



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

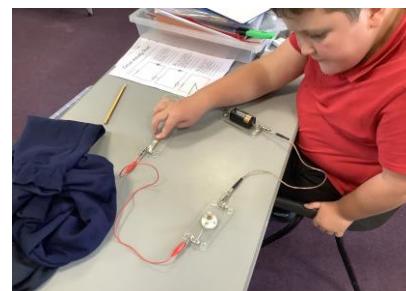
Tuesday 5th October, 2021

Dear Parents and Children,

All our children are settling back into the routines of school life and are enjoying their learning throughout the curriculum. Our Topics at the beginning of this term are: 'Inter-Nation Media Station', in KS1 and 'Lightning Speed' in KS2.

We have welcomed the return of our Carlisle Community Sport Trust coaches into school on a Tuesday and a Friday to deliver P.E. and our KS2 children are enjoying Swimming Lessons, this term, at the Pools!

Magical Mel is continuing to deliver the Relax Kids programme to all our children in KS1 and KS2. I would also like to welcome our new music teacher, Mrs Sutton to our KS1 and KS2 classes this year. She will be teaching music and percussion instrument skills in KS1 and instrument tuition in KS2.



We are all looking forward to the school year ahead and I would like to give you some further information regarding the Autumn Term.

Enjoying the Autumn Weather and School grounds

We all want your children to be able to make the most of the school outdoor environment throughout the day. Please can you ensure, children have a change of indoor and outdoor shoes at school, so they are able to participate in sports and play, based on the wet grass and have dry shoes to change into, once they return into the school building.

COVID-19 and the Great Orton Blended Curriculum

We will continue to provide an on-line curriculum for children who are shielding, isolating or in the event of a localised or national- lockdown. We will update this on our website so children who suddenly find themselves unable to attend school have online access to learning.

If you require home learning for your child, please contact the school so we can upload a weekly timetable of learning for your child to follow, on the blended learning page of the website. The curriculum will be focussed on the White Rose Hub materials for the teaching of Mathematics, Hamilton trust materials for the teaching of Literacy and the Home learning Dimensions Curriculum and Oak National Academy for other subjects.

To access the materials, log onto the Great Orton School website at www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk , and click on the Blended Learning Tab on the school homepage. This will take you to the weekly timetable and resources file, for your child's week of learning.

Your child has passwords to access the Doodle Maths and TT rock stars (Yr2-Yr6) sites located at the back of their reading record books.



'DoodleLearning are hosting free 20 minute parent *webinars* to help you make the most out of your child's Doodle subscription! These are being run on Tuesdays at **8pm on 5th, 12th and 19th October, and 10am on 26th October**. In the *webinar*, you will learn:

- How Doodle works
- What the programmes look like from a child's perspective
- How to use the Parent Dashboard and Parent Connect app to monitor and motivate their child
- How to get help with anything Doodle related

To join the *webinar*, or to find out more, please [visit this page](#) 5 minutes before the *webinar* start time and click on the link to join.

Miss Shannon's Reading Information Meeting, via zoom on Thursday 7th October at 4.30pm

We would like to invite parents to an online zoom meeting with Miss Shannon to learn about our approach to phonics and Reading.

The first part of the meeting will focus on how Early Reading and phonics, are taught in school and how you can support your child on their reading journey.

The second part of the meeting will look at the Year 2 Statutory assessment expectations in Reading.

A zoom link will be sent to your email address.

School Photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th October at 1:00 p.m.

If you would like family photographs taken with younger siblings then you are very welcome to join us. In order to comply with our COVID rules, can I please ask that you book a time slot via Mrs Wright in the school office. Adults will be required to wear a facemask whilst in the school hall.

Parents Meetings on Wednesday 13th October 2021 via Zoom

Meeting with parents during the Autumn term has always been an important opportunity to discuss and celebrate your child's successes, set learning targets and discuss any worries or concerns, with your child's class teacher. Due to the continued high incidence of COVID-19 in the Community, we will be holding parents meeting via Zoom call. Each parent/ carer will be allocated a 10 minute slot.

Please can you complete the Parents Meeting Letter attachment to choose your preferred call time and return to school by Thursday 7th October, 2021.

Welcome to our Great Orton School Council

Voting has taken place in both our classes and we now have six new school council representatives. The school Councillors will be meeting with Mrs Bellas this week to plan and organise the forthcoming Halloween Disco. Well Done everyone!

Kind Regards
Catherine Bellas
Acting Headteacher



School Term Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Every Wednesday from 8th September until 17th November, 2021 – KS2 Swimming Lessons.

Thursday 7th October, 2021 at 4.30pm– Miss Shannon’s Reading Zoom!

Friday 8th October – Nasal Flu.

Tuesday 12th October – School Photographer

Wednesday 13th October – Parents Evening KS1 and KS2 via zoom.

Wednesday 20th October – KS2 Inter- school Cross Country Race at the Sheepmount, Carlisle .

Friday 22nd October – Halloween Party in school.

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October – Half Term Holiday.

Monday 1st November – Children back to school.

Friday 5th November – Bonfire Lunch!

Thursday 11th November – Armistice Day: Visit to Cenotaph at St Stephen’s Church, Great Orton.

Monday 13th December – Christmas Performance.

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 15th December- Christmas Party.

Thursday 16th December – 1pm End of school Term.

