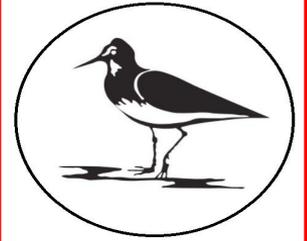


Greenvale Primary School

March Newsletter



Important dates:

March

Mon 20th: Y4 Bough Beech Reservoir
Thurs 23rd: Talent show auditions (KS1) & Bedtime Stories evening

Fri 24th: Times Table Rockstars
MuftiDay & Talent show
Auditions (KS2)
Easter Rocks disco

Mon 27th: Y3 Croydon Minster
Thurs 30th: Y5 Addington Methodist Church 'Easter Experience'
Greenvale's Got Talent!

Fri 31st: Finish at 2pm for Easter Holidays (No Afters)

April

Mon 17th: Children return to school for the start of the summer term

Tues 18th: Y1 The ARC 'Live & Let Live'

A note from Mr Bowden...

As we move into the Spring term, there is much to look forward to including the warmer weather, the lighter afternoons, the construction of our new outdoor classroom, The Greenvale Talent Show, Books at Bedtime and the Easter Rocks disco to name a few!

Our recent parent consultations were very well attended; this home-school partnership is crucial in ensuring that your child's time at school is both happy and successful.

I wanted to officially congratulate Nicci and Andy Eyles and their work with the Greenvale Bookshop which has now raised over £20,000 for the school. I'm sure you will agree that this is an incredible amount and will help to fund a number of projects taking place around the school. A reminder that the bookshop is open from 10-4pm on a Saturday. They now offer tea, coffee and a seating area for people to sit and read in the sunshine!

If I do not speak to you before the break, have a lovely Easter!

Attendance

Good school attendance is key in ensuring that children have every opportunity of success.

Overall school attendance for the year currently stands at 95.5% which is considerably lower than in previous years. This figure is very sensitive and usually stands at around 97%.

Whilst this is a national trend, following on from COVID, we currently have a large number of children whose attendance has fallen below 90%. Whilst pre-covid, this number was less than 5, we currently have one class where 20% of have an attendance of under 90% (6 pupils).

We would like to be clear that should a child be unwell with vomiting or diarrhoea, it is right that they are off school for 48 hours since their last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea.

As a school, it is our policy that should a child be absent for more than 3 days, that a medical opinion be sought.

Should your child's attendance be below 90% and have further sickness absence, again we would require proof of a medical appointment which should be sent to the school office. Without this, the absence will remain unauthorised. It is important that we treat all families in the same way. This is to ensure that any underlying illness can be ruled out.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please do come and speak with Mr Bowden, your child's teacher, or the school office directly. Thank you!

Attendance Ladder



Neurodiversity Week

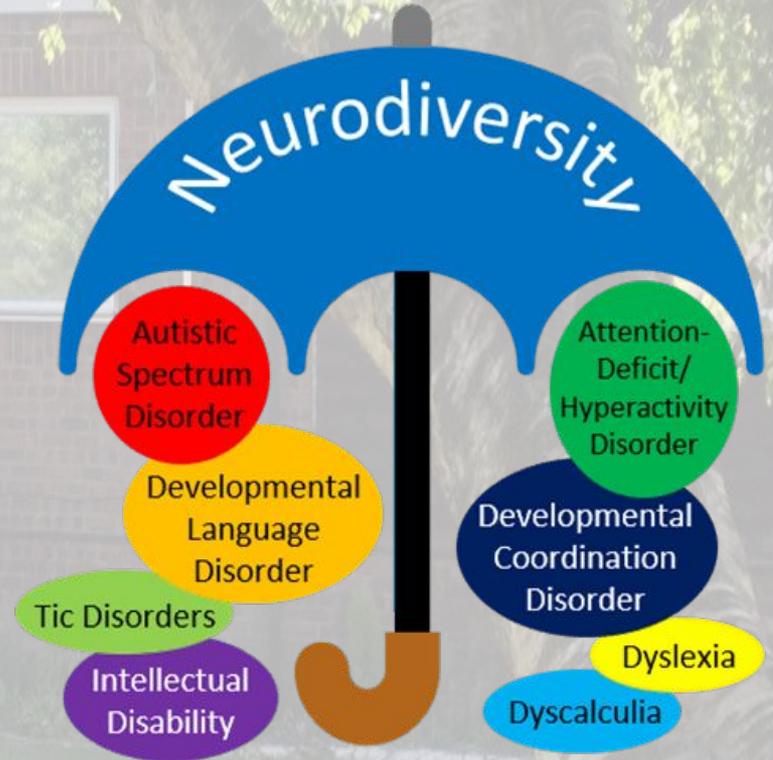
At Greenvale we are very proud to be a school which values difference and is accepting of difference.

At Greenvale we have a number of children who have a specific diagnosis associated under the umbrella of Neurodiversity.

We also have a number of children for whom we may consider to have traits associated with Neurodiversity. This can sometimes be a difficult journey for parents and carers; it is our job to help ensure that your child's needs are met so that they can become happy and successful.

We ask for your continued understanding around this and appreciate the flexibility that is sometimes required when supporting these children.

As part of the week we shared an informative slideshow ([please click here](#)) with pupils along with the video 'When amazing things happen'.



[Please click here to watch 'Amazing things happen'](#)

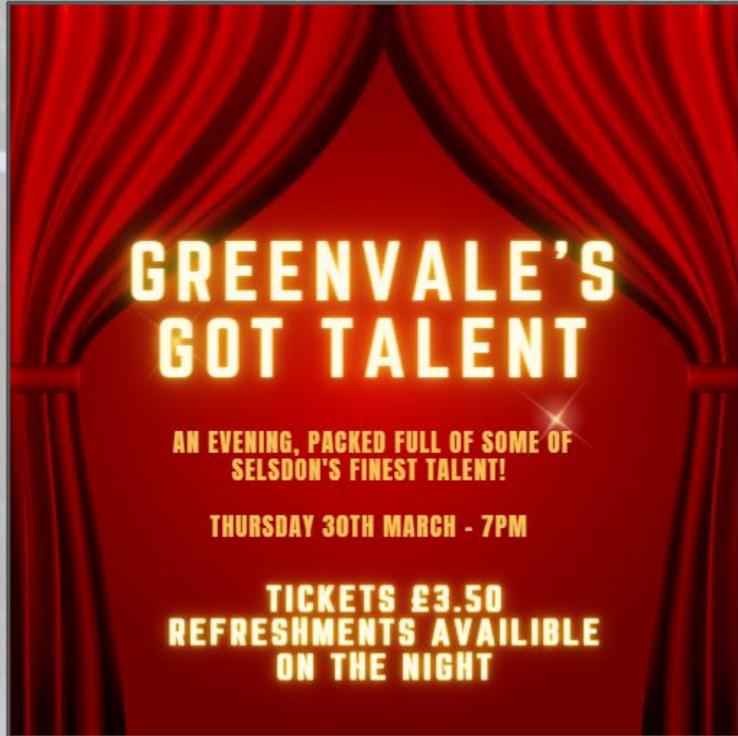
Read Anywhere Competition

A very big well done to those children who took part in our recent 'Read anywhere' competition. We had a large number of entries which were incredibly creative.

A big well done to our winners who were awarded a visit to Costa to share a couple of books borrowed from our very own Greenvale bookshop! Well done everyone!



Greenvale's Got Talent!



On Thursday 30th March, we have a very exciting event taking place at Greenvale - 'Greenvale's Got Talent'!

We look forward to an evening packed full of some of Selsdon's finest talent.

Tickets for the event will cost £3.50. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Auditions for the event will be taking place on Thursday 23rd (EYFS and KS1) and Friday 24th (KS2) March.

Should you wish to sign your child up to take part, [please click here.](#)

Football Success

A very big well done to those who have been part of the school football team this year.

After a season of sensational wins, frustrating cancellations and parking fines, our school team have managed to win the league! Congratulations to the team for this remarkable achievement.

The team now go into a cup competition against other winners and will be playing a fixture against the winner of Orchard Way and The Minster.

I look forward to keeping you updated of their progress in this fixture.



Stationery

At Greenvale, we are keen to ensure that children are prepared and fully equipped for their learning in the classroom. A big part of this is ensuring that children have the correct equipment.

All stationery is provided for children in EYFS and KS1. A pencil case is only required for children in KS2.

It should include:

- 2 x blue handwriting pens (one spare)
- 2 x pencil
- 1 x ruler
- 1 x glue stick
- 1 x green biro
- 1 x purple biro
- 1 x pencil sharpener



Pencil cases should be no larger than a typically sized reading book (20cm by 13cm) so that they can fit in your child's tray.

During the summer term, items will be available for sale in the playground. Children who qualify for the Pupil Premium may request items directly from the school office.

Grapes - Choking

We have recently noticed that a number of children have recently had grapes provided that have not been cut.

Recent First Aid training highlighted that an uncut grape provides the 'perfect seal' for a child's throat which can lead to choking incidents which could prove incredibly dangerous.

We ask that all grapes are cut in half which will significantly reduce the risk of this taking place.

Thank you very much for your support with this.



'Worried about something' button

I wanted to highlight the 'Worried about something' button on our school website. This button can be used by both parents and children to share any concerns that you may have. It can often be when children get home, or just before bedtime, when worries can begin to take over, which can then impact negatively on sleep.

When a child clicks on the tab, they are asked their name, and to write their worries. By children taking ownership of this, it is empowering them to take action as opposed to having a parent speak to an adult on their behalf.

As soon as this is submitted, Mr Bowden receives an email and will then decide on a suitable response. This may include their class teacher or TA dealing with the matter, or perhaps another member of staff best suited to the child or the need.

Please do encourage your children to use the button should they ever have any worries or concerns.



The screenshot shows the Greenvale Primary School website. The header features the school's logo, "GREENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL", with the tagline "Succeeding together by loving what we do" and a seagull icon. To the right of the logo is an illustration of four children and a tree. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, About, Curriculum, Parent Info, Calendar & Term Dates, Reading, Links, Contact, and Worried about something? (with a magnifying glass icon). The "Worried about something?" button is circled in white. Below the navigation menu are three images: a child in a superhero costume, a child reading a book with a dog, and a group of children sitting around a table. Below the images is a yellow banner with the text: "Reception September 2023 – All applications must be made online to the Croydon Local Authority at www.eadmissions.org.uk. The closing date for primary school". Below the banner is the heading "Welcome to Greenvale Primary School". Below the heading is a paragraph of text: "As your first introduction to our school we hope this website gives you a flavour of the thriving learning environment we provide at Greenvale Primary School." Below the paragraph is another paragraph: "We are conscious of the great trust that parents place in us, we promise to provide for every child's individual needs, both academically and socially in order that all our children achieve their personal best." Below the second paragraph is a small circular portrait of a man, presumably Mr Bowden, with the text: "Our school is very much a 'family community' where every child feels safe and".

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