



**Greenvale
Primary
School**

Newsletter

School Newsletter— October 2018

Succeeding together by loving what we do.

October 2018

Key Dates

October

- 3rd - No Pens Wednesday
 4th - YR3 Harvest Assembly 9am
 5th - Parent Gym 9-11am
 10th - SEN Meeting for parents 2:15pm
 11th - Cultures Day
 12th - Parent Gym 9-11am
 15th - Individual & Sibling Photos
 17th - Robins Stay & Play Phonics
 18th - Robins Stay & Play Phonics
 19th - Mufti Day (Lucky dip prizes)
NO 'AFTERS' AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
 Break up from school normal time
22nd - 26th HALF TERM
 29th - **INSET DAY - School Closed**
 30th - Back to school

November

- 2nd - Parent Gym 9-11am
 5th - **NO CLUBS**
 6th - **NO CLUBS**
 Parent Consultations 4-7pm
 7th - **NO CLUBS**
 Parent Consultations 5-8pm
 8th - **NO CLUBS**
 YR 4 Prehistoric Day
 9th - **NO CLUBS**
 Parent Gym 9-11am (Last one)
 16th - Mufti Day (Chocolates)
 21st - Phonics Meeting KS1 7pm
 28th - YR 6 SATS Meeting 7pm

Please click here for the full 2018/2019 school calendar.

Thank you Lloyds...

A very special thank you to Lloyds Banking Group's volunteers who were again on hand to provide some support to the school on Friday 14th September. They were able to help with some much needed jobs including:

- * Cutting back trees on field
- * Filling potholes
- * Clearing and burning rubbish
- * Cutting back greenery in the carpark



LLOYDS BANK

Pupils in year 5 and 6 were also given a lesson during the morning on the importance of saving money, understanding the value of money as well as discussing essential and non-essential expenses. A big thank you to all who came along to support on the day.

GDPR

We have recently completed an audit to ensure that we as a school are following procedures in relation to data protection.

You may have noticed new locks on all of the doors in the entrance area as there is lots of personal information held that must be kept secure.

We therefore request that when visiting the school parents report to the school office. Parents should not be walking freely through the school or going into classrooms without the supervision of a teacher.

If collecting from after school club, please either collect from the Poppy room or ICT suite.

Thank you for your support!



Coffee Morning—Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came to our first coffee morning of the school year on 20th September. It was particularly nice to welcome some new Robins class parents.

We received some great feedback from those who attended. For anybody who couldn't make it, the slides shared that morning are

[available here.](#)



Volunteers' morning

We are very lucky to have the support of many parents, grandparents and members of the community who visit the school regularly to provide support to pupils.

On Thursday 11th October at 9am, we will be hosting a meeting for parents interested in volunteering at the school. This will take place in the school hall after the bell.

During the meeting we will speak to parents about the role of a volunteer, the jobs that volunteers can support with, how we keep children safe at Greenvale and finally talk you through any forms that need to be completed prior to becoming a volunteers at the school such as getting a DBS certificate or signing a confidentiality agreement.

We look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.



PE school games mark

We are proud to announce that we have recently been awarded the Silver School Games Mark which is an amazing achievement, having achieved bronze level previously.

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. At Greenvale, over the past year, we have:

- * Increased the amount of Inter / intra school competition
- * Increased the range of sports on offer at school
- * Entered various sporting competitions. The rounders team represented the school in the finals in July 2018.
- * Joined the Croydon School Sports Partnership to improve school's PE provision in school through having specialist coaches come in to work alongside both staff and pupils.



Over the next term, Greenvale pupils will be representing the school at the Cross Country tournament. The school will also be entering a mixed boy and girls under 11 football tournament. We will keep you posted on how our children get on!

Old pound coins



Do you have any old £1 coins lying around the house? School would be grateful for any donations as we are still able to bank them. Please place any old coins that you find in the green piggy bank in the entrance hall.



Breakfast Club & Afters

We are currently giving consideration to introducing a digital booking system for Breakfast Club and Afters as both clubs have been extremely popular as of late, so much so that we may have to consider putting a limit on the number of children who attend the club. Therefore, if you know that you will use either club on a regular basis and on particular days, please make sure that staff are aware.

Both clubs will operate as normal for now and we will inform parents if and when a booking system is put in place.

***** Please note that there will be no Afters provision for children on Friday 19th October *****

Interviews with school staff

In recent weeks, we have been aware that even though we may be a small school, not all parents will necessarily be familiar with who school staff are and what their roles are within school. Each month members of the school council will be interviewing a different member of staff to provide the Greenvale community with a little information about them. We hope you find this useful.

School Council Interview Mr Bowden...

This month, Zara and Archie, our Year 5 School Councillors interviewed Mr Bowden about his role as Headteacher of the school.

What are you responsible for at Greenvale?

My main responsibility is overseeing the teaching and learning at the school. I attend lots of meetings with children, parents, social workers and other headteachers. As part of my role, I am a member of the Schools' Forum (a group of professionals within the Educational sector in Croydon who decide upon funding for schools), am Chair of the High Needs working group, who decide on funding for Special Educational Needs within Croydon and also do some supportive work on behalf of the NAHT (National Association of Headteachers).



Do you have much contact with the children?

This is by far my favourite part of the job. I often get to walk the school and visit each of the classes. If teachers are on courses, I will often go into classes to teach. I also run morning maths for Year 6 two mornings a week and run the football club after school.

What is the best thing about your job?

Seeing children enter the school as young Robins and watching them grow into confident young people. It is always lovely to have ex-pupils come back to visit and let us know how they are getting on.

How do you make sure all of the children are respectful and stop things like bullying?

We do lots of work in assemblies to teach children about our school values and steps that they can take in putting a stop to bullying behaviour. Children are reminded about what to do throughout the year. Thankfully, bullying behaviour is rare at our school.

What are your hobbies outside of school?

I enjoy playing football and play for a local team. I also enjoy watching a variety of different sports on TV, reading books and taking the dog out for walks!

Daily Mile

Children have been enjoying taking part in the 'Daily Mile' which was introduced at the beginning of the term. It is not actually a mile but a short course around the school. Children are able to run, jog or walk and is all about getting children active.

By moving, it helps them to stay alert which in turn improves brain function. So far the children have responded very positively to the introduction of this initiative.

To find out a little more about this initiative, please click on the following link which will provide you with further information about this exciting initiative. <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>



Sandpipers Holiday Club

Sandpipers will be open again for October half term.

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October

Please click [here](#) to book a place



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COFFEE SHOP TRIAL WEEK 15TH - 19TH OCTOBER

In order to generate additional income for the school and for parents to meet and make new friends, we will be trialling a coffee shop at school. More information will follow shortly.



8:50am - 9:30am
2:45pm - 3:15pm



Top 10 Apps for use at home

Mr Bowden recently attended a meeting whereby he met with other professionals who support schools with IT within London. One of his colleagues, Katy Potts, has recently come up with a list of the top 10 free educational apps that parents can use at home with their children.

[Busythings](#) is available for all pupils via their .306 login. If you require this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

[Please click on this link to see the top 10 apps!](#)

Congratulations Isabel Sinclair - Croydon Girls Football

Well done to Isabel in year 6 who has been selected to represent the Borough of Croydon again this year. We wish her lots of luck in her Croydon fixtures this season and look forward to hearing about her upcoming football matches.



Year 6 at PGL

Year 6 had a great week at PGL last week. All of the children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school.

A big thank you to all of the staff for giving up their time and for all their hard work.



Second hand Uniform

A big thank you to Karen Taylor and the Friends of Greenvale who were able to donate some of the uniform left over from the second hand sale to a very worthy cause. Much of the uniform was transported to an orphanage in Ghana; the children were incredibly pleased to receive the donation and are now . A big thank you to all involved.

