



Newsletter



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Recently at Greenfields...

Sometimes I sit to write a newsletter and think what shall I write; we've just been quietly learning and getting on. This week I've got such a list to go through as it feels like the last two weeks have been jam packed – this week definitely has! So bear with me for a whistle stop tour of what's been happening at Greenfields...

Last week we had the NSPCC in talking to some classes about their Speak Out, Stay Safe campaign. We did assemblies with all classes to share their messages. Please reiterate the information that was sent out to you before half term with the children. Every child has a right to be heard and to be listened to, and every child has a right to be safe. With the younger years we focussed on keeping our body private and the pants rule – if your pants cover it, no-one else should see it. This is so important, as whilst children are naturally inquisitive, they also need to respect each other. We are changing the toilets at Greenfields so that they are 2 individual cubicles in the classrooms, but some children love to go together! We really would appreciate you discussing this at home. With the older children we did talk about the different types of abuse some children experience, and if they ever are made to feel sad or unsafe, they must speak to an adult and seek support from someone they trust. This is becoming more and more important with their increasing use of online platforms.

We had a brilliant visit from local author Steven Vinacour on Tuesday. He shared extracts from his series Ted's Time Travelling Toilet and had us all in giggles at his funny jokes! The books are in school and we will be sharing them with the children in the coming weeks.



We waved goodbye to Mrs Pearce as she starts her maternity leave. Y6 threw her a wonderful baby shower and sent her off laden with gifts, flowers and their own uniquely designed baby vests, which I know she will treasure. Photos of these are on Piota if you have not already seen.

The netball team had their second match and drew this one in nail biting style. 9-9 against Bromet was a great result – especially when they were losing by 4 goals at half time. Well done everyone!

Thursday was World Book Day, our annual completion for WBD champions (won by Romans this year) and our Wonka Bar sale, followed by Book at Bedtime!

Despite wearing pajamas yesterday, I'm ready for a sleep now! Have a restful weekend everyone!

Kate Day



Attendance 24th-28th February

Nursery	94.68%
Reception	97.14%
Year 1	93.4%
Year 2	95.91%
Year 3	95.71%
Year 4	98.57%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	96%

We have had 2 classes with 100% in two weeks! Well done Y2 for achieving this the week before half term, and Y5 for last week. Attendance is generally on the up as the coughs and colds of the winter start to disappear. Please remember that we have a 48 hour rule for sickness and diarrhea. However, we are about to enter hay fever season, and children can cope in school with this, so please do not keep them off. Equally, headaches and tummy aches often disappear within a few minutes of being in school. Please trust us, and if your child really is unwell, we will call you.

Thank you all for driving forward to improve attendance. Let's keep it up!

Wonka Bar redemption

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Wonka Bar or two... Golden tickets were hidden in 100 bars, and now I need to know who won what! If you received a Golden ticket, please could you send it back to school with the child's name and class on it so on Friday 14th I can make sure everyone gets the right prizes (playground toys can be claimed right away though).

There are still 50 bars left, so if you still want to try to be a prize winner, just bring me £2 and chose a bar...

Congratulations to Hunter who I know won the family ticket for 4 to the Circus, and to Montana who gets to be me all next Friday; I am saving up a list of jobs...

Y4 Swimming

Some schools put swimming in their timetables for a term. We allow up to 2 years of swimming lessons to ensure that as many children learn to swim as possible – it is a skill that could save their life. Children start in the summer term of Y3, go for all of year 4, and then those who still need lessons are able to continue in Y5, whilst those who reach the national curriculum requirement then have their PE lessons using the sports facilities. We are so happy that this year, Y4 have really mastered their skills and we have a big group now working on their life saving skills.



Notices

- Y4 Forest School is on Mondays – remember a change of clothes, starting straight after half term. Next half term will be Y5
- **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. Year 3 will start swimming after Easter – make sure your costumes fit now!**
- 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.
- **Mother's Day Sale will take place on 24th March. Pot will open after half term for this. Please pay by the 14th March to ensure we have enough gifts.**

Mother's Day Sale

On the week of the 24th March we will be running our Mother's Day Sale shop, as we did last year. We have lots of lovely gifts which the children will be able to choose without your knowledge and make their own wrapping paper to bring it home in. Each gift is £4, and you can purchase as many as you need for the important females in your child's life. The pot is open on Arbor – thanks to those who have already purchased their gifts. Please make sure you have done by the 14th March to ensure we have enough.

I'm not going to tell you what we have as it would spoil the surprise, and it is of course down to your child what they pick for you!



YouTube – Sprunki

As always, children have been coming in discussing things they see at home, what they are up to and what they have been downloading on YouTube. This week, several children have been talking about watching Sprunki, which sells itself as a fun, creative, interactive engaging game where you chose characters and songs, visual story telling; and sounds delightful. However, there is also a horror version of Sprunki offering more intense game play, blood and gore, and this is the version lots of young children seem to have found. YouTube often appears to be great, but within only a few clicks on the suggestions you can easily access some nasty things.

Children find it hard enough to understand the difference between death, blood guts and gore online and in real life, they really do not need to have it through what pertains to be an innocent cartoon. Please keep an eye on what they are accessing. Once a child has seen something like this, they can't 'un-see' it, and it is upsetting for them, affects behaviour and ultimately happiness.

Thank you for your support in this.



Welcome to a new section of our school newsletter in which the School Council give an update about what has been happening and share Council news.

We have held class elections and voted in councillors for Y3-6 and we meet regularly. There will be visits to Early Years and KS1 to keep them informed and ask for their suggestions.

Y3: Bailee, George

Y4: Lucy, Jayden

Y5: George, Ivey

Y6: Jetona (chair), Elsie, Billy, Ivy-Rose

Since September, we have been working on many projects, including the creation of a full-size bug hotel, next to the wild area, as a starting point for our planned work to support and promote wildlife diversity. We have established a weekly lunchtime book club for Y4-6 with council members planning and leading discussions and reviews of a wide range of books. In addition, we have organised Play Leaders to be on playgrounds across the school to support and encourage positive play. Plus, School Council members have also organised 'drop ins', where we have been out and about across the playgrounds at lunchtimes each Wednesday to gather the thoughts and suggestions of pupils.

Thank you to everyone for the donations made to our 'Pennies for Plants' fundraiser – look out for our planting efforts sprouting across this year.

Finally, if you have any suggestions as to what the School Council could be working on to improve our school, please encourage your children to let us know or contact school.



LAST MONTH OF REDUCED TICKET PRICES

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! 3 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

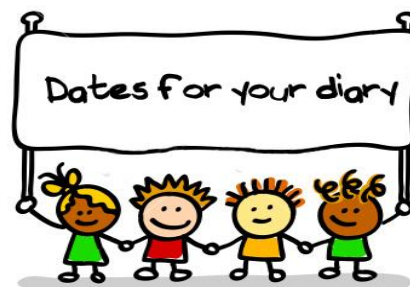
Adults: £12.50

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.



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
1.5.25	Polling Station
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
22.5.25	Y1 Class Assembly
23.5.25	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
26.6.25	Y1&2 trip to the seaside
3.7.25	Y3&4 trip to Legoland
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