



TGS Together

First and foremost, I must congratulate and commend our teachers, pupils and parents for their incredible teamwork over the last week. It has been wonderful to see how well our remote provision has worked for, and with, our families.

I really want you all to feel proud of what you have achieved so far. The engagement with learning that has continued through an unimaginably difficult situation is of the highest calibre. As I mentioned in my video assembly on Facebook, resilience means keeping going at a time when it might be tempting to give up. Your resilience is inspiring.

We are already reviewing our remote provision to ensure that there is an increasing level of flexibility to suit individual pupil and family circumstances. In the first instance, I would like all pupils and parents to know that they can take learning at a pace that suits them. Parents, please keep your comments coming in, they have already been hugely helpful.

This week, we will ask for more formal feedback on pupil, parent and staff experiences of remote learning.

I hope you enjoy looking through our re-vamped school newsletter. As you will see we have some

wonderful examples of work that has been produced over the last week. If you have others, we want to keep featuring these in our regular updates so please send them to office@thetgram.norfolk.sch.uk

Don't forget to visit the school's Facebook page for daily updates and the FoTGS's Facebook page for a great parent support group.

With best wishes,

Mr M Brewer,
Head

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Visit the
Parent Portal
via our website to
watch the latest
videos.

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Number Formations

Well - our first foray into online learning has certainly been embraced by our Year 1 pupils. To practise our counting and number formation in a fun way, the children were challenged to find sets of objects in the garden/around the house (where the garden wasn't possible!) and record how many were in each set making sure that they formed their numbers correctly!



Tuck Shop Fun

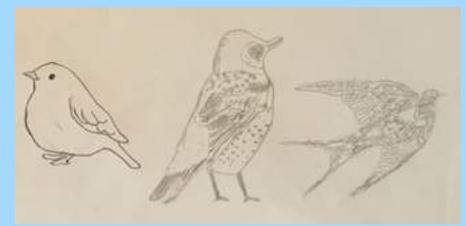
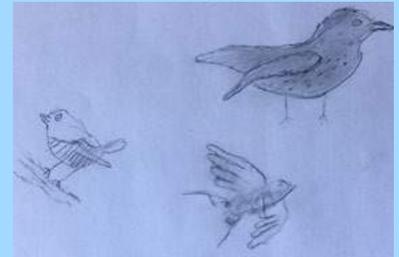
It's good to see our Year 1 pupils shopping for healthy snacks at their 'local' Tuck Shop and learning about money and healthy choices at the same time.



Y6 Art

Y6 artists have been busy with their expressive bird drawings while studying hard at home!

Well Done



Y11 Biologists Experiment

Year 11 triple Biologists performed an experiment to find out if reducing unnecessary contact could actually prevent the spread of disease.

All the students in the class first washed their hands with soap and water. Mrs Granger rubbed her hands in some dirt. She then pressed an imprint of her hand onto a plate of agar jelly. Next she shook hands with pupil 1, who then made a hand imprint onto a fresh agar plate and shook hands with pupil 2. This was repeated down the class.

The photographs show a clear pattern. The cloudy milky cream growths are colonies of (harmless) micro-organisms grown from our hands. The colonies get smaller by pupil 5 but clearly show that were this a sneeze into Mrs Grangers hand how easily micro-organisms from this would be passed to many more people by just shaking hands. By not shaking hands in the current climate we can make a big difference.

Thank you Year 11 for showing us how small changes in our behaviour can make an impact.



Easter Egg Delivery

Last week Mrs Skeels and Mrs Eden dropped off the Easter eggs that had been donated by our pupils and local businesses to Ford Place Care Home in Thetford.

They had to leave them in the foyer to ensure safety for the residents but they were really happy to receive them. They were very grateful and wanted to thank all those who helped support our Easter egg campaign.



Matisse work

Badgers' class have been asked to make signs for their bedroom doors in the style of Henri Matisse. Well done Joseph and Sophie - they look amazing. Harriet and Etta are also joining in with the Matisse work and bird drawings!

Well done everyone. It's lovely to see you all working so hard.



Puppets

Badgers' class were tasked to make a puppet out of materials from home. A toilet roll was to form the main part. Sophie produced this fantastic puppet.



Junk Monsters

Hedgehogs were asked to find recyclable materials in their house (newspaper, cardboard), and try to create a junk monster. It needed to have noticeable features, like a big mouth, tentacles or lots of big eyes.

So far we've had a Monster with flowerpot legs, a Worry Monster and a Monster on a Flying Surfboard!



Keepy Uppy Challenge

How many keepy uppys can you do sat down? Can you beat Mr Hills effort of 10? (It's harder than it looks!)

Send in your photos or videos to office@thetgram.norfolk.sch.uk

Good Luck

Videos can be found on the Parent Portal and Facebook

Outdoor Games

This afternoon, pupils who are on site at TGS have been put through their paces in an outdoor Games lesson featuring circuit training as devised by the pupils themselves.

There were also some freestyle moves demonstrated by Mrs Eden! A good time was had by all in the glorious sunshine.



Colour Theory

7E enjoyed a painting lesson on Thursday in Art, learning about Colour Theory and how to correctly mix their paints. They will continue with their painting lessons after the Easter break, well done 7E!



As we are all finding new ways to interact with our learning, here is a quote to think about:

'Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire.' - Yeats

Don't worry about how much 'stuff' is being done, just try to keep that interest alight. Together we can.

Take care,

Mr Brewer

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