



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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

Here we are at the end of another school year. It's usually the case that everyone in school comments on how quickly a school year has passed, and this one seems to have gone quicker than ever. Maybe it's because we have been open to all pupils every day and we have packed in so much. The year has not been without its challenges – managing Covid at the start of the spring term was incredibly difficult and we could not have imagined the temperatures we have seen this week!

Overall, it has been a successful year and we are really pleased the children have been happy and made strong progress. We are really proud of them all and their hard work. I'd like to thank all the Greenfield Team for their determination and hard work in helping the children grow and flourish.

It has been lovely to get back to normal with trips, events and activities, especially this summer term. Sports Day, the summer fair and the Y5/6 performance of Edith's Wartime Scrapbook were real highlights this term. A few of the older pupils have reported on some of the events in this newsletter but it is left to me to report on the performance. This was absolutely fantastic! Brilliant acting, singing and dancing. It's not an easy subject for a performance but the children told the story beautifully and the singing gave me goosebumps.

Our Year 6 pupils are now moving on to secondary school. We have enjoyed their fabulous prom night and their emotional leavers' assembly this week. The talented bunch have thoroughly entertained us and made us cry. We loved hearing their hopes and ambitions for the future. They all have excellent potential, so we hope that they remain determined to achieve these. Good luck to them all!

We are also saying a very emotional goodbye to Miss Tang who is off to sunny Suffolk. Many of you know Miss Tang and what a wonderful teacher she is. Mrs Felton, our super school business manager is also moving on to a full-time role in another Dudley school. We really appreciate everything they have done for the children of Greenfield. We will miss them both and wish them all the very best.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support over the year. We hope you enjoy some lovely family time during the summer and look forward to seeing you all again on 7th September.

Happy holidays!

Mrs Stylianides



Welcome & Congratulations!

We will be welcoming three new members of staff in September. Mr Shepherd will be teaching Year 5 and Miss Emery will be teaching in Reception. Mrs Burns is our new school business manager. We are looking forward to working with them all.

Good luck to her and to Miss Batham (soon to be Mrs McGinnity) too, as she is getting married in the holidays - we hope she has a lovely day.

Sports Day – by Lila, Year 6

Our 2022 Sports Day was once again held at OSH and enjoyed by many of the parents and children there. There was a range of events from long jump and speed bounce to hurdles and relay which kept everyone busy throughout the day. At the start of Sports Week, Miss Batham and Mr Reece kicked us off with an assembly where they showed us pictures of sports that were blurred out which we had to guess. Each day at break time, we had different sporting challenges: squat jumps, wall bounce, star jumps, tennis racket bounces and shuttle runs. All in all, everyone had a great time, and everyone had an opportunity to participate in everything. Each house team tried their hardest and the overall winners were Stevens.



Year 6 High Rope Adventure and Team-building Challenges at Baggeridge – by Joel, Y6

This final half term at Greenfield was one I will remember: we enjoyed a lot of activities with our friends and teachers that will never be forgotten. We have loved many trips at Greenfield, but I especially loved our trip to Baggeridge. Around 3 weeks ago, we went there for a teamwork-building and highropes adventure and everyone had a blast of a time. Although a lot of people were scared, including me, it didn't stop us from having the most amazing time and conquering our fears.

At the highropes, there were 1, 3 and 9 metre obstacle courses, a power fan and totem poles. Even though we were buckled up on a harness, I and many others were terrified. But after we had faced our fears, we started to get the hang of the ropes. I was the first person to attempt the 9 metre wall and saying that I was scared would be an understatement. After I had completed that I was fine with everything else. The totem poles were very fun, I only went on a few times since the line was quite packed but getting to the top was a big relief as it was very

high. The power fan was really fun: it felt like you were falling for 1 second and then you parachuted down and could land like a superhero on the ground.

After the high ropes we moved on to team-building challenges and had a new group leader who gave us hard 'trust' activities with people we don't normally mix with much. I was partnered with Lila and we passed all the challenges. After that, we were put into groups and had to keep our feet next to each other as we travelled 5-10 metres. Finally, we took part in a 'cross the river' type activity but with an extra challenge where someone had to be touching our 'steppingstone' at all times.

Overall, we all had a great time and are so thankful for the opportunity.



Disco Fun – by Libby, Y6

Last Friday, we all appreciated our first and final disco of the year, enjoyed by all children across the school. It was fortunate for Y6 that we finally had a disco right before we left school because the last one was a long time ago. The last disco at Greenfield left the Year 6 students' faces beaming. Most of them will miss this school and the teachers who gave it their all for their last year. FrOG and Mr Dove deserve a big thank you for giving up their time to assist at the disco. Mr Dove was great and ended the disco with a request from the children: Chu Chu Wa!

Year 5 Bishops Wood Trip – by Flossy and Imogen, Y5

Year 5 really enjoyed their trip to Bishop's Wood, as they all are passionate about being outdoors. Firstly, they had a go at building a waterproof shelter, using a limited number of resources. They had to ensure that there was a way to collect water efficiently and had to construct an SOS sign. These were also tested by pouring water on them while they were still inside! After they had eaten lunch, Year 5 learnt different techniques on how to start fires with natural materials, such as dry leaves and sticks. Then, they found out that using cotton wool was a simpler method. Finally, they went on a scavenger hunt, looking for different animals' tracks and made traps to carefully capture creatures. It was a fantastic day, and everyone loved it!



Hagley RC Band Noughties Tour – By Ethan, Y6

We were very lucky to have the amazing Hagley R.C band visit our school on the 15th of July earlier this month. They provided a fun but educational live music experience. The band played many songs which were thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils that were lucky to watch. The concert was based on music in the period of time between the 2000s to the 2010s; for example, Lady Gaga, The Fratellies and The White Stripes to name just a few. It was a great experience and was loved by all.



FrOG Fest 2022 Summer Fair – By Ethan, Y6

On the 8th of July, all the pupils of Greenfield and their families were treated to a phenomenal summer fair on our school playground. At FrOG Fest, there were games, food, singing, raffles, photos and much more. The Greenfield Young Voices choir performed a beautiful selection of songs chosen by Mrs Stylianides. Many of the teachers ran fun stalls and games such as bottle hoopla, one of many raffles and set up a board with inflatable props to take photos with. The Friends of Greenfield provided many prizes and also a lot of fun. FrOG Fest 2022 was a great afternoon, extremely fun and festive. Hopefully, this was also a great money raiser for our school.



Friends of Greenfield School - FrOG News – from Ben Stockdale, Chairperson

Everybody at FrOG just wants to say a huge thank you to parents, teachers and volunteers who made the inaugural FrOGFest a great success. With everyone's help, and with proceeds from last week's disco, we were able to raise over £3,000 which we are looking to use towards improving the Fairy Garden and Forest School areas - we will be in touch early in September with further details.

Hopefully on the back of FrOGFest and the school disco, which the children loved, we will be able to put on a calendar of events; however, in order for us to be able to do this we need more parents to get involved with

FrOG. If you are interested in joining our regular meetings, please email FRoG@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk It would be great to see some new faces at our first meeting which will likely be in the first weeks back after the summer break. We also have a Facebook group that you can join if interested that can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/frogreenfield>.

Finally, we are always looking for new ideas for FrOG events, and we would like parents and teachers to complete our survey so we can capture as many ideas as possible ahead of starting to plan for the new school year. The survey is open until the 16th September; here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3FTGNZW>

In the meantime, from all at FrOG, we hope everyone has a great summer break and we will hopefully see you in September.

Greenfield Governor News – from Emma Kilbride, Chair of Governors

A huge congratulations to the whole community on a year well met. This year has not been without its challenges and all schools have gone about facing them in their own way. Here at Greenfield, academic focus has been on improving attainment in writing, enhancing our SEN provision and further developing the wider curriculum so all our children receive a broad and balanced education. It has been wonderful to see so many elements of school life return to normal following the enormous upheaval of the pandemic and for School to have been able to welcome parents in to see their children showing off their sporting skills, singing their hearts out in drama productions and having fun with their families at our glorious Summer Fair.

We have welcomed two new co-opted governors onto our governing body this year. Sarah and James come from beyond our school community and are able to bring an objective perspective, fresh eyes and a passion for securing the best outcomes for our children to the governing board. Details of all our governors, their roles and responsibilities can be found on the Greenfield website. Next year will see some parent governor vacancies arise as existing terms of office come to an end. If you would be interested in helping support us on our journey of continuous improvement and are interested in becoming a governor, watch out for further communications in the new school year. A huge thank you to all our staff and volunteers for all their hard work and commitment this year. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Summer

Bikeability and Road Safety

In September, pupils in Year 4 will complete Level 1 Bikeability Road Safety training and Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will complete Level 2. The training will be provided by the Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team. They also provide road safety education and advice across the borough of Dudley, both in schools and within the community as a whole, and coordinate the School Crossing Patrol service in Dudley. Further information regarding Bikeability will be sent out at the start of September. In the meantime, here are some links for the Road Safety & Travel Awareness Team:

Road Safety & Travel Awareness Web Page - <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/>

Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyDudleyCouncil>

School Uniform

It is important that the children look smart and take pride in their appearance. Please ensure that your child has full school uniform for September. This consists of a white polo shirt or collared shirt with an optional Greenfield tie, navy cardigan or sweatshirt. Pupils can wear trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores as long as they are grey. Shoes should be black and sensible - preferably with Velcro fastenings for younger pupils. School logo items are available from [School Trends](#) and school ties and book bags are available from the school office. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please also ensure that your child has a full PE kit so your child is well prepared for lessons. PE kits should consist of a white T-shirt, navy shorts, a pair of trainers for outdoors and plimsoll for indoors. When the weather gets cooler later in the term, your child will also need a dark tracksuit. Pupils PE kits will be kept in school for the half term and sent home for washing in the holidays. Your child's kit needs to be name labelled and in a labelled lightweight bag – drawstring bags are ideal.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon Club

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am until the start of the school day at £5 per session. Afterschool club runs from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at £7 per session. If you require before or afterschool club, please complete the online booking forms on ParentMail and email info@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk to let the school office know that the forms have

been completed. You will then be added to the register and can book and cancel sessions via 'Accounts' in ParentMail until the day before you require the session. If you pay using childcare vouchers, the school office will need to book these sessions and allocate payments once received. Please contact the school office to let them know your requirements or if you need to make any amendments to existing bookings. Sessions will become available to view and book 8 weeks in advance and late bookings will continue to be charged at £10 per session.

Summer Mental Wellbeing Support Available

If your usual support systems are not available during the school holidays, here are some other sources of support:

- Kooth- an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for young people 11-18 years old. Including an online chat, magazines, forums, activity centres, and live counselling. <https://www.kooth.com/>
- A free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope <https://giveusashout.org/get-help/>
- You can talk to childline about anything. No problem is too big or too small. Tel: 0800 1111 or chat online <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>
- Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 0800 008 6516.

Attendance and Reporting Absences

As we move towards a new academic year, we will be working with the Local Authority and families to improve attendance. We would like to thank all families who ensure that their children attend school regularly and are on time.

If your child is absent from school, there are a number of ways you can report the absence. Please ensure that your message includes the child's name, class, reason for absence and the name/relationship of the person reporting the absence.

- Call the school office on 01384 818585, select Option 1 and leave a message
- Report the absence using the 'Absence' tab in ParentMail – this system will go live ready for the start of term in September.

With both systems a message can be left at any time of the day/night.

Please report the absence to the school office (not the class teacher) no later than 9.30am on the first day of absence. For sickness and diarrhoea, the school office will enter an absence for the 48 hours so there is no need to call on the second day of absence. For all other absences, please provide an update on a daily basis unless advised by the school office of any isolation periods as recommended by Public Health.

Medical appointments should be booked outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, please contact the school office and provide details of the appointment. A copy of the appointment time/letter may be requested.

If you know your child will be late for school, you must contact the school as soon as possible to let us know and provide the reason for the lateness.

If you are having any difficulty getting your child to attend school, you should notify the school (school office, class teacher or Headteacher) immediately about the concerns. The school will make every effort to meet with parents and provide the necessary support.

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 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

Monday 5 th September	InSET day
Tuesday 6 th September	InSET day
Wednesday 7 th September	Pupils return to school
Mon 19 th & Tues 20 th Sept	Y6 Bikeability training
Weds 21 st & Thurs 22 nd Sept	Y5 Bikeability training
Thursday 22 nd September	PM – Y4 Group 1 Bikeability training
Friday 23 rd September	AM – Y4 Group 2 Bikeability training
Monday 17 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening & Book Fair
Friday 21 st October	Break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 1 st November	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Individual Photos
Friday 16 th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 3 rd January	InSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th January	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 11 th January	Young Voices at Birmingham Resorts World Arena

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