

Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – April 2022

What a lovely, busy term it has been! We started with a fantastic book character dress up for World Book Day, followed not long afterwards by wonderful performances of musical talents, singing, dance and poetry for our Eisteddfod. The performances showed what talented pupils we have at Greenfield.

This year we have been reinstating the jobs pupils held in school before the lockdowns, and our head boys, head girls and school councillors have been busy this term. Through their mufti and cake sale on Red Nose Day, we raised £353 for good causes – thank you for your donations. They have also organised several competitions, including this weeks' decorated egg competition. Our Eco team have been busy too, tidying up the fairy garden and organising our Walk to School Week.

It was lovely to see parents in 'real life' at our recent parents' evenings. We had a tremendous turn-out and we could see how much you valued viewing the children's work and progress.

The highlight of the term must be the Y3/4 performance of Troy Story this week. The children put on a wonderful show and the acting, singing, dancing and narration was exceptional. Every child really gave 100% to their part and really enjoyed performance to a live audience. They made all of us extremely proud and, for all their hard work, they really deserved their trip to the Black Country Museum last week.



Today has been the busiest last day of term ever! In addition to our Star of the Week celebration assembly, we have had our Gold Book and our Star Writing awards. Our Gold Book Award pupils have superb attitudes and are excellent role models for everyone. The children who earned writing awards have shown excellent progress in their writing and produced some fantastic work.







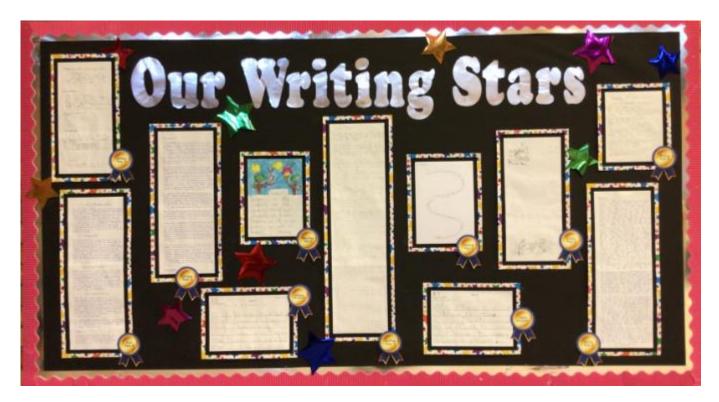












We were astounded by all the fantastic Easter bonnets that arrived in school this morning. Such creativity! We had a little parade on the playground so that they could be judged By Pastor Dave for the FrOG competition. It was very difficult, but Pastor Dave eventually managed to locate the silliest, most colourful, most creative, tallest, most eco-friendly and best hat overall! The winners received an Easter egg. As a little treat for all the children and their hard work, they had an easter egg hunt in the fairy garden afterwards. Thanks to FrOG and your fundraising efforts for providing the eggs.



Phew! I think it is safe to say that everyone is worn out now and ready for a good rest. We will all be back in school on Monday 25th April 2022, ready for the summer term.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Stylianides

Goodbye

This week Mrs Leech and Mrs Hewines are leaving Greenfield, moving on to exciting new ventures, outside of education. Mrs Leech has been at Greenfield for 12 years and has taught many pupils. For the past two years, she has worked with Mrs Remmers in our Y3/4 class. After Easter she is starting a new role, closer to her home, providing mental health support. Mrs Hewines has been a valued teaching assistant as well as previously managing the GMGAC, our wrap around childcare provision. She also has her own thriving business which needs her full-time commitment now. We would like to thank both for all they have done for Greenfield pupils. We will miss them both and wish them all the best in their new ventures.

COVID-19 Update

There have been lots of changes over the spring term relating to COVID-19 and measures to reduce transmission, particularly now we are in the 'living with COVID' era. Since the 1st April, the NHS <u>COVID-19 symptoms in adults</u> and <u>symptoms in children</u> have been updated. Adults and children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, should follow the <u>UKHSA guidance</u>. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. Pupils can return after three days if they are well enough and no longer have a temperature.

We are mindful that COVID-19 continues to cause problems, so it is important to do all we can to protect our pupils' education. Please be assured that we will maintain our current preventative measures, such as keeping school well ventilated and reinforcing good hygiene and cleaning practices. We are appreciative of the continued support of parents throughout the pandemic.

How to access a COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds

Children aged 5-11 are now eligible for their COVID-19 vaccine. You can take your child to a number of local sites for their jab – no appointment needed. Click here to book or to find a walk-in site near you https://bit.ly/3jAgkrD

Friends of Greenfield Gardens Easter Egg Trail

The Friends of Greenfield Gardens are organising an Easter Egg trail in Greenfield Gardens. It will take place at 10am until 11.30am on Saturday 9th April. All are welcome.

Your View Matters

There is still time to complete our parent survey to help us evaluate how well we are doing and look for ways in which we can improve our school. The survey is online and should only take a couple of minutes to complete. Please note that all responses will be anonymous. Here is a link to the survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gbzFZvK-

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All the children recently completed our pupil survey. We will let you know the outcomes of both surveys early in the summer term.

Online Safety

Please be aware that a number of our younger pupils have been talking about a new social media character called 'Huggy Wuggy'. Please don't be misled by the name as this blue teddy-bear like character has sharp teeth, sings about hugging and killing and is quite frightening for some children. Please be extra vigilant while your child is on the internet. Our pupils are inquisitive and good spellers so, given the opportunity, it wouldn't take much for them to find out more about something they have heard of in the playground.

School Run Bootcamp for parents

Greenfield Parent and Personal Trainer, Steve, is committed to helping parents become the very best versions of themselves with an active and healthy lifestyle! His School Run Bootcamp starts at 9am every Tuesday and Thursday morning in Greenfield Gardens.

Following the School Run, we get to work together in a group session designed to build strength, stamina and confidence through exercise. All with the encouragement of a friendly and supportive group! It doesn't stop there

either. We care about what happens outside of the sessions too and all campers are added to a coaching app where we work together on healthy habits, nutrition and a personal exercise plan to guarantee amazing results!

Every half term there is a Prize up for grabs too for the bootcamp champ. An your first Session is free! Register your interest here and come along: https://forms.gle/Ac2DuUgtWSDYXZFBA

PE Kits

We have sent the PE kits home for washing today. When pupils always have their kits for in school, lesson time is used much more productively. Please ensure your child brings their kit back into school on the Monday they return. Many thanks[©]

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

If you require before or afterschool childcare, please contact the school office or email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk and we will send out our booking form. Payments can be made by childcare vouchers or on ParentMail – no cash or cheques are accepted. Please inform the office 48 hours in advance of any cancellation. Please note that cancellations within 48 hours will still be charged at the normal rate. We ask for at least 24-hours' notice for any last minute or one-off sessions. Please note that any sessions booked with less than 24-hours' notice will incur a late booking fee of £10. In order to ensure that any late bookings are received in time, please ensure that you email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk AND text the GMGAC mobile on 07561 827918.

We are in the hall for breakfast club. Please come down to the main entrance door and ring the 'Breakfast Club' bell. We are in the conservatory after school; please use the gate buzzer and walk down to the conservatory around the outside of the building, past the KS2 then KS1 classrooms.

School Lunches

Please remember to order school lunches on ParentMail by midnight the evening before your child requires a meal. This includes if your child is entitled to a free meal. The allergen information is provided on ParentMail by pressing the 'i' symbol next to a meal option. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has. Please note that Dudley Catering have advised us that, due to supply issues, there are times when they may not be able to source some ingredients and may need to put an alternative item on the menu at short notice.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

Did you know that schools receive get extra funding from the government to help them improve the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils? This primarily includes pupils that are or have been entitled to receive free school meals. Schools use this funding to ensure high quality teaching, provide interventions when disadvantaged pupils need extra support and to support wider curriculum opportunities like school trips. Even if your child does not want a free school meal, it is still worth signing up if you are eligible. You may be able to claim if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:

Telephone -01384 814988

- Email freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk
- Visiting Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday

Important Dates and Term Dates

Friday 8th April Pupils break up for Easter Monday 25th April Pupils return to school

Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils

Thursday 5th May

InSET Day – school closed to pupils

w/c 9th May

Y6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)

Thursday 12th May KS1 visit to RAF Cosford Tuesday 17th May Young Voices Concert Friday 27th May Platinum Jubilee Party

Pupils break up for half term

Monday 6th June Pupils return to school

Tuesday 14th June Group photos

Friday 24th June Y5 Bishops Wood Centre Trip Friday 1st July Y6 Challenge Academy Trip

Friday 8th July Summer Fair

Parents can check term dates and InSET days, including for next year, on our website https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/