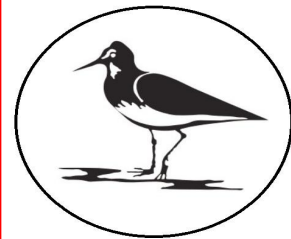


Greenvale Primary School

October Newsletter



Important dates:

6th & 9th November- Parent Consultations

13th November- Anti Bullying Week

17th November- FOG non uniform day in exchange for chocolates

24th November- FOG christmas headwear in exchange for lucky dip prizes

24th November- Greenvale choir singing at Selsdon lights switch on

1st December- FOG christmas jumpers in exchange for bottle for tombola

1st December- FOG Christmas Fair after school.

A note from Mr Bowden...

It has been a busy yet successful start to term. It has been lovely to get to know our new Reception cohort who have settled in with ease. They have already been able to attend a couple of assemblies which is incredible given how early on in the term it is. The Year 6 cohort are very keen to find out who their 'buddies' will be and will be finding out after the half term break.

A big thank you to those parents who have been working really hard on getting their children back into a regular reading routine. We already have a number of children who are making their way through their class reading list. We even have one pupil in Year 6 complete the list which is particularly impressive given that the books are not small!

As always, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

Mr Bowden



During the month of October, we have been celebrating Black History Month. This year's theme is 'Celebrating our sisters'.

During a themed assembly, children were taught about the history of Black History Month, as well as why it is important that the achievements of all are celebrated. Children were able to recall the work completed last year when learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott.

This year, each year group have selected a different individual to research and have presented them in a celebration assembly on 19th October.

These include individuals such as Nicola Adams, Malorie Blackman, Little Sims and Doreen Lawrence. We look forward to sharing some of the children's work through the next school newsletter.



Sweden

A very big thank you to all of those parents who put their children forward for the visit to Sweden in 2024.

In total, we received 68 applications for 32 places which is incredible! The successful applicants have now been informed and Mr Crow is busy planning.

Whilst we are disappointed that we are unable to take all who are applied, we look forward to sharing the wider aspects of the project. We will keep parents informed through the school newsletter.



Prefects

At the beginning of term, Year 6s were invited to put themselves forward to become a prefect.

The prefects carry out a number of roles including showing visitors around the school, welcoming parents at events and being good role models to fellow pupils.

As with the Sweden visit, we had considerably more applications than we had places. A big well done to the following children who have been selected as our prefects for the coming year:

Eoin Hayes
Oliver Poppett
Gracie Pickering
Anna Ince
Thomas Reed
Catherine Fensom
Pippa Goodbody Migdal
Emily Bell
Emilia Pocknell-Neale



Cross Country

A very big well done to the Year 5 and Year 6 cross country team who took part in the Croydon Cross Country festival. Semi, Elodie, Max, George, Anna, Grace and Oliver did incredibly well around a tricky course on a warm afternoon.

The children ran incredibly well with Anna coming 11th out of around 150 children.

A very big well done for all who took part and those who were able to assist with transporting the children to and from the competition!



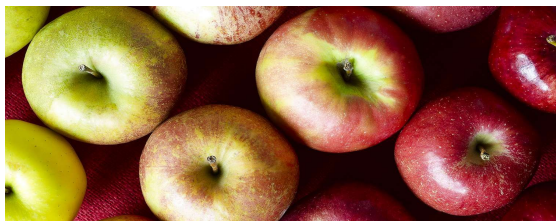
Breaktime snacks

A reminder that at breaktime, children should only be bringing in a piece of fruit as a breaktime snack.

On a Friday, we allow those people who are a packed lunch bring in one 'treat' item on a Friday for lunch. This could be a packet of crisps or a chocolate coated biscuit bar - but not both.

It appears some children have been bringing in a treat on a Friday to enjoy during the morning break period, as well as something separate for their lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



EYFS and KS1 Drop in mornings

Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting parents in to sit in on a phonics session so that you are able to see how phonics is taught at Greenvale. We hope that at least one parent / carer will be able to attend from each family. Google form to sign up will follow after half term.

Dates:

EYFS - Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd November

Year 1 - Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd November

Year 2 - Tues 28th November & Friday 1st December

Early Help Support in Croydon...

As we know, being a parent is not always easy and there can often be times whereby a parent / carer would benefit from the advice and support of professionals when having to parent their children.

'Early Help' is the name of the support services in place to support families who may require additional support in parenting their children. Early Help is consent-based and works alongside parents / carers with the aim of equipping them with the necessary skills.

Croydon offer a number of outreach programmes that are there to support families. These include:

- [Mellow bumps programme](#) – a mother-to-be programme that decreases stress levels and helps you develop social interactions with your baby
- [Mellow Parents programme](#) – reflective and practical techniques to allow parents to address personal challenges with themselves and their children
- [Triple P and Triple P Teen](#) – parenting and family support system designed to prevent, as well as treat, behavioural and emotional problems in children
- [Stepping Stones](#) – a strength-based parenting programme aimed at parents or carers who have a child aged 0-12 with a disability or special educational need.
- [Family Transitions](#) – a group programme supporting parents or carers who are experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on or complicating their parenting.

Should you be interested in accessing any of the above, please email Mrs Whiting twhiting@greenvale.croydon.sch.uk

Keeping your children safe online...

We are very keen to share an important resource that can support parents in knowing how to keep their children safe when online.

The website '[Parentsafe](#)' is a one stop shop for all queries and questions about the online world, including:

- How to set up controls on my home network;
- What are the best apps and which should be avoided;
- How to report concerns;
- Advice on how to talk to your children



A reminder that on our school website, we have the 'Worried about something' button which when completed, triggers an email notification to a member of staff. Should your children have any concerns about something that they have seen or something that is worrying them, please encourage them to complete this so that we can support them.

Parenting support...

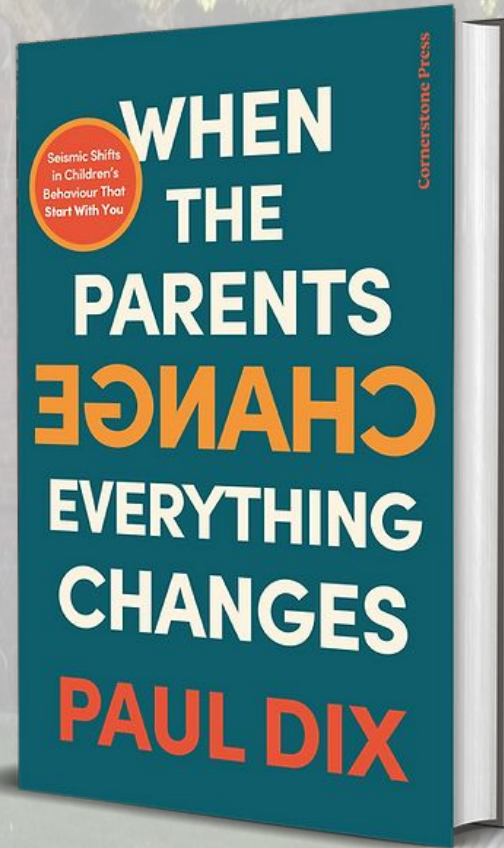
I am pleased to announce the launch of a brand new book, written to support parents with the many challenges of parenting...

The author, Paul Dix, is an experienced teacher whose approach shapes much of what we follow at Greenvale. The book is easy to read and packed full of practical and useful ideas to help parents.

Paul has recently announced an online book club and Facebook and Whatsapp group to engage with when working your way through the book. This is something that we may also choose to run at Greenvale in the near future. For more information, [please click here](#).

To purchase your own copy of the book, please [click here](#) or on the image on the right.

Please do let us know your thoughts on the book - we are sure you will love it!



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