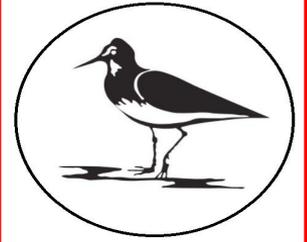


Greenvale Primary School

January Newsletter



January Dates

20th - Burger theme lunch

28th - Robins cake sale

February Dates

1st - Chinese New Year theme lunch

11th - Break up for half term normal time & Afters running after school.

*****14th - 18th Half Term *****

A note from Mr Bowden...

Firstly a very warm welcome back after the Christmas break. It is lovely to have everybody back in school raring to go for the term ahead.

Just prior to last term, a few letters were sent out with regards to attendance and punctuality. We are very mindful and expect there to be an increased number of absences due to COVID-19. Please note that any absences linked to COVID-19 do not count towards your child's overall attendance percentage. We do however still have a number of children whose attendance is low and is of concern. We ask parents to keep us informed wherever possible and to work with us to ensure that attendance levels improve.

A reminder that children should be in the playground for 8.45am, ready for the bell at 8.50am. Being punctual is a very important life skill and that children need to be aware of, not only for school but for when they become adults.

Thank you very much for your support in this.

COVID-19 FAQ



The government guidance has changed at quite a far pace recently so we thought answering some frequently asked questions from parents might help make sense of them.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms such as a high temperature, cough or loss or change of sense of smell or any of the Omicron symptoms such as fatigue, headache, body aches, sore or scratchy throat, runny nose or sneezing, your child should isolate immediately and take a PCR test. Your child should NOT come into school whilst you are waiting on the results and you should inform the school office by emailing absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk Please forward the email or text result to the school office as soon as possible at parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

What should I do if my child tests positive on a lateral flow test?

Your child should isolate immediately but you no longer need to take them for a PCR test. You should inform the school office by emailing absence@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk and isolate for 5 days as long as you they a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and the morning of day 6. If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

What if we have COVID-19 in the household?

Your child is able to come into school providing they do NOT have any of the symptoms above but they MUST take a lateral flow test each morning before school for 7 days after first contact with the infected person. If they do have symptoms then they must isolate at home and take a PCR test.

COVID-19 FAQ



What if my child has been in contact with an infected person inside or outside of school?

Your child is able to come into school providing they do NOT have any of the symptoms mentioned in the previous slide but they MUST take a lateral flow test each morning before school for 7 days after first contact with the infected person. If they do have COVID-19 symptoms then they must isolate at home and take a PCR test.

When should my child take a lateral flow test?

Public Health have advised that all children should be tested twice weekly (every 3-4 days) using a lateral flow test as these tests can identify asymptomatic cases (children who do not show any symptoms but are positive for COVID-19). Lateral flow tests should NOT be used for children with COVID-19 symptoms as a PCR test is needed.

How do I book a PCR test?

Please click [here](#) to book a PCR test.

Where can I get a box of lateral flow tests?

Lateral flow tests can be picked up for free from your local chemist or train station. Alternatively, you can order lateral flow tests for free by clicking [here](#) which will be delivered to you at home.

What if I have a question not mentioned here?

The school office will be happy to answer any COVID-19 related questions. Please email parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

New faces at Greenvale

A very special welcome to Mr Bibby, our new Year 3 teacher and Miss Bernardo a student teacher who will be working in Year 5 over the coming term.

Both have already settled into life at Greenvale. Please do say hello or email either should you have any questions. Email addresses can be found on the final page of the newsletter.

We would also like to welcome back both Mrs Clinton and Miss Amon to the staff team. Mrs Clinton, a former lunchtime supervisor now joins the team in the role of a 1:1 support assistant with Miss Amon, a former pupil, joining us as a lunchtime supervisor. Welcome!



Mr Bibby (Y3)



Miss Bernardo (Y5)



Mrs Clinton (Rec)



Miss Amon (Y3 LTS)

New Phonics Scheme @ Greenvale

We are pleased to announce that we have recently moved to a new scheme for the teaching of phonics called Essential Letters and Sounds.

The main changes will be seen by children working in Reception and Year 1 who are learning their sounds in order to be able to blend and begin to read independently. This programme has been well received in other schools and we look forward to seeing the impact of the programme on our children.

You will also note the new books that children have been coming home with - These will all have been chosen specifically to meet the needs of your child - Please discuss the questions in the book and practice the sounds on the sound mats provided to each child - This will put your child at a significant advantage in their learning.

On DATE, we will be hosting a live online session to discuss the ELS scheme and answer any questions you may have. We hope that a parent from each family will be able to attend the session.

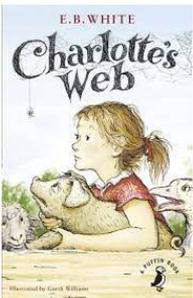
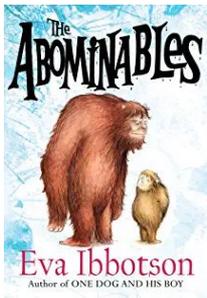
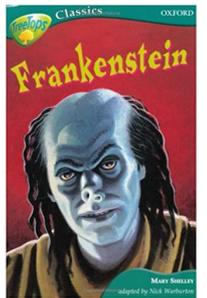
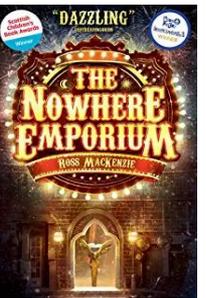
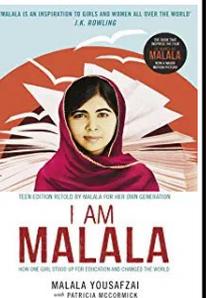
Talk4Writing @ Greenvale

As you may be aware, at the beginning of the year, we started a new adventure as a school in a new approach towards the teaching of writing at Greenvale. Now that we are a term in, we thought we would put together a short video to let you know how it has been going! Enjoy! [Please click here](#)



Books for the coming half term

A reminder that children in KS2 would benefit greatly from having their own copy of the class reader for the following term. Below are the books for the coming term. If you click on the book, you will be able to purchase a copy of the book from Amazon.

Year 3 Spring 1	Year 3 Spring 2	Year 4 Spring 1	Year 4 Spring 2	Year 5 Spring 1	Year 5 Spring 2	Year 6 Spring 1	Year 6 Spring 2
							

Lunchtime - Reading / Games

We are pleased to announce that as of January, we are now allowing up to 12 children per day from one KS2 year group to visit the library during lunchtime.

Children will be able to read quietly, share books, play board games (Uno, Boogle, Chess etc) or practise for their Sandpiper awards.

A recent visit to Iceland to see Icelandic schools demonstrated that children of KS2 age were able to be trusted and left unsupervised during this time. We are very lucky to have children who are able to follow the rules and abide by our school values and are therefore keen to try this at Greenvale.

A big thank you to the Friends of Greenvale who have contributed towards the new games that have been purchased for these.

Stationery Shop

Back by popular demand, we are pleased to announce that our stationery shop will be returning to Greenvale on Friday mornings before school.

The following items will be on sale:

Stationery Shop Price List

Pens (Only required for KS2) - £1
Pencils - 50p
Rubber - 50p
Sharpener - 50p
Ruler - 50p
Print Stick - £1

Safeguarding

We are well aware of the challenges that parents have with keeping their children safe when online. At Greenvale, one of our main safeguarding risks, specific to our school, is the access that many of our children have to technology, with parents often unaware of what their children are doing whilst online.

I would like to share the following site which contains information about the different Apps and games, the dangers, how to password protect devices, how to monitor screen time and even how to change your settings on your internet to limit access to particular devices.

Please visit ParentSafe by clicking [here](#)



Donations required...

We would be very grateful for any donations of tissues. A big thank you in advance - Please hand any boxes to your class teaching assistant in the morning at drop off.



Wood chippings plea...

Mrs Catchpole has asked if we have any parents who would have access to wood chippings or tree stumps for our Forest School area. Should you be able to assist, please email Mrs Catchpole: ccatchpole@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Dates for the current Academic Year

We wish to inform parents of a few changes to dates for this academic year. There are two alterations that we would like to make. On the 5th May, the school will now be closed for and INSET day. Please note that whilst the building is closed, a small amount of work will be set which will need to be completed. It is up to parents as to when this is completed, however please ensure that this is prioritised. On 27th May, the school will be closed to account for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. To clarify, no work will be set on this date.

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Afters



We've had a busy start to the new year in Afters. Last week we celebrated National House Plant day! The children learnt how to take cuttings from a plant then repotted and wrapped them to take home.

We have also reorganised the room. Mr Malley kindly removed the big bulky tables for us. This has created a lovely big space for role play. This half term the children are enjoying playing in our Hospital.



Please see the below for the upcoming themes for January!

Week beginning	Theme
24th Jan	RSPB garden bird watch week
31st Jan	Connect 4 Competition
7th Feb	Chinese New Year



Next week: we are joining in the RSPB bird watch. We'll be making bird feeders to hang in the tree in front of our window so we can easily spot any birds that visit.

Marmoset Monkey Mixing - A Success!



Dot and Poppy the marmosets are now best friends! Some might even say boyfriend and girlfriend...

Greenvale Exclusive Classes

We offer a wide range of Practical Animal Education Classes, exclusively at a discounted price for Greenvale Pupils.

Mondays 15:30 - 16:15 | Key Stage 1 | Animal Rangers
Tuesdays 15:30 - 16:15 | Open to all | Amazing Attenborough
Wednesdays 08:00 - 08:45 | Open to all | Feeding Frenzy
Wednesdays 15:30 - 16:15 | Key Stage 2 | Animal Rangers
Fridays 15:30 - 16:15 | Key Stage 2 | Aspiring Vets
Fridays 15:30 - 16:15 | Key Stage 2 | Aquatic Rangers

Why not come along and try a class? To book, or for more info, check out our website. www.the-arc-centre.co.uk

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