



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

Apologies for not getting a newsletter together last week, but Friday was a little bit busy with our wellbeing day, and I was creating Greenfields own Pizza business by running the cookery class! It means that this one though is nicely placed for the end of the half term – which is hard to believe we are at already! Half the year gone!

It was such a lovely day last week, and I know all the classes had a chilled week and enjoyed our wellbeing activities. I'm sorry 3 classes did not get their walk in the woods, but the weather was not in our favour, nor was the staffing as I had on average 6 members of staff off each day with illnesses. Year 1,4 and 5, we will get there next half term! Our focus was 'feeling all the feels' and understanding we need to feel the bad to appreciate the good, and all our memories are made up of mixed emotions. Even the best times are tinged with sadness in knowing it won't be like this again. I thought the children did really well understanding that we need to feel upset, hurt, cross and bored to appreciate feeling fun, happy, loved and excited.

What was truly lovely to see and hear about, was how our children worked together as a team, with older children supporting happily younger ones. It is not easy catering for a mixed group of 3-11 year olds, so I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and effort in putting together a really enjoyable day.

This was then topped off with a disco! Again, a huge thank you to the small group of parents who volunteered to help out and manned the sweets, the drinks and generally helped. As

usual the staffing/Parent body were on form in the kitchen ensuring everyone was getting what they wanted, and Mrs. Jeffries was ensuring that the music was what everyone wanted to dance to. I was not surprised that the Electric ~Umbrella songs made an appearance, but was surprised at just how much the children danced to them! At the end of the evening we had raised nearly £900 for school, which is a great result for a little bit of hard work.

We haven't stopped learning however, and Y6, whilst trialing SATs papers, have also been doing some lovely Design Technology linked to chairs and designing their own chairs, which you can see their ideas above. Egg chairs are clearly in favour this year, but there are some complex deck chairs in progress as well as some sewn armchairs which are ambitious! I'm not sure whole is going to fit into these, but I am impressed with their problem solving and imaginative use of materials. Well done Y6.

There is lots planned for the second half of the year, and I have tried to give as many date warning as possible, as well as heads up as things get added to the diary. Please make sure you keep on top of this and add to your calendars – watch this space!

Kate Day



Attendance 3rd-7th February

Nursery	97.83%
Reception	94.29%
Year 1	89.2%
Year 2	94.09%
Year 3	98.21%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	90.48%
Year 6	84.33%

As the policy from Central government has evolved, I am introducing two new documents to help us keep track of time being granted for being off school. If you have a child with a medical appointment coming up, you will need to ask the office for the Medical Appointment form, and show us either with the letter or text / email to prove this is happening **BEFORE** the appointment. This will be then be stored to authorize this absence.

If you would like to apply for a holiday during term time, and wish me to consider your circumstances, there is a holiday request form. This must be submitted **BEFORE** the holiday, and again, need proof of booking, flights / travel etc.

Any leave taken which we do not receive prior request for will be UNAUTHORISED, and as such will count towards to 10 sessions in a rolling 10 week period that could lead to a fine.

Any holiday taken without request which lasts for over 10 periods of attendance (5 days) will lead to an automatic fine.

Please do follow this new guidance, and refer to the previous Piota messages sharing the new laws regarding attendance. Thank you.

World Book Day – Wonka Bar Sale

Our lucky chocolate sales will happen on World Book Day, and the pots for ordering bars will open today. We will be using the 100g Galaxy Bars as our magic chocolate, and just like in the book – some will have golden tickets inside the bars. Prizes will range from things like an extra play time, lucky dip toy, golden lunch table seat, be the head for a day experience, books, and for one lucky family, a family ticket to the circus! Each bar will cost £2. Please pre order so that we make sure we have the right numbers, but I am sure there will be more on sale at the Book at Bedtime event.

This is a new fundraising idea for us, and we hope it's a hit. Remember, all money raised will go to our outdoor play center we are fundraising for...



Notices

- Y4 Forest School is on Mondays – remember a change of clothes, starting straight after half term
- **Swimming for Y4&5 is on Tuesdays - the last half term for y5. Please remember to check you have everything you need in your bag.**
- Ring the office or send an email by 9.30am please to tell us your child is going to be absent for the day. And remember, sickness means 48 hours clearance before they can come back from the time of the last incident. Please do not send children back in sooner for unexplained sickness.
- **World Book Day is the 6th March. We are asking children to come in in pajamas ready for Book at Bedtime which is immediately after school**
- **Mother's Day Sale will take place on 24th March. Pot will open after half term for this. Please pay by the 10th March to ensure we have enough gifts.**

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Even the kids will love it!

This summer, the circus is coming to town! I know it feels early to be talking about June, but this is going to be a huge thing for Greenfields, and I so want to make a success of it – it's been booked for 2 years – this is how popular Happy's Circus is! 4 months and counting...

Date: 8th June 2025

Gates open 11.30am for fun, activities and food.

Big Top opens at 1.30pm ready for the 2PM show

I am offering tickets to Greenfields early at a reduced price before they go on general sale in South Oxhey, so please reserve your seat as soon as you can.

You will need to pay for your seats via Arbor and email us at Circus@greenfields.herts.sch.uk with your name, ticket request and payment reference for the reduced price. Come the Easter holidays I will sell whatever tickets we have left to the local community, and the price will increase too – so pay early to bag the deal.

For Greenfields early discount, the prices are:

Children: £10 a ticket

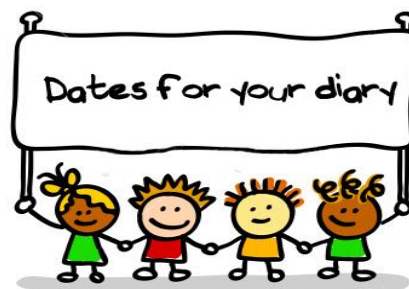
Adults: £12.50

Family of 4: £40

Plus booking fee

Equally, if you are unable to use Arbor, the office can help, so pop in and see them. We have 600 tickets to sell, and I'm really hoping it's a sell out.

If you run a local business and would like to hire a pitch, please do get in touch via the email address above. We have certain limitations as to what we can sell, so we do need to ensure nothing conflicts with the circus contract.



17 – 21.2.25	HALF TERM
26.2.25	Y6 SATs meeting for parents 5.30pm
3.3.25	Book Week
4.3.25	Author Visit – books on sale via Arbor
6.3.25	World Book Day – wear PJs Wonka Bar sale Book at Bedtime Y5 Rugby Tournament @ Greenfields
12.3.25	Parents Evening 1.30pm – 7pm
13.3.25	Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
20.3.25	Y3 Class Assembly
24.3.25	Mothers Day gift Sale
3.4.25	Awards Assembly
4.4.25	Easter Bonnet Parade End of Term 1pm
22.4.25	Training Day
23.4.25	Term Starts
2.5.25	Y5 trip to Kew Gardens
5.5.25	Bank Holiday
12.5.25	Y6 SATs week
16.5.25	Break the Rules Day
20.5.25	Y6 Residential
23.4.25	Reception and Nursery trip to Mead Open Farm
26-30.5.25	Half Term
2.6.25	Training Day
6.6.25	Circus Day in school
8.6.25	Happy Circus Day
19.6.25	Reception Class Assembly
24.6.25	Y4 Electric Umbrella in St Albans event
9.7.25	Y6 Production
10.7.25	Hertfordshire transition day Nursery Class Assembly
14 - 18.7.25	Sports Week Monday – Rock up for KS2 / The Floor is Lava for KS1/EYFS Tuesday – Ninja Skipping / KS2 Water Polo Wednesday – Sports Day Thursday – Haka Dance / Inter class games Friday – games / Y5 summer fair
16.7.25	Sports Day
18.7.25	Nursery / Reception Graduation
21.7.25	Awards Assembly Leavers Assembly to school
22.7.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly Term Ends 1pm