety of lessons being offered virtually. Between 10-11 we have normal school lessons including Science, Sport, Life Skills, Equine, Horticulture, Trade, Animals and Humanities. After this between 11-12 we offer a vast array of 4th Dimension lessons to allow pupils to try new things. These lessons include; reading, music, riddles, lego, mini beasts, Yoga, Show and Tell and much much more. After this during lunch we offer boxercise daily and nurture twice a week followed by afternoon extra curricular activities 12.30 - 1.30 including netflix party, sketchful, Big Quiz and scavenger hunt. This runs alongside a teacher walk, usually with a few pet dogs involved!

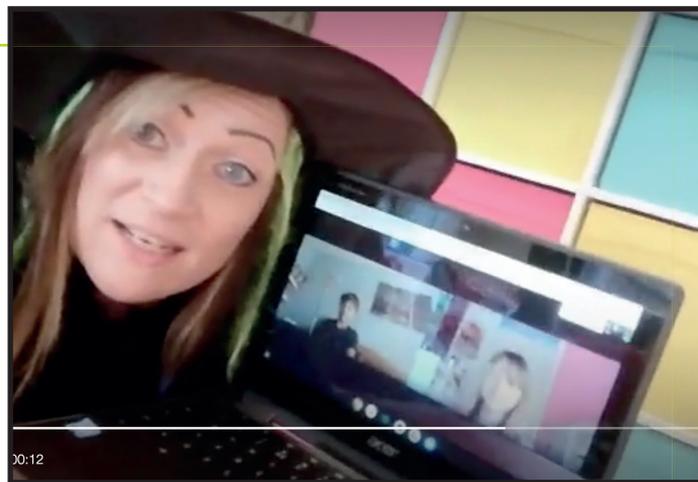
In Humanities we have been looking at the British Empire. Students have been considering the reasons why countries might want empires, about other types of empires and the discovery of the New World. We plan to move on to lots of different snapshots of exciting bits of world history! We have a number of budding rock stars in GRK, with students

grabbing their axes (guitars), and beginning to nail the basics of tuning, notes and chords!

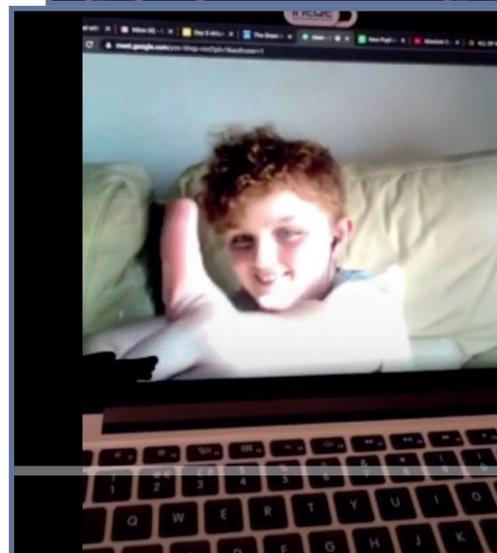
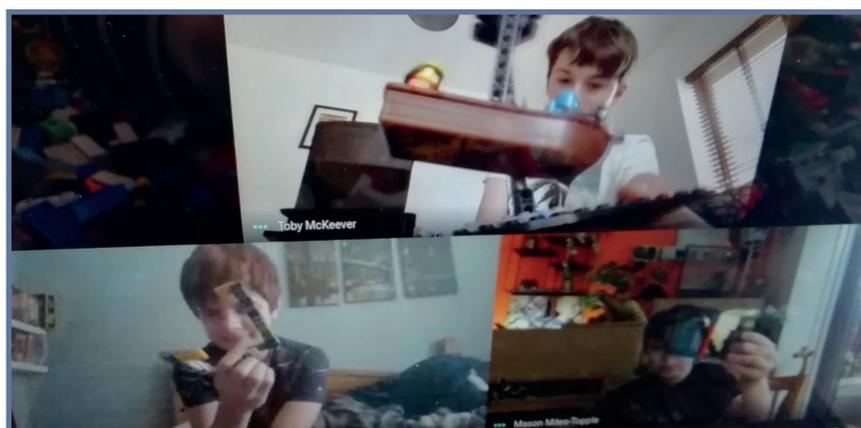
1:1 are proving a great success in English with Becky and Maths with Rob as well as Therapy with Elizabeth, Literacy with Jodie, numeracy with Dan and coaching from Danielle. Pupils speak regularly to their mentors and it has been pleasing to see so many pupils at circle time. It is so important for them to be there so they can understand what is on offer and set them up for a great day.

Reading

It is really important to keep reading as much as possible. All pupils went home with a book before Easter to enjoy and we encourage them to take a break from the virtual world and spend a few minutes enjoying a book. We offer regular reading sessions and if any resources



are needed pupils can contact the school and we can provide more reading material. Audio books are fantastic too, don't forget Audible are offering lots of free books for children at the moment!



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

Summer Term Dates

INSET DAY - Tuesday 21st April

School starts - Wednesday 22nd April

May Bank Holiday - Friday 8th May

Last day of school - Friday 22nd May

Summer Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

INSET DAY Monday 1st June