

### WINDSOR

#### The Royal Windsor Horse Show

A typical English showery, summer's day saw The Green Room pupils taking their annual trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show. A great opportunity to see an international event on our doorstep and in the private grounds of the castle. Pupils saw main events in the Castle Arena, sampled the delights of the food court, horsey fashions and experienced first hand the power of the iconic Land Rover. As usual, the pupils were a credit to the school.



and share their passions and stories.

#### Brain Gym

This term's brain gym topics focused on how much we know about our minds, our bodies and our future. Pupils engaged with activities that challenged their perception of positivity through a 'positive framing' exercise, helped them realise how much they move by understanding 'stealthercise' and gained a greater grasp on what the future holds by looking through their immediate and long term plans.

#### Graduates Get Lost

Graduate level Edge pupils were dropped at a random locations in London from which they had to navigate home using no internet or technology. All four pupils made it home in good time and displayed a high level of initiative and resilience throughout.

#### The Swan Film Set

Renovations at The Swan pub in Clewer are well underway,

thanks to the ongoing efforts and hard work from builders and volunteers, so much so that the rooms upstairs have recently played a part as a film set! Clewer resident and successful actor-turned-producer, Ailish Castillo transformed the rooms into an artist's abode in 1950s Ireland to film a short film from her family's history. Our GR6 pupils were invited along to meet Ailish and hear about her life and career, as well as visit the stunningly detailed sets her art team have created in what will become the Swan's letting space. The session was a fascinating learning experience for all involved, and really captured the essence of what we are building; a community hub for people of all backgrounds and experiences to come together

#### Exams

Examination season has started in earnest and we are delighted with how smoothly they have run thus far. Our exam takers have been highly commendable in their approach and attitude to each exam so far and we are confident that this positive attitude will continue. The examinations are a great opportunity for students to recognise the huge amounts of progress they have made since joining The Green Room. We are confident that this year will see more pupils than ever before surpass their own expectations. Obviously, this is a stressful time for our young people and we will continue to provide the academic and emotional support they need. At home we would greatly appreciate it if you could





continue to encourage those you care for to do their best. Providing a quiet place to study, asking about the examinations and maintaining a positive attitude will really benefit their performance. We look forward to celebrating all our students progress at the end of the year.



### Allotment Yoga

Pupils and staff took advantage of a particularly warm day to run our first yoga session at The Green Room School's allotment. Pupils engaged in a physically challenging practice with mindfulness and equanimity. One of them even executed an advanced-level arm balance (Crow Pose) on his first try. Well done everyone!

### Green Room Sport

This year saw the return of The Green Room's favourite sport,

Benchball, which has reignited the old competitive rivalry between The Green Room's two teams, 'The Age of Orange' and 'The Green Machine'. Both teams have been giving it their all, determined to make a name for themselves in The Green Room sporting records. With only a few weeks left of this academic year, the school is excited to see which team will emerge as the winners!



### Maidenhead Rangers

Maidenhead Rangers, the eldest section in Girlguiding came and made great use of the new allotment. Jenny our art teacher and one of the Rangers leaders said "It's a great location as we struggle to find open spaces where we can light a fire, this is a perfect space for collecting wood and having a chilled out meeting. The girls really enjoyed it as well." The Rangers hope to make more use of the site in the future.

### Survival In The Wild

At the allotment the boys did a fantastic job of striking and collapsing both a family tent and gazebo during 'Survival in the Wild'. They worked brilliantly as a team, built both very quickly and managed to pack the tents away better than when they were bought. We are delighted that the boys enjoyed it so much and can't wait to see them in action at the festival in a few weeks time.



## KINGSLEY

### Damian Hinds Visit

We were happy to welcome Damien Hinds, the Secretary of State for Education, to Kingsley last week, he met the pupils, staff and animals on a farm tour and then sat down with Joe and Richard for a discussion about the current issues in education and the future of Alternative Provision in the UK.





## Exams

Three of our pupils have made an excellent start to their GCSEs, the first ever taken at GRK. They have completed their English and first Maths paper, with just two Maths papers to go. We are really proud of all their hard work!

## Horse Riding

All pupils have made a positive start in horse riding with everyone being brave enough to get on and to ride the horses out into the woods.

Debbie, the owner of the riding school said the pupils are a credit to the school.



## Monastery Trip

We all had an incredible trip to the Cittaviveka Chithurst Buddhist Monastery in April. Pupils had the opportunity ask the monks questions to experience and understand what it meant to be a buddhist monk. Pupils learned how to meditate, how to live a life harmless to all beings, and all the rules they need to follow to be a monk. In return the monk who

guided us around now knows how to dab!



## Orienteering

We travelled to Alice Holt for the second time this year to tackle the second half of the orienteering course. The pupils had to follow a map of the area to different points where they found a small plaque with two letters on it. The idea was to find as many as possible in the time available. Some groups ran, some walked but everyone had a great time.



## Einspine

Einspine the hedgehog has been fostered at GRK over winter and finally gone back to the rescue centre to be released back to the wild. She has been a wonderful addition to the GRK animal family

and always very active when she was health checked in lessons. Although it is sad she can't stay, we are happy to know she is healthy and going back to the wild where she belongs!

## Rewards Trip

As part of our school reward system, pupils are awarded points for their effort, behaviour and achievements. The winner is our pupil of the week. They can also win 'work of the week' and in both cases they get a 'G Buck'. Once a pupil collects 5 G Bucks they have a reward of their choice. This time it was Owen's turn for a reward. He chose a fishing trip and invited Ally along. They used 3 fishing rods and had a competition for the first, largest and most fish caught. Sadly for Ally, he was behind within the first five minutes as Owen hauled in the first minnow, closely followed by a second! Ally's luck improved when he caught the largest of the day. However, Owen did not let up the pressure and caught a further 3 fish, winning the most fish category. A great time was had by all!



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Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May  
Summer Term - Monday 3rd June - Friday 12th July  
INSET DAY - Monday 17th June  
GR Fest - Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th June