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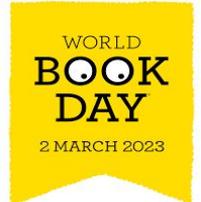
Football Match

The football team played against Quest Primary Academy on Monday. It was a very good game and the team played brilliantly winning the match 1-0. Well done to Frank who scored an amazing goal and everyone who played.



World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day at Greenvale. The children looked amazing in their costumes, as did staff! A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who came into school to share stories in the morning with the children, they all really enjoyed it. It was lovely to see so many children buying books from their class 'Great Crates' again.



Year 3 St.John's Church

On Wednesday Year 3 went on a class trip to St.John's church in Selsdon as part of their RE topic on Christianity. The children learnt about the job of a Vicar and the different parts of the church. They asked the Reverend Younis a lot of intelligent questions and behaved beautifully.



Year 5 Saxon Workshop

This term, year 5 have been studying 'The Great, the Bold and the Brave'. A large part of this has involved the history of Britain's past invaders; the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. On Thursday, Year 5 experienced a whole day of learning about what it was like to live in these times which was a really fun exit point for the children to conclude their topic. The Saxon workshop included interactive discussions on the different stages of the Saxon rule with a dramatic retelling of the story 'Beowulf' and concluded with a battle re-enactment. Everyone looked amazing in their Saxon costumes!



Lateness

Can we please ask that if your child is late for school for any reason that you accompany them to the school office as an adult MUST be present when sign them in with a member of the office staff. Your child should NOT go straight to their classroom if they are late.

Collection During the School Day

If you need to collect your child from school during the school day for an emergency dental appointment, hospital appointment or if they are being sent home unwell, please make sure that an adult signs them out with a member of the office staff. Please do NOT take your child without one of the office staff being made aware.



Stars of the Week



Robins:	Ceren & Neko
Swallows:	Ella & Olivia
Chaffinches:	Leo & Sebi
Woodpeckers:	Archie H & Jai
Jays:	Chloe M & Elliott
Kestrels:	Thomas & Catherine
Falcons:	Myles & Neve



Most Players This Week

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

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Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has made an appointment for Parent Consultations next week. All consultations will be in person in the school hall. If you were unable to book an appointment for any reason please email parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk so that this can be arranged for you. Please note that NO teacher run clubs will run during the week of the consultations with the exception of Year 5 & 6 morning maths. Afters and breakfast club will run as normal.

Reading Retreat

Some of you may have noticed that Nicci and Andy have been a little busy recently down by the book shop as they are creating a 'Reading Retreat'! There will be a decked area with bistro tables, a barked area with picnic tables, planters made out of pallets along the container, and the book shop will be able to serve hot drinks. Coffee table books will be on hand to flick through whilst enjoying a hot drink and being surrounded by nature. A small fence will separate the barked area and the trees behind which there will hopefully be wildflowers growing around. There are badger setts in that area so Nicci and Andy hope to set up cameras to capture the 'Bookshop Badger' at night! As well as being used by book shop customers, the area will be used by the children as an outside learning area. A BIG thank you to The Friends of Greenvale who will be paying for all of the materials needed to make this unused space special to the Greenvale community.



FOG Bookshop

A reminder that the FOG 2nd hand bookshop is available to Greenvale families and also the wider community. All of the books that are stocked have been donated by the community and aren't priced but as all the money goes to the school, FOG ask for a donation per book - suggested donation is £1-£2 a book.

Nicci and Andy have catalogued the novels, autobiographies, reference books and humour as well as other books. Please click on the link to see the catalogue:

<https://cloud.collectorz.com/fogbookshop/books> The FOG Bookshop also stocks gifts and handmade cards from several local businesses. The March opening times are shown here:



Arbor Spring Clean!

Please can we ask that all parents and carers update their Arbor app/Arbor Parent Portal with any new medical conditions, allergies and dietary requirements their children may have and to also check that any existing conditions held on Arbor are correct and up to date. Please make any changes via the app/Parent Portal or 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.

Lastly, please can we ask that whilst updating medical, allergy and dietary requirements, that you also check that all other information held on Arbor such as telephone numbers, emergency contacts and addresses are correct. If you could also check that you have completed the photograph consent section for your child that would be extremely helpful. Please update any incorrect information via your Arbor app/Arbor Parent Portal. Again, if you are unable to update this for any reason please email parents@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk.

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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Support Organisations

More than 9 in 10 parents in Great Britain with dependent children reported their cost of living has increased over the past month, according to the Office for National Statistics. We would like to make parents aware that there is additional support for families struggling to access food, pay bills and manage finances. Please see below for more information and if you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please see below and click on the link.

Citizens Advice Croydon

Offer a range of services such as helping to maximise income, review welfare/benefits and refer to other local support services.

<https://www.citizensadvicecroydon.org/>

Tel: 0800 144 88 48



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



Free School Meal Vouchers

Croydon Council has continued funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers during the Christmas period.

A £15 voucher per eligible child was emailed to parents and carers for the February half term.

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 3** of the menu cycle. 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.



House Point Winners

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

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:

<https://tinyurl.com/greenvaleuniformshop>

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