



# Newsletter

17.05.24



## Recently at Greenfields...

Across the country this week tens of thousands of 10 and 11 year olds have been sitting their Standardised Assessment Tasks – SATs- and at Greenfields there has been no exception. Every day the Year 6s came into school and tried their hardest in their tests. Despite all of the practise, the preparation and the support, all the children were very nervous on Monday, and it was good to see the nerves lessen as we got used to the papers and the pressure of exams. We will not receive the results until just before the end of school in July, but I know that every Year 6 will get a result they deserve and should be proud of – as we are of them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Pearce and Mrs Dupree, Mrs Cochrane and Miss Smith for all their excellent help and support in year 6 across the year, and to Mrs Irwin, Mrs Payne, Mrs Alousi, Mrs Gilder, Miss Lyons and Mrs May and Mr Skinner (two of our governors) who helped with the delivery and support during the actual week. The papers have all been collected now, so the wait for the results begins...

When not doing their SATs, Year 6 have been designing and printing their own phone stands. Thanks to a FOGs donation two years ago, this piece of kit has been added into our curriculum, and this year the children really are showing their growing understanding of how this technology works and what it can do. We are so appreciative of being able to give the children real life and purposeful experiences, which really does make the learning more relevant. I'm sure you'll agree that their results are very impressive. All the children are very proud of their final pieces, and the learning that happened throughout the mistakes is equally important to the wonderful final products.



Elsewhere in the school, the sun has been shining and the children have been using the outdoors to its full potential. Lots of observational art, fieldwork in geography, science and practical maths lessons taking place. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful grounds in which to do this. It also means we are able to offer a Forest School approach, and the lucky classes who get the summer term really have been enjoying their time outside. Mrs Barrett is such an amazing advocate of outdoor learning, and the children really are appreciating the world around them. She is now offering after school club on a Wednesday, as well as a half term day club for anyone interested. Please speak to the office if you require more information than is on Piota.

*Kate Day*

## Sunshine...

Speaking of sunshine, in the hope that it is here to stay for a while, can I please take this opportunity to remind everyone that children should be bringing in a water bottle filled with water each day as well as a sun hat for playtimes to protect them. Please apply sun cream at home – we simply cannot do this in school. As more and more children take their jumpers and cardigans off, it does become an impossible task to reunite unnamed items, so please ensure names are clearly written in their clothes. We do try our hardest to just take a jumper to its' owner if it is left on the field.



## Attendance 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May

Nursery	92.74%
Reception	87.04%
Year 1	94.57%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	97.22%
Year 4	97.28%
Year 5	97.88%
Year 6	97.83%

Attendance continues to creep up and this is really impacting on the children's attainment in school. We recently tested the children in their phonics for years R and 1 and it was very clear that the children who did not do so well are those whose attendance is not so good. When children miss school they miss learning, even if it is missing only 10 minutes by being late – it does have an impact.

I realise I am appealing to a small group here, but let's make a real effort in the second summer half term to not just be in school, but to be on time too! Thank you for your help in this.

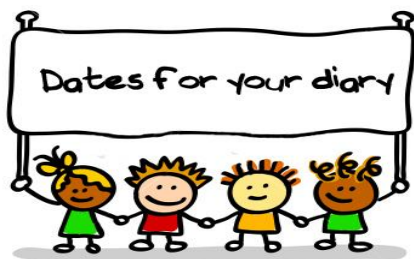


## Coming up this fortnight...

- Swimming: Years 3 and 4 - Tuesday
- Forest School: Year 6 – Wednesday, after half term it is Year 2 – starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Don't forget school is closed for staff training on Monday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Year 1 Class Assembly 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Fathers Day gift pot is open on school gateway. Each gift is £3. Please order by the 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Y6 Cricket at Bushey Cricket Ground has changed to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – please see your letter on Piota
- Y5 overnight trip
- Y4 trip to St Helens – don't forget to drop off and collect from St Helen's
- Y4 trip to COAM

Well done Vikings on raising an impressive £512.50 for their charity The Pumpkin Animal Charity.





20.5.24	Walk to School week
23.5.24	Year 1 Class Assembly
27-31 May	Half Term
3.6.24	Training Day
4.6.24	Y6 Cricket @ Bushey Cricket Club PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
5.6.24	Y4 trip to St Helens – Sports Science
6.6.24	Y4 trip to COAM Year 5 Trip including Overnight Father's Day gift pot closes
7.6.24	Y5 residential continued
8.6.24	Community Gala at Woodhall School
10.6.24	Y5 trip to St Helens – CSI day
11-14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential – Willow Tree
17.6.24	Football v Bromet @ Greenfields Partnership Awards at Watersmeet for those nominated
18.6.24	Rounders Match v St Joes @ Greenfields
20.6.24	Years 1&2 Trip to London Zoo
21.6.24	World Music Day Music workshops in school
24.6.24	Cystic Fibrosis Day – Wear Yellow Dance Festival at Colnbrook for those invited
28.6.24	Nursery and Reception trip to Paradise Park
2.7.24	Hillingdon Transition Day
3.7.24	Harrow Transition Day
4.6.24	New to Nursery and Reception Meeting
5.7.24	Y6 Production PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
8 – 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Monday	Skateboard and Scooters Workshop Hip Hop Dance workshops
Tuesday	Circus Skills Day KS2 Water Polo
Wednesday	Sports Day
Thursday	Inter Year Group Challenges Hertfordshire Transition Day – new classes at Greenfields pm
Friday	The School is Lava Summer Fair afternoon
15.7.24	KS2 classes to Rock Up Reports Out
16.7.24	Greenfields Music Medleys Concert – in school only Open Classes – all welcome
17.7.24	Awards Assembly
18.7.24	Nursery and Reception Graduations
19.7.24	Y6 Leavers Assembly END OF TERM 1pm

## Staffing News

With a staff of nearly 40, it is unusual to not have people leave and new joiners, and this year is no exception. In September we will have new people on our team, but one person is leaving before the end of term.

Ms. Congerton has been a part of the school for over 8 years, joining when she had children here herself and needing to work school hours to be able to look after her girls too. You all know her for her friendly and cheerful manner every day in the office, and for being a huge part of not just Greenfields but the local community too. However, Ms. Congerton will be leaving us the week after half term to take up an exciting new opportunity that fits in with her life as it is now. She is very sad to be leaving us, but we all wish her all the very best in her new job, and she knows she is always welcome at Greenfields.

Mrs Parker has also decided that she has finished her working life and now looks forward to retirement. Mrs Parker will be leaving us at the end of term and looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and enjoying her love of keep fit.

This means we are looking for two new people to join our team, but they must have experience of working in a school office. If you know of anyone who fits the roles advertised on Teach in Herts, please encourage them to apply.

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## Events and Fundraising this year

It has been a very busy year so far raising money for the school through a variety of big events and smaller ones. Thank you to all those volunteers who have helped to make it happen and have helped events to run – we couldn't do the big fundraisers without you. This year we have spent the funds raised on:

- The new storage benches outside each classroom
  - The farm visit for the whole school
- The planetarium visit for the whole school
  - A whole school trip to the panto
  - Plants for the new sensory garden
- Music workshops (whole school in June)

These were all made possible through your help.

This year we are not having a traditional Summer Fair as has happened in the past, as I really want to give our children the learning opportunity to plan stalls and run events too – there is nothing like real life accounting, budgeting and profit/loss understanding. Year 5 and School Council will therefore be planning the Summer Attraction for the 12<sup>th</sup> July – the Friday afternoon of our sports week. This will be open to the children all afternoon and run as we do our Christmas Fair.

We really enjoyed the Inflatables Day we had in September (which was due to our normal day being postponed due to bad weather) so as a staff we have chosen for this to become our big school fundraiser. Therefore, in September, on the 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting Inflatables Day and combining it with a sort of fair and BBQ/ Bar / Play event in the evening. If you run a stall and would like to book a pitch for this event, please let me know. Pitches will be £10 each, deposit paid to secure it up front.

Thinking even further ahead – and yes, I booked this a year ago, we are hosting Happy's Circus on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025. This will be a big fundraiser, and we will start selling tickets next academic year. We will be looking to have stalls here, as the Circus is a big event, and we will be selling tickets to the local community, not just Greenfields. Again, please let me know if you would like to book a pitch to sell. We have 600 tickets to sell to give you an idea of numbers.

As usual, next year will have discos, the Christmas Fair, Mother's and Father's Day all catered for through the school. If you have any ideas about other events you would like us to run, please let me know so we can discuss and sort out. We are raising money now to replace the KS2 outdoor trim trail as the old wooden run as definitely done it's time. All children will benefit from this during their time at Greenfields, so it really does benefit the whole community. £15,000 to go!

