

KS2 Newsletter

30th April 2021

Parent Forum

Our new Parent Forum met earlier this month. We are a small group, although there is room for more. You can find out more about the Forum at our website: <https://greateathacademy.ctrust.org.uk/parents/parent-forum/>
You can read the notes on what we discussed and what impact we've had so far.

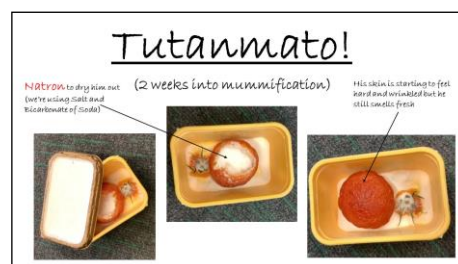
Eco Champions

Our Eco Champions group teamed up with Y1 children last week to plant lettuce and celery plants, which were kindly donated by G's Fresh, Soham. It's part of a wider planting plan across the school and builds on our recent Bronze Eco Schools Award. The children all had a fabulous time and we are hoping for more donations so that other year groups can have this opportunity too!



Cleopepper & Tutanmato, the mummified vegetables

3 weeks ago, Y4 started their Egyptian topic by mummifying vegetables. Eagle class mummified a tomato called 'Tutanmato', whilst Nimrod class mummified a green bell pepper called 'Cleopepper' (on the left) and had a control pepper (on the right). They put them on the windowsill for 3 weeks.



Cleopepper was deseeded, cleaned with antibacterial wipes then covered in natron salt (a mix of salt and bicarbonate of soda). The children predicted that she would stay green longer than the control pepper. They were correct in their predictions. The mummification had slowed the ripening process!

Back to Ancient Greece

This term, Y3 have been studying Ancient Greece. They started by dressing in the clothing of Ancient Greece and even re-enacted the Battle of Marathon! We always try to make the curriculum engaging and lively, and the Y3 staff have done an amazing job in bringing this period in time to life.



PTA AGM

Save the date! The Annual General Meeting of our new PTA is this Tuesday at 4.30pm, held via Microsoft Teams., The link will be sent to all parents by ParentMail so please join us if you can.

Green fingers

Tornado class have been busy planting and growing a variety of vegetables, fruit and herbs. So far, they have potatoes, strawberries, rhubarb, tomatoes, rosemary, mint and thyme. On the windowsill, they are growing lettuces, beans, broccoli and leeks which they hope to soon put into our lovely new wooden planters.



Lightning Class

Unfortunately, Miss Holden has had an accident and will be unable to come in to school for the next few weeks. We are working with a supply teacher agency to get a replacement teacher in as soon as possible. We will keep Lightning parents informed as soon as we have some concrete news.

Could you volunteer?

We have had some enquiries from parents who would like to come in to school to hear readers. Although we aren't fully opening to parents and visitors, we will soon be able to take on parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please phone the office to request a volunteer application form.

PE kits

Please remember that PE kits should be a **bottle green PE t-shirt** and **black shorts/joggers/tracksuit**. Children can also wear a black or green sweatshirt/hoodie. Other colours of PE kit should not be worn.

Achievement Awards

	Writing Stars: 16/04/2021	Maths Stars: 23/04/2021	Writing Stars: 30/04/2021
Y3: Lightning	<i>Elissa Ayvaz</i>	<i>Harrison Sainsbury</i>	<i>Logan Cleaver</i>
Y3: Hercules	<i>Ryan Fairhurst</i>	<i>Tommy Jackson</i>	<i>Louie Newbrook-Stevens</i>
Y3: Vulcan	<i>Paxton O'Neal</i>	<i>Kian Raven</i>	<i>Dara Lagunju</i>
Y4: Galaxy	<i>Honey Parker</i>	<i>Daniela Goncalves</i>	<i>Kacey Jones</i>
Y4: Nimrod	<i>Jaina Case</i>	<i>Nina Juroszek</i>	<i>Emily Parker</i>
Y4: Eagle	<i>Stanley Ward</i>	<i>Leo Clements</i>	<i>Alayna Sellings</i>
Y5: Osprey	<i>Maja Bisewska</i>	<i>Mason Reynolds</i> <i>Riley Clark, Kate Cobb</i> <i>Hayley Matzk</i>	<i>Tayyib Amin</i>
Y5: Meteor	<i>Louis Hopkinson</i>		<i>Lucy Hennig</i>
Y5: Tornado	<i>Harry Cashford</i>		<i>Oliver Gray</i>
Y6: Typhoon	<i>Bailey Pound</i>	<i>Yvie Howard</i> <i>Amy Firetto-Smith</i> <i>Isaac Harwood</i>	<i>Dannielle Whalley</i>
Y6: Spitfire	<i>Isaac Harwood</i>		<i>Samantha Hurley</i>
Y6: Hurricane	<i>Natan Szymanowski</i>		<i>Charlie Jones</i>

Attendance

Well done to **Hercules**, **Tornado**, and **Osprey** classes who all had above **98%** attendance during April. Top attendance was Osprey with 98.9%. Well done Osprey!

Diary dates

Monday 3 rd May 2021	Bank Holiday – No school
Friday 28 th May 2021	School closes for half-term
Monday 7 th June 2021	School re-starts after half term
Tuesday 20 th July	Last day of term

You can find all term dates on our website at www.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully
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