

# Greenvale Primary School

## March Newsletter



### Important dates:

#### April

**Monday 15th** Term begins

**Friday 26th** Glam Rock Disco Mufti Day  
Year 4 cake sale

**FOG Disco KS1 5-6:30pm & KS2 7-8:30pm**

#### May

**Thursday 2nd** Polling Day - School closed

**Monday 6th** Bank holiday (school closed)

**Friday 10th** Year 5 cake sale

**Monday 20th** Sweden visit  
Sweden week @ School

**Friday 24th** Robins cake sale

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st June**  
Half term holiday

### A note from Mr Bowden...

After a busy, yet successful term, I hope that you are all able to enjoy a great Easter break. There will be lots of exciting things happening during the summer term, including the 'Green at Greenvale' Sweden. Whilst there will be a group of children in Sweden, the children in school will enjoy a Sweden themed week, which is sure to be exciting!

On another note, we look forward to work getting underway on a new permanent Key Stage 2 building. Whilst this is likely to cause some disruption in the short term, once constructed, the building is likely to make a positive change to the look and feel of the school.

Finally, as of yet, we have not had anyone come forward to support with the running of Friends of Greenvale (FOG) for the next academic year. FOG are such an important part of our community and their fantastic fundraising efforts help to provide amazing resources and facilities for our children, recent examples include our outdoor classroom; new iPads; and new sound equipment for the Hall. None of these would have been possible without the contribution of this group. I would therefore urge anyone wishing to discuss how they can support FOG to get in contact with me as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

Mr Bowden

## Hear me speak - Well done!

A very big well done to the Year 6 team who represented the school at a local public speaking competition.

Gracie, Eoin and Jamie represented the school incredibly well, theming their talk around 'If I could change one thing in the world it would be...'.

The children decided to talk about being overly critical about themselves and realising that each individual is unique and special.

A very big thank you and well done to our three representatives for not only speaking so eloquently, but also for representing our school so well!



## Sandpiper Awards - Our number facts and times table approach



Following feedback received from parents as part of our home learning consultation, we have now updated our website to provide parents with a full explanation of our Sandpiper awards system. In recent weeks, our children have been doing incredibly well in learning their number facts and times tables and have been achieving a large number of awards. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.greenvale.croydon.sch.uk/our-curriculum/sandpiper-awards/>

## Wraparound Care changes

Following a review of finances, as per the previous newsletter, we have needed to make some amendments to the pricing of sessions for Afters. These decisions have not been taken lightly and are essential in ensuring that we are able to continue providing this service for our families.

The email circulated on 27th March explains more details about the feedback received, as well as some of the changes that we will be making as of the Summer term.

*Do you currently use the government tax-free scheme?* If not, this will save you 20% on childcare fees. [Please click here for further information.](#)

Should you have any issues with finances, please do come and speak to us, as there may be some support that we are able to offer that can help you. .

## Advanced notice - Polling Day

On May 2nd, voting will take place for the Mayor of London and Greater London Assembly.

This will mean that the school will be closed for polling on this day.



## Soaring for the Skies

A very big well done to all those children who have received awards for home learning. As you will be aware, we moved over to an updated approach during the Spring term. We would be very keen to get your feedback on this.

[Please click here to provide your feedback](#) This should take no more than 2 minutes to complete (depending on the amount of feedback you would like to provide!)



# Sporting Success

## Football



A very big well done to the football team who made it through the knockout stages of the League winners' cup.

After beating a very strong Harris Kenley side 2-1 in the first round, Greenvale lost to Elmhurst in extra time.

After the Easter break, the team play in the final of the Small Schools' Cup against Gresham Primary.

We will keep you posted on this fixture as your support would be much appreciated.



## Netball



This year is the first full year that Greenvale has returned to the netball league in Croydon.

We have been amazed at how well the girls have done in competitive fixtures this year.

The girls have ended up in 3rd place which is an incredible achievement considering the amount of time that they have been playing in competitive fixtures.

A very big well done to all those who have played in fixtures.





## Attendance - Some key facts

As you will be aware, at Greenvale, we take children's attendance very seriously as we know the impact that poor attendance can have on their outcomes.

Our current whole school attendance stands at 96% which shows an improving picture from the Autumn term. A big thank you to you all for ensuring that your children are in school and ready to learn.

Should you ever be unsure as to whether your child is well enough to be in school, please [click here](#) which will take you to the NHS site and provides parents with clear guidance.

## Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS  
MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, compared with 84% of regular attenders.<sup>1</sup>

### And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%)** of pupils who were **PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.<sup>2</sup>

### But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.<sup>3</sup>

### Attendance in the first week of school in September sets up attendance throughout the year (and it's time to start preparing for back to school now):

- Evidence from a Children's Commissioner report showed that children who miss one of the first few days of the new term for unauthorised reasons are much more likely to miss long periods of their schooling than their peers who attended those first few days. These children had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term.<sup>4</sup>
- In the 2022/23 academic year, of those who had at least one day of absence in the first week of term, 55.5% went on to be persistently absent.<sup>5</sup>

## Greenvale's Got Talent

A very big well done to all those children who took part in the Talent show that took place on Friday 22nd March.

The children involved did an amazing job of entertaining us all and it was lovely to see a range of talent on display including singing, dancing, magic tricks and comedy!

After receiving a record total number of votes (1797!) we are pleased to announce that the Year 5 girls will be performing their acro dance at the Summer fair.

Well done girls!



## Breakfast mornings

A very big thank you to all those who were able to attend our breakfast meeting sessions over the Spring term.

The sessions had a Maths focus and were focused around helping parents to understand how Maths is taught at Greenvale. We hope that you found these sessions useful in helping to understand our expectations for Maths.



## **Taste it, Don't Waste it!**

We have been working with our caterer to help our children try new dishes on the upcoming summer term school lunch menu.

This week, the children were offered taster pots of the chicken pesto, jerk chicken and teriyaki chicken dishes that will feature on the new menu which launches when we return after the Easter holidays.

We hope this will help them when they are choosing their menu choices with you on Arbor for their school lunch. As always, please make meal selections with your child using Arbor by the deadline, and ensuring you select something that you know they will eat,

A big thank you to all of our parents and carers too for selecting your child's daily school meal choices via Arbor. Since launching this at the start of the Spring term we have noticed a distinct decrease in the amount of food wasted in our school kitchen too.

## **School Uniform**

Since M&S informed us that they will discontinue supplying our logo school uniform with effect from October, we have been reviewing clothing samples, price lists and getting feedback from other schools to ensure we can select a new uniform supplier for you.

We hope to have a new supplier appointed within the next couple of months and will communicate this to you via the weekly newsletter.

In the meantime, please continue to order school uniform from M&S Your School Uniform, or purchase 'Preloved' school uniform from the Bookshop.

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