

# Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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# End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information - May 2022



















The words that spring to mind today are bunting, crowns, singing, ice-cream, celebrating and happiness. What a lovely way to end the term! One of my favourite things as headteacher, is being with the children in assembly, so I was quite emotional when we had all the children from Years 1-6 in the hall for celebration assembly today – the first time for over two years. Everyone was in their red, white and blue and we had a lovely time finding out who were the stars of the week. After that, we all sang Sing, which is apparently the Queen's favourite song, and it sounded absolutely beautiful – it was one of those moments when you get goosebumps! I hope you get chance to listen to it on ClassDojo.

Over the day the children have been admiring their bunting. We think everyone did a super job, carefully making their piece and it looked wonderful decorating the playground. The children really enjoyed their 'street party' style lunch outside together and they were incredibly excited to have their ice-cream this afternoon. We were even blessed with the weather! We're going to put the bunting up in the hall now and I think it will help us all remember what a great day today was. I recall my first jubilee celebration and, even though it is further back than I would like to admit, I remember the little details like these.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard this term, especially the children in Year 6 and Year 2 who have completed the statutory tests that have returned this year. They completed the tests with such a super attitude and we felt very proud of them.

Although it's been a short term, the half term was very welcome today. I hope yours is full of wonderful jubilee celebrations and you have a fantastic time. See you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Stylianides

## **Greenfield's Active Citizens**

During the pandemic it was hard for the children to hold roles of responsibility in school but these are getting into full flow this year. Head and deputy boys and girls, as well as house captains have been elected and they have organised lunchtime clubs, assemblies, fundraising events and competitions. Our Eco team have been busy working on the garden, organising the Walk to School initiative and sorting out our recycling. Last week the head boys and girls, Year 6 and the Eco team received a visit from Suzanne Webb, our local MP, to talk about their passion for saving the environment. Suzanne was very impressed with our pupils and we were thrilled to see that her visit is featured on the Black Country Radio website: <a href="http://www.blackcountryradio.co.uk/news/local-headlines/stourbridge-mp-discusses-environmental-issues-with-local-pupils/">http://www.blackcountryradio.co.uk/news/local-headlines/stourbridge-mp-discusses-environmental-issues-with-local-pupils/</a>

This week, our head boy and head girl also represented Greenfield in the national Children's Parliament, which has been set up in memory of Sir David Amess. They joined in debates on online safety, knife crime, drug trafficking, terrorism, nuclear disarmament, and environmental issues.





## Young Voices Finally Perform at the Arena

On the 17<sup>th</sup> May, our group of 33 enthusiastic singers from Y4-Y6, finally got to perform in a choir of about 4,000 primary school children at the Young Voices concert in the Birmingham Resorts World Arena. The audience was made up of all the children's families, including parents from Greenfield. This was the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Young Voices performances, although postponements caused by the pandemic meant that the celebration had been delayed since 2020. The concert was absolutely amazing, and it was lovely to see all the children's hard work practising pay off. From the Beatles to the Lion King, to Sing from Your Heart and The Power in Me, every song was just magical. The children enjoyed performances from and performing with the Overtones, Connie Talbot, The Beatbox Collective and The Urban Strides, all under the direction of principal conductor David Lawrence. It certainly was a night to remember! We will be taking part in YV next year and rehearsals will start in September.



## **Year 1 Phonics Screen check**

Year 1 pupils will be completing the statutory Phonics Screen Check straight after half term. They should take the check in the w/c 6<sup>th</sup> June. It would help them to have a little phonics practice during the half term using some of the games on <a href="Phonics Play">Phonics Play</a> – use the Phase 5 games. Click <a href="here">here</a> for further information about the check and why pupils take it.

## Year 4 Multiplication check

Year 4 pupils will be completing the statutory Multiplication Tables Check after half term. The practice will be in the w/c 6th June and the children will be completing the 'real thing' w/c 13th June.

Over the half term break, please encourage your child to practise their times tables as much as possible. They can use Times Table Rockstars (the studio game is very similar to the check) or the Purple Mash Multiplication Tables Check game. Additionally, they could practice using these websites:

https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check Click here for further information about the check and why pupils take it.

#### Year 1 and Year 2 Visit RAF Cosford

As part of their history topic, the children in Key Stage 1 visited RAF Cosford this term. They have been learning about the history of flight and how this all changed following the first flight of the amazing Wright brothers. Due to the pandemic, this was the first proper day trip for the children and they behaved brilliantly. They were fascinated with the planes and other artefacts in the museum, and they enjoyed investigating flight when they made parachutes.



## **Year 6 Leavers**

After a crazy couple of years, we are looking forward to giving our Y6 pupils a super final term this year. Here are some dates for parents to look out for:

- Challenge Academy Trip, Friday 1st July
- Y5/6 Performances of Edith's Wartime Scrapbook
  - Wednesday 13th July, 2pm and 5:30pm
  - Thursday 14th July, 5:30pm
- Leavers' Prom Tuesday 19th July, 6pm
- Leavers' Assembly Thursday 21st July, 9:30am

## Friends of Greenfield School - FrOG News

We would like to thank all those who have supported FrOG this half term and for anyone interested in getting involved either on a regular basis or with events please email: <a href="mailto:frog@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk">frog@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk</a> or speak to any existing volunteers as we would appreciate the help and support.

We will announce details of our first large event after half term, along with details for our next meeting as well as setting up a 'meet and greet' after school to raise more awareness of what FrOG is, and what we are trying to do for the school.

## **Dudley SENDIAS**

Dudley Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIAS) provide a range of information, legally based advice and support to help parents/carers, children and young people on all matters relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

They will be hosting a number of workshops at 10am-12 noon next term:

- Understanding how to access support within settings 13th June 2022
- Understanding the EHCP process Tuesday 21st June 2022
- Preparation to attend meetings in settings Thursday 30th June 2022
- Understanding and reading through your draft EHCP Monday 4th July 2022
- Understanding the Annual Review and Emergency Review process Wednesday 20th July 2022
- Preparation for Post 16 transition Thursday 7th July and Tuesday 12th July 2022

They are also holding a coffee morning Thursday 14th July, which will be an end of term informal session, and welcome all parents of children and young people with SEND to come along to.

For more information about the Dudley SENDIAS Service or to book a place for any of the above sessions, email: <a href="mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk">dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk</a>

You could also visit their website: www.dudleysendiass.org.uk

## **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<sup>©</sup>

## 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/3jAgkrD">https://bit.ly/3jAgkrD</a>

## **Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club**

If you require before or afterschool childcare, please contact the school office or email <a href="mailto:info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk">info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="mailto:info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk">info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals">www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals</a>

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

- Telephone -01384 814988
- Email <u>freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk</u>
- 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**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Pupils return to school

Year 1 pupils have Phonic Screen Check this week

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June Y6 – Loudmouth Under the Radar session

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 pupils have Multiplication Check this week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Group photos

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Sports Day at OSH, Y1/2 9:30am, Y3-4 1:00pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Y5 Bishops Wood Centre Trip Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Y6 Challenge Academy Trip Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July FrOG Summer Fair Mufti

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fair

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Performance, 2pm and 5:30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Performance, 5:30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July Transition morning

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Prom, 6pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 9:30am

End of school year

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September InSET day
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September InSET day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Pupils return to school

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