



Newsletter



6.3.20

Recently at Greenfields...

Wow, what a week it has been! Thank you all so much for your support to make this week fabulous for the children. We started the week by launching our whole school story. The staff wrote the opening and then the story was passed onto year 6, followed by year 3, Reception and Nursery, Year 4, Year 1, year 2 and then ended up in Year 5 to bring it to its close. I have published the finished story via the App for you to share with your children. I have also asked them for some illustrations so that I can make it into a school book, so please encourage them to do that at home and send them into me. I think Year 5 have left it perfectly open for a sequel! I can assure you that there are no evil book stealing robots still roaming the streets of South Oxhey, and that all the books in Greenfields are perfect!

On Tuesday Year 5 visited Greenwich by as many modes of transport as they possibly could! Overground, underground, boat, walking, DLR – you name it, they did it! The children had a wonderful time cruising up the Thames seeing the sites and then visiting the Planetarium to watch Space programmes to support their learning. As always, the children behaved really well and I'm proud of them; especially not panicking when Mrs Evans got accidentally trapped on a train! All worked out in the end, and everyone returned home.

On Wednesday we hosted a Year 3 and 4 Intra school Handball competition which the children enjoyed taking part in. Sporting events tend to increase now that spring is here, and next week we host the Rugby for years 5 and 6. Apologies

about the state of uniform and PE kit at the moment with the amount of mud the children seem to be picking up every day. If you could ask the children to bring home their kits weekly to wash that would really help, and more importantly make sure that PE kits are in school with suitable footwear. We will still go out – mud doesn't stop us!

Thursday was the 25th anniversary of World Book Day and we all enjoyed all of the events that Mrs Evans had organized for us. A huge thank you to her for all her hard work. The children have been character hunting around the school all week, The £1 bargain bags were a success and it was lovely to see so many children come back to school for their bedtime stories. The children heard so many stories throughout the day and even the weather did not put off many. Thank you to FOGs for supporting us too with delicious hot chocolate and cookies to finish off the day.

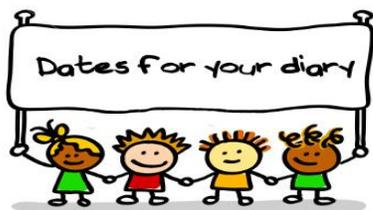
Today it has been lovely to enjoy the sunshine for a change and enjoy the lovely bulbs that are all around school whilst reflecting on the week. We got to share our finished story and also launch our new Book Passports for children who finish the reading levels and become free readers. The main entrance now hosts our passport books, and these have all been newly purchased for this. Each shelf is for a different passport, and the books are clearly labelled on the back. The passports ensure that children read a range of genre, and the books chosen all support these. Some are old classics and some are new favourites. This has been a big expenditure for us, so we

will expect books replaced if they are damaged or lost. Please respect the shelves and do not leave random things on them as you pass by. Thank you.

Next week sees a bit of a lull before we ramp up towards the end of term and Easter. I shall be sending home raffle tickets next week for you to sell if you could. All money raised goes to the school. We will also be doing an Easter Egg Hunt like last year. FOGs are also planning a children's talent show.

Advanced warning, we will be doing the Easter Bonnet assembly and competition – so start thinking of your designs...

Kate Day



12.3.20	Year 5 Class Assembly gam Year 5 Tag rugby tournament
13.3.20	Year 6 to Merchant Taylors for maths activity afternoon
18.3.20	FOGs Mother's Day gift Making
19.3.20	Reception Class Assembly gam
23.3.20	Assessment Week
26.3.20	Nursery Class assembly gam Governors 5.30pm
27.3.20	Y6 Trip to the Houses of Parliament
1.4.20	FOGs Children's Talent Show
2.4.20	Whole School Easter Egg Hunt
3.4.20	Easter Hat Parade End of Term 1.15pm

WANTED

Do you have old uniform at home? Have your children outgrown what they wear?

We have run out of smaller size uniforms, pants, socks and bottom halves as ours have not been returned when it's been sent home in an hour of need.

If you have clothes that would help us, especially in sizes Age 3-6, we would be very grateful. Please send into the school office.

Attendance



Nursery	85%
Reception	94%
Y1	100%
Y2	90%
Y3	96%
Y4	98%
Y5	100%
Y6	100%
Overall Week ending 28/2/20	95%

Not 1, not 2, but 3 100% classes! What a result. I know this week we have had quite a few bugs in school, but this was an amazing achievement. On top of this, Year 1 have achieved 3 weeks of 100% in a row, earning them a class party. Very well done.

With Coronavirus (or Covid 19) now well and truly spreading, it is important to know that schools are now expected to stay open and put in sanctions to help reduce the spread of any virus that may become part of our community. To help, please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently, using soap and warm water, for the length of time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday'. Coughs and sneezes should be caught in tissues which are then binned immediately.

We must remember that this virus is a strong strain of something similar to the flu, and the statistics show only really concerning in the elderly and people with pre-existing conditions. By following advice we can help everyone stay fit and well.