



Newsletter

15.03.24



Recently at Greenfields...

This week has been so busy, and I'd like to say thank you to Mr Pople for organising such a lovely day for the school yesterday when the farm visited us! Despite almost hourly requests, we will not be getting a school goat, but having the animals on site was such a good experience for the children no matter their age. A horse, a cow, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, rabbits and mice all joined us for the day and the children learnt about their needs, reproduction, use as well as petting them all. It is experiences like this which we can provide from the money we raise collectively for the school at events like the Christmas Fair, which is why they are so important as the actual school budget does not stretch this far! Thank you for sending in spare shoes – if you can see the state the small field is now in, you'll appreciate they were needed!

This week we also had our Improvement Partner visit and chose to focus on our development in Art. This subject is lead by Mrs Fernando, and Mrs Wilson was very impressed with how much has been done to move our learning and understanding in Art forward. She spoke to children to see how they feel and was impressed with Archie's description of Art as, "a beguiling subject, where you never know what you will achieve!" Mrs Wilson was inspired by some of the art work in Year 1 and the skills they had been learning whilst following the work of Eric Carle – he of A Very Hungry Caterpillar fame. She was also very impressed with the learning in Early Years and the opportunities they have to explore different media. Our use of computers as an artistic tool was also something she was surprised by. However, our shining glory was the introduction of our art exhibitions and the work the children

are doing for these. Whilst we still have a lot to work on, it was clear to see just how aspirational we are for the children in their learning to make it relevant and meaningful which really pleased me.

Last week we celebrated World Book Day with all the children, and I was so impressed by the costumes and characters. Some many children came as something slightly different – we really like the non shop brought costumes and the thinking outside of the box. Equally, it was lovely to have so many children dressed up and just enjoying books. We had our very first WBD House Quiz which was a close run thing, but well done to Normans for standing out at the end to take the trophy. We've added this to our trophy cabinet as I want to expand what we challenge each other on to areas outside of just Sport!



It was then lovely to have so many families come back in the evening to enjoy Book At Bedtime – although less than in previous years. Please do let us know if you have any ideas how to make this more enjoyable to more parents and families. We do appreciate it is more of a younger student event. Thank you to Mrs Evans for organising such a lovely day for us all.



Next week we are celebrating International Day of Maths, so I have sent a Piota out explaining that on Friday 22nd we will be dressing up as Maths – no charge for the day, but to have fun. Numbers, lines, shapes, enigma machines, Greek mathematicians all welcome!

Kate Day

Easter Bonnet Parade

It is a long held tradition at Greenfields that the last day of the Easter term we have our Easter Bonnet Parade – something we even managed during Covid when we couldn't even see each other! Each children is invited to make a bonnet or hat or piece of headgear at home to show off in school. This is then judged by a panel and the best hat for a boy and a girl in each class is awarded. We really like hats made with the children and not just by the parents! We also like hats that think about all eggs, not just chicks – we've had dinosaurs and crocodiles in the past!

Parents are invited to come in to our Parade on Thursday 28th. It will take place at gam in the school hall.



Attendance 4-8th March

Nursery	92.64%
Reception	94.44%
Year 1	93.48%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	97.41%
Year 4	94.78%
Year 5	91.67%
Year 6	100%

Year 6 have achieved 100% two weeks in a row, and this was only broken today – it would have been 3 weeks! Generally we are having some days in school of near 100%, and then some days were 10 children are off across the school. I am pleased with the drive to improve and thank everyone for their efforts. I know the government are doing a real drive as attendance nationally is an issue, but we are currently better than national – and it is not often I can say that – so thank you!

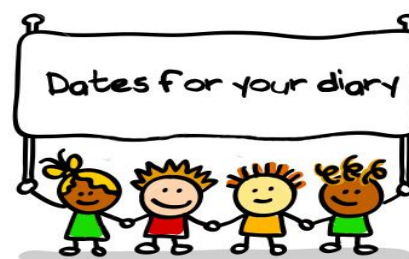
Let's keep it up and improving to finish the term really strongly!



Mrs Wilkins

Most people in the school will know Mrs Wilkins. Alison has been a part of Greenfields for 23 years as a member of staff, but also any more as a parent. She has decided it is now time to hang up her lanyard and retire and focus on taking care of herself and her husband. Mrs Wilkins, when talking to me to tell me her decision, did not think that this news would make a difference, she seems to think that as she is not in class as a TA any more, Greenfields would not notice her leaving. However, Mrs Wilkins is a vital cog in our school. She supports any child with specific maths and reading support from Y2 up, teachers sewing and food tech when this comes around in classes, works tirelessly on making costumes and props for the Y6 productions and is an exceptionally talented and supporting member of our community. We will all miss her very much, and I know many parents past and present would like to wish her well in her retirement.

For this, we will be holding an afternoon tea for Mrs Wilkins on her last day – Friday 22nd March. Should you wish to attend, please let the office know so that we can cater for numbers. We will be making a scrap book for Mrs Wilkins of our messages and cards, so if you would like to add anything, please let us have it in advance for the book, or bring it along.



19.3.24	Y6 meeting re SATs and Residential
21.3.24	Reception Health Screening checks
22.3.24	Mrs Wilkins Retirement
25.3.24	Football match v Warren Dell @ home friendly
26.3.24	Reception Class Assembly
27.3.24	Awards Assembly
28.3.24	Easter Bonnet Parade End of term 1pm
	Headline Dates for Summer term already booked
2-5 th April	Happy Camp
11 – 12 th April	Happy Camp
15.4.24	TERM STARTS Ducklings Arrive
17.4.24	Y5 Tag Rugby Competition at Greenfields
22.4.24	Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony
23.4.24	Maths Workshops for Parents
2.5.24	Y3 Athletics Competition at Woodhall Local Elections – Hall in Use
6.5.24	Bank Holiday
13 – 17 th May	Y6 SATs Week
17.5.24	Vikings Charity Day – Break the Rules
27-31 May	Half Term
3.6.24	Training Day
6.6.24	Y4 trip to COAM Year 5 Trip including Overnight
7.6.24	Y6 Cricket @ Bushey Cricket Club
11-14 th June	Y6 Residential – Willow Tree
20.6.24	Years 1&2 Trip to London Zoo
21.6.24	World Music Day
28.6.24	Nursery and Reception trip to Paradise Park
3.7.24	Y6 Production
8 – 12 th July	Sports Week
10.7.24	Sports Day
11.7.24	Transition Day – new classes
16.7.24	Open Classes
17.7.24	Awards Assembly
18.7.24	Nursery and Reception Graduations
19.7.24	Y6 Leavers Assembly