



**Greenvale
Primary
School**

Newsletter

School Newsletter— March 2019

Succeeding together by loving what we do.

March 2019

Key Dates

March

11th - NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS
12th - NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS
Parent Consultations 4 - 7:10pm
13th - NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS
Parent Consultations 5 - 8:10pm
14th - NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS
15th - NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS

YR 3 Cake Sale

FOG Race Night 7pm

18th - YR 5 Whitgift Week

School Book Fair (after school)

Art Club on tonight

19th - YR 5 Whitgift Week

School Book Fair (after school)

NO ART Club

20th - YR 5 Whitgift Week

Robins Writing Drop In 9am

School Book Fair (after school)

21st - YR 5 Whitgift Week

Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

Robins Writing Drop In 9am

School Book Fair (after school)

22nd - YR 5 Whitgift Week

Book Fair (after school)

29th - YR 4 Cake Sale

April

2nd - Autism Awareness Day

3rd - YR 3 Tate Photographs

Special Easter Lunch Menu

5th - Break up from school 2pm

**** NO AFTERS provision ****

**Mon 8th - Mon 22nd April
EASTER HOLIDAYS**

23rd - Back to school 8:50am

St George's Day Mufti

24th - YR 3 & YR 4 Bikeability

May

3rd - YR 5 Cake Sale

6th - Bank Holiday Monday

World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

Last Thursday, was World Book Day. To celebrate, children were invited to attend school dressed as a character from their '10 before 10' book lists. Children looked amazing in their chosen costumes!

As part of the day, children were also given the opportunity to share books with children in different year groups. Children were also given a book token to put towards a book which can be purchased in local supermarkets and outlets such as WH Smiths.

Please remember that by now, children should be well on the way to achieving their '10 before 10' awards for each year group. For more information, please speak to your child's class teacher during parent consultations.

WORLD
BOOK
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Screen Time

Last month, you may recall an article that outlined advice from medical professionals with regards to limiting the amount of screen time that children were getting. Included within the article were a series of steps that parents could take to minimise any negative impact on their children.

These included:

- Getting enough good-quality sleep. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.
- Talking about sharing photos and information online, and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated.
- Making sure you and your children are aware of and abide by their school's policy on screen time.
- Taking a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen.
- Advising children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.
- Talking with your children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed - make sure they know they can always speak an adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.
- Considering screen-free meal times so you can have face-to-face conversations, with adults giving their full attention to children.
- Trying to use features on some devices and platforms to keep track of time spent looking at screens or on social media.

Smoking outside of school

It has been brought to my attention that there are a small group of Greenvale parents who are smoking directly outside of the school at drop off and collection.

Whilst we fully appreciate that this is outside of the school grounds and there is very little we can do, we would ask that parents who choose to smoke do so well away from to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is only to be used for staff and those who have been given specific permission to use the car park. We do have two parking bays for disabled parents and ask that these be kept clear for these people. Please also ensure that you enter the car park at a reasonable pace - 10mph as children can freely roam this area, particularly before and after school. Thank you.

Success Story—Children's yoga

Last half term, Mrs Macaulay-Sutherland, one of our parents and a governor at our school, attended the SEN drop in session, run by Mrs Whiting. During the session, Mrs Whiting happened to mention a children's yoga class that is run nearby. After paying a visit, Mrs Macaulay Sutherland spoke incredibly positively about the sessions and thought this may appeal to other Greenvale families.

Mrs Macaulay-Sutherland thought that the SEN session was a great success as it enabled parents to find out and share information about activities available that parents may not have known about.



Holiday Club



Holiday club provision from the Easter Holidays will be managed through our sports partner, Maven Football Academy. Maven will be offering a fun-filled programme split into 2 camps – The Fun Zone and The Football Academy.

The Fun Zone will include a variety of activities dodgeball, gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts, forest school and games where as The Football Academy will focus on football-related fun challenges, ball mastery, 1v1 exercises, combination play and small sided games. The club is for everyone and the children will be able to move between the 2 different camps at set times throughout the day.

Matthew, Nathaniel, Kofey & Ryan have run sessions for Sandpipers during the October & February half-terms. They are also known to a wider group of Greenvale children through the new Multi-sports club which runs on a Monday through the fun games and activities which Nathaniel has started running for 'Afters'. The Maven team is being expanded to include female staff members who will be involved in the camps very soon.

For more information, contact details and bookings please see the Maven Booking site [here](#)

Pens for writing

A reminder that in KS2, children are to have a blue handwriting pen. The can be purchased from the Stationery shop, run by Beth in Year 5, every Friday morning in the playground. These are priced at £1.

Thank you for the football kit

A very big thank you to Ben Findlon and everybody at BW Electrical for Sponsoring the new Greenvale Football kit. I'm sure you will agree that these look really smart and the children have been very excited to wear the new kit.



Chromebooks coming very soon!



We are very pleased to inform you that following some fundraising through Rocket-fund and considerable support from our local councillor, we have been able to purchase some Chromebooks for the school which can be used by children during the school day, at the after school club and during the holidays by Sandpipers holiday club.

ParentPay

Lots of valuable time is wasted contacting parents to inform them that their accounts are in arrears. Your child's account should always show a £0.00 balance or credit at all times. Please login to your [ParentPay](#) account to check your balance and pay any arrears.

ParentPay now has a new facility, which enables you to give your permission for your child to attend a school trip at the same time that you are paying for it. There is now no need to print, sign and return a paper permission slip.



Year 4 Webcast with Cressida Cowell

On Wednesday 6th March, children in Year 4 took part in a live webcast with Cressida Cowell, author of 'How To Train Your Dragon'.

The webcast was filmed in America and involved children from schools all over the world.

The children fully enjoyed the experience and following the webcast, were able to ask Cressida some questions, two of which were answered! Year 4 continue to read 'How to Train Your Dragon' as their class reader and it is safe to say that it is already a favourite! Well done Year 4.



An interview with Mrs Harrison

This month, Zara and Archie, School Council for Year 5, interview Mrs Harrison:

What is your role within the school?

I am the Year 4 teacher. I also have overall responsibility for overseeing Year 3 and Year 4 as well as reading in the school.

What do you enjoy about your job?

I really enjoy working with children because every day is different. You get to learn lots of interesting things about different members of your class. Children also have lots of energy which is very refreshing!

What was your favourite subject when you were at school?

When I was at school, I loved English and Music. I particularly enjoyed writing stories and silly poems. I also loved reading and was involved in performing.

What is your favourite book?

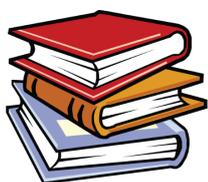
The Garbage King—It's about an African Boy named Momo who is trafficked and sold to an evil farmer. He then manages to escape and learns to live alongside a group of homeless street boys.

Tell us about a teacher when you were a child who inspired you

Her name was Miss Garrettly. She laughed at my stories and was really good fun. I remember having Hot Cross Buns at Easter, and being able to make cakes at Christmas. When she didn't know something, she was always honest and was grateful to learn something new.



Bedtime Stories



Thursday evening saw the return of the fantastic 'Bedtime Stories Evening' at Greenvale. The evening was a fun event for both children and staff and the children had a brilliant time listening to stories whilst drinking hot chocolate in their pyjamas.

Friends of Greenvale

A very big thank you to the Friends of Greenvale for their support

Firstly the Friends of Greenvale have agreed to fund the cost of a defibrillator in school. At recent Headteacher meetings, it appears that these are more commonplace in schools and can provide anyone suffering from cardiac arrest with a significantly increased chance of survival should this take place when in or around the school.

Secondly, we have been contacted by CBeebies who will be running some interactive workshops linked to literacy.



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NOTICE

A reminder that children should not be playing ball games before or after school. Children have been reminded on several occasions in school.

Please ensure that children are closely supervised before and after school.

Maths drop ins

As many of you will be aware, this term we have been running Maths drop in sessions. Once again, feedback has been very positive with parents commenting on how useful it is to see how maths is taught on a day to day basis.

The children have also really enjoyed welcoming their parents / grandparents into the classroom.

Next term we will be continuing the theme of parent sessions by inviting parents into school to observe a writing lesson.

Pancake Day



A big thank you to all of those who came to support the children during the pancake races. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and the children did a great job at flipping their pancakes and running all at the same time!

Grounds Day

Mrs Catchpole, our resident Forest School Lead has recently asked as to whether we would be able to have a grounds day, specifically for the Forest School. There is currently a considerable amount of 'dead wood' which could do with moving, cutting back and maintenance which would make the Forest School space even more accessible and usable for children.

We would like this to take place on Sunday 31st March between 10—2pm. If you are able to provide any support with this, Mrs Catchpole would be very keen to hear from you. Please get in contact via ccatchpole@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk. If people have any saws, tools, we would also like to hear from you!