

the GREENROOM school



Newsletter February 2019

As this half term draws to a close, we have much to report as usual, as all schools (GRW, GRK and GR6) have been very busy. We have great news about the The Swan Pub in Clewer, details of the latest rewards trips and day trips, new additions, both staff and animals, Parents Evening, GR6's own Ready-Steady-Cook, how we got on in the eSports league and finally, how we have introduced Quidditch to our sports sessions!

WINDSOR

The Swan Pub

The Swan Community Interest Company, of which The Green Room is a key investor, took ownership of The Swan at the end of January. We immediately organised a weekend of activity and what a weekend! Huge progress was made. The community came out in full force to help with the site clearance. Over 60 people donated over 300 hours of time on Saturday and even more time on Sunday sorting, saving and stripping (wallpaper!) What we were able to achieve exceeded all expectations and we are now well on the way to readying the venue for our graduate scheme to start in the coming months.



Reward Trip - Jump Giants

Our rewards trips have become a firm favourite with pupils and staff alike. This month, four students were chosen to bounce themselves silly at Jump Giants in Colnbrook, one of the area's top trampoline parks. Our successful pupils let off steam with somersaults and spills into foam pits, pugil-stick battles as well as aerial dodgeball and freestyle bouncing. Students are chosen for rewards trips based on their academic engagement in class as well as how well they have embodied the



school's values of change, politeness, boundaries, learning, self-awareness and kindness. Previous rewards trips have seen pupils participate in bowling, karting and the Go-Ape outdoor adventure park.

Parents Evening

Parents and carers gathered in GRW's dining room early this month for the annual Parents Evening, which this year had particular focus on our core elements of Currency, Culture and Character. These elements make up the school's three-pronged approach to ensuring our pupils are well-equipped for life outside The Green Room.

Parents were also given an update on The Swan Pub and how it would feature in the school's sixth form curriculum as well as providing our graduates with the opportunity for work experience and apprenticeships. They were also given valuable tips on how to support and help prepare their young person for the upcoming exams.

Quidditch

We have recently introduced a new sport to our curriculum - none other than the CGI heavy, magically fuelled wizarding sport of the Harry Potter series... Quidditch.

Quidditch is a sport of two teams of seven players, based on a fictional game with teams comprised of numerous diverse roles such as Keeper, Chaser, Beater and Seeker, plus the introduction of the golden snitch at final stages of a 10 minute game. A number of pupils have



shone in these positions and have made a name for themselves in the Green Room Sports hall of fame!

Esports

The British Esports Championship has returned for 2019 and The Green Room has once again entered a team. This season's game is Rocket League, which is football in cars with rockets! We are in a league against 7 other teams and are delighted to say that currently we sit atop that league! Our pupil team captain is leading the charge and sharing his knowledge of the game with his teammates. The competition wraps up at the end of March and then it's on to the finals.



Ready-Steady-Cook!

The GR6 Life-Skills pupils put their culinary know-how to the test as they ended the half term with their very own version of Ready-Steady-Cook! Pupils were given various ingredients to choose from and did their best to cook up something tasty for three members of staff who acted as taste-testers. However, the end product wasn't the only thing being tested, the pupils were also expected to follow the 4 C's of food preparation: Cleaning, Cooking, Cross-Contamination, and Chilling. All in all, it was a great experience, and it was clear to see the progress the pupils have made with their cooking over the past few months.



New Staff Welcome

We are delighted to have two new members of staff... Becky Thompson who leads our English curriculum including English 1:1 intervention, she is a trained primary school teacher and started with us in January. Nicola Maxfield also joined in January as an LSA but is a trained secondary school teacher. She has also taken on overseeing the BTEC qualification.



Winchester Science Centre

Everyone enjoyed the recent trip to the Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium, there were so many small experiments to try, set over two floors to challenge and engage the pupils in the world of science. We had a specialist workshop to make our own slime and investigate if it is a solid or a liquid. To end the frantic, enjoyable day of science we had a relaxing time in the Planetarium to discover the wonders of our Universe!

Year 11 Revision Trip To GRW

Three of our Year 11 pupils recently enjoyed a trip to GRW to help with the preparation for their upcoming GCSEs. They enjoyed catching up with familiar faces and had a Maths and English revision masterclass! After a surprise lunch out they returned full of enthusiasm to do their best in the summer.

Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians Theatre Trip

This was a lovely way to celebrate the end of Spring half term! A treat to see Horrible Histories Awful

Egyptians Live on stage with pupils at G Live in Guildford. From the fascinating Pharaohs to the power of the pyramids, our pupils uncovered the foul facts of death and decay with the meanest mummies in Egypt.



Gym

The pupils were offered a chance to use a new gym at Athlete Movement. This is more focused on strength and conditioning. The pupils have worked really hard and are showing improvement each week.



New Rabbits, Fish Tank and Rats

We've had new arrivals at GRK this half term and more to arrive soon! Two 3 month old rabbits (names are being voted on as we speak!) are beginning to be trained by the pupils. Two groups of pupils have been given a small budget to set up a new fish tank and a rat enclosure. The rats are coming in to break a few illusions that they are dirty, horrible animals. They will be trained by the pupils as well and can be taken to lessons along with rabbits to help with concentration.



Trade - Bricklaying

The pupils have started trade studies this half term and have undertaken bricklaying as their first course. They have built walls and garden piers testing their resilience at times. There have been some great pieces constructed.

Reward Trip

As part of our school reward system, pupils are awarded points for their effort, behaviour, achievements etc. 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. Our first pupil to receive 5 G Bucks decided to go to Brooklands Museum with Joe Sparks, our Executive Head. They had a great day touring the museum which included a tour of Concorde which was really special. They had the whole Concorde to themselves and the tour guide said he hasn't enjoyed a tour so much in ages. We would like to say well done to this pupil - all your hard work paid off!



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Term begins - Tuesday 26th February - Friday 5th April
Easter Holiday - Monday 8th April - Wednesday 24th April