

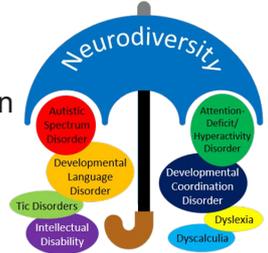


Dear Families,



Neurodiversity Celebration Week

At Greenvale we are very proud to be a school which values difference and is accepting of difference. The global theme for 2023 was **#EmbraceEquity** and during the week we shared an informative slideshow (please click [here](#)) with pupils, along with the video 'Amazing Things Happen' (please click [here](#)).



Year 1 The ARC Centre

On Wednesday, Year 1 visited the orchard area by The ARC Centre to look at and learn about the goats. This was to support the children's Talk for Writing and their book 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

Year 6 TFL Presentation

On Wednesday, Year 6 were visited by a TFL School Liaison Officer who came to talk to the children about personal safety, respect, responsibility and awareness both on and around public transport. They looked at: journey planning, active travel choices (such as cycling and walking), using different modes of transport in London, ticketing (including the Zip Oyster photocards), getting help, showing respect for members of staff and other passengers, what to do in an emergency and awareness of possible dangers and personal safety.

Breakfast Club

To make it more convenient for parents, our breakfast club and afters provision will now both take place in the Poppy room. Please drop children off through the poppy garden in the mornings.

Water Bottles

A reminder that children should only have water in their water bottles each day and not juice or any type of medication or herbal remedies. Many children have allergies and dietary restrictions which could be triggered should they drink from the wrong bottle by mistake containing something other than water.

Medication

A reminder that all prescription medications should be taken to the school office each morning so that a form can be completed by parents/carers. Children should not keep medication in their school bags/lunchboxes to self administer under any circumstances. Many children have allergies which could be triggered should they take medication not prescribed for them.

Bedtime Stories

Our exciting 'Bedtime Stories' event will take place at school on Thursday 23rd March from 6pm-7pm. Children are welcome to attend in their pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies. Staff will read them some stories and they will also receive a hot chocolate and a biscuit as part of the event. Please contact the school office/teacher if your child is unable to have either of these. To cover costs, there will be a charge of £1 (payable via [ParentPay](#)) to attend this event. This will also act as your proof of consent for your child to attend the evening.



Stars of the Week



- Robins:** Harriet & Mayan
- Swallows:** Rae & James
- Chaffinches:** Mia & Fraser
- Woodpeckers:** Emma & Theo
- Jays:** Chloe B & Esme
- Kestrels:** Pippa & Alexa
- Falcons:** Harry & Layla



Most Players This Week

- 1st** Year 3
- 2nd** Year 4
- 3rd** Year 2

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FOG 'Easter Rocks Disco' & Times Table Rockstars Mufti Day Friday 24th March 2023

A reminder that there will be a Times Table Rockstar mufti day at school on Friday 24th March followed by an 'Easter Rocks Disco' in the evening run by FOG. Please use the link below to order rock themed accessories for your children:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JGP7G8cTdOPZFQdLXOEhMizO6uiYOju2n2zJdoNvf5Q/edit?>

Any items pre-ordered will be delivered to your child's class ahead of the Easter Rocks day so that they can accessorise their rockstar outfits! FOG will also be selling these items and more (including inflatable guitars, microphones and other glow items) in the playground after school today and at school drop off the morning of 24th March. You will also still be able to purchase them on the night as the children arrive at the disco. All payments must be made by Thursday 23 March for any items ordered via this form. You can pay by putting an envelope with cash in the FOG post box at the entrance to the office.



It's not too late to order disco tickets, please see the links below:

KS1 5:00pm - 6:30pm - £6 per ticket including bag of sweets and water/squash.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V_Iy-LzMv8-pGCFuovQ7CqQpU2KuRT6cz702kpOhx-M/edit

KS2 7:00pm - 8:30pm - £6 per ticket including bag of sweets and water/squash and tuck shop available.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vZbhHk3-vMrqIUSrt2cIVms8UJ7HszkeNYDyeXNuTik/edit>

Please complete the google form for attendance and pay either by BACs or by putting an envelope with cash in the FOG post box at the entrance to the office, ensuring your name and child's year group is clearly marked.

FOG Bookshop Reading Retreat - Before and After

The Reading Retreat is looking amazing although Nicci and Andy have lots more plans for the area! Have a look at the comparison between how it looked on 19th February and last weekend. Andy's next job is to build the fence, planters to go between decking and container, a coffee table bookcase to go on the left hand side (where the gap in the railings is), and source some more picnic benches.

We would be grateful if anyone knows of someone who might be able to help.



Arbor Update Emergency Contacts

Please can we ask that all parents and carers update their Arbor app/Arbor Parent Portal with parental/carer contact details, emergency contacts and anyone else who is authorised to collect your child on your behalf. It is always useful to add at least one other parent in your child's class who can collect your child in an emergency should you be unable to. Please also delete anyone who you no longer wish to be classed as an emergency contact for your child. Please also don't forget to update any new medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements whilst logging into the app/Parent Portal. If you are unable to update this for any reason please email parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk and the office will be happy to help you with this.

ParentPay Debt - Your account should always be in a credit or zero balance.

Please check your child's ParentPay account this afternoon and bring your account back to a credit balance if you currently have a debt amount showing by logging in [here](#). **If you know that your child is going to have school lunches (KS2), attend breakfast club or Afters each week please credit their account with an amount to cover all meals/attendances intended to be taken, please DO NOT wait for your account to go into arrears.** A great way to avoid your account falling into debt is to enable the ParentPay bank transfer and auto top-up facility. Please click [here](#) for more information. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing your account or making payment please let us know.

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School Advice

The UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses such as Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. We have seen a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases at school this week.

High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. The UKHSA has said:

- It is important to minimise the spread of infection in schools as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school until they feel better and the fever has resolved.
- Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key (we will continue to practice regular hand washing at school with soap and warm water). Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. (Please see the email sent out regarding flu clinics this week if your child has not received their flu vaccination already). Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it's still not too late.

Scarlet Fever and Invasive Group A Strep

Scarlet Fever is usually a mild illness but it is highly infectious. **Please consult your GP or call NHS 111 if you are worried and suspect your child has scarlet fever because early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.** If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please follow the advice in the Public Health letter emailed to parents and carers previously. Symptoms of scarlet fever/Strep A include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

What is Scarlet Fever?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called group A streptococci. These bacteria also cause other respiratory and skin infections such as strep throat and impetigo. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

COVID Public Health Update

As we move through the winter, we are seeing an increase in respiratory infections and a rise in cases of COVID-19. Therefore, it is important we remain vigilant, and do what we can to prevent catching and spreading COVID-19 and continue to live safely with it. Croydon Public Health have issued the following guidelines:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college, or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.
- **Children and young people that test positive for COVID-19 should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.**

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Croydon Support Organisations

Croydon is offering the free **Healthy Families, Brighter Future programme** to residents to help give children in the borough the best possible start in life. Families with children aged seven and under can sign up to the eight-week programme run by the charity HENRY to learn more about looking after their family's physical, emotional and mental health and much more. Those taking part will receive a HENRY toolkit with helpful resources to support them to make manageable and long-lasting changes to their lives. The programme is available on various dates at local venues as well as online. Please click on the link for more information: [Free programme offers parents tips to boost their child's health – Newsroom \(croydon.gov.uk\)](#)

Get Help to Buy Food, Milk and Vitamins

Eligible parents and carers who are pregnant or have children aged under-four can get help to buy healthy food and milk and receive free vitamins. Croydon Council is encouraging residents with young children to find out if they can get these benefits and [apply online to the NHS Healthy Start scheme](#).

Croydon Voluntary Action

Well-connected and knowledgeable about support in the local community, around Croydon. Have access to information about food support schemes as well as other support on a very local level.



<https://cvalive.org.uk/contact-us/> Switch Board: 020 8253 7060

Help for Households

For useful energy saving advice and lots of other helpful information visit www.gov.uk/helpforhouseholds

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

We are aware that lots of people's situations may have changed over the past few months due to Covid-19. If you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please complete the online form [here](#). Pupil Premium funding is used by the school to support students and help them reach their full potential academically, through extra curricular and pastoral provision.



Afters

A reminder to book a place for your child at Afters in advance with Nicci and Emma by texting **07745586212**.

This week we have again reached our maximum number of children in a session on a couple of days which has meant that we have had to turn some children away who wanted to book a place last minute.

Can we please ask that parents and carers also inform Nicci and Emma if your child is **NOT** going to attend Afters on their usual booked in day to free up a space for somebody else on that day.

Lunch Menu

Next week will be **Week 2** of the menu with a **special menu** on Tuesday- see attached. Please click [here](#) to see the hot and cold menu options which are shown on the school website. Please note it is the parent/carer's responsibility to check that the meal is suitable for your child each day.



FOG Bookshop

The FOG bookshop is open every Saturday from 10am - 4pm. If you have any class reader books or '10 before 10' books lying around at home that you no longer need the bookshop would appreciate any donations.



FOG Second Hand Uniform
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You can buy good quality pre-loved uniform for £1 per item. Check the stock list or place an order [here](#).

House Point Winners

This week the house point winners were Beech house again! Well done for working so hard!

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