



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – March 2023

Wow! What an incredibly short but very busy term this has been! I cannot believe how much we have packed in.

The children have really enjoyed being out and about as well as being engrossed in their topics in the classroom. The Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 children have all popped into the Hope Baptist Church. Pastor Dave and the Hope community showed the children the Easter experience and the Reception children were fascinated to learn about baptism. The Year 3 children also went to Stourbridge Library for their Shakespeare Week celebrations. They were treated to an interactive performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with Professor Black and they chose some books to borrow. As part of their local history topic, the Year 5 and Year 6 had a brilliant day out at the Red House Glass Cone – they walked all the way, there and back!

Last week, Year 5 and Year 4 pupils had Bikeability training to help them ride their bikes safely. Earlier in the month, Year 5 and some Year 6 girls spent the day at Redhill Academy taking part in their pupils' sports leadership sessions. The girls loved the football so much that Mr Shepherd is starting a club in the summer term to encourage them to play football more. Some Year 5 children also had a day of PlayMaker training. This gives them the right skills to help the younger children on the playground.

This has also been a term full of opportunities for the children to show off their impressive talents. It started with Eisteddfod and all the wonderful musical, singing, poetry and dance performances. It ended with an absolutely brilliant pantomime performance (the best panto I've ever seen) from all the children in Year 3 and Year 4. In between, the Year 2 children and the choir have been singing beautifully in events with other Stourbridge pupils. Through all of these, we cannot believe the confident and talented performances we have seen, and we are immensely proud of all the children.

I am sure you'll all agree that the children have had a brilliant term. It was lovely to see you all at our recent parents' evenings. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and were pleased with their progress. Thank you to the many parents who completed our survey too.

Thank you for supporting all our events, including 'Red Nose Day' and 'Wear a Hat Day' this term. We enjoyed seeing everyone's hats today, while the children hunted for their easter eggs in the fairy garden and forest school - thank you to FrOG for supplying our Easter eggs! Deb from Brain Tumour Research popped in and was really impressed with the Reception children's Easter bonnets. She was even more impressed when they even treated her to their performance of Spring Chicken!

After such a busy term, it really is time for a good rest now; we'll definitely need to get ready for a long and equally busy summer term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 17th April 2023.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Stylianides





Unity Service and KS1 Music Festival – by Imogen and Isabella, Y6 and Miss Bull

The Unity Service was a great experience for some of the pupils in our Young Voices choir. It was a good opportunity to see other schools perform. St James' Primary School held the Unity service at St James' church and we thought they were great hosts! Each school had a chance to sing, say a poem or more in front of the others. We performed one of our favourite songs called New Beginning. We thought this was a fantastic way to bring schools around this area together!

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Key Stage 1 Music Festival on Tuesday 28th March. After working hard in music lessons to learn a variety of songs, including 'Roar', 'Tongo' and 'This is How We Rock!' - just a few of our favourites - we had a great time singing them altogether with our friends from Greenfield, Amblecote, The Ridge and St Joseph's Primary.



Y5 PlayMakers - Bethan L & Ava S, Y5

A couple of weeks ago, a handful of children in Year 5 trained to be PlayMakers. This training helped us to learn how to lead the younger children in different games at lunchtimes. We learned how to adapt games to include certain rules, how to make games more difficult and how to make sure that the younger children are having fun. The sixteen Year 5 pupils who participated in this training really enjoyed it and have already started putting it into practice at lunchtimes.

A funny thing happened on the way to Camelot! Trey & Elizabeth W, Y6

We had the pleasure of watching the dress rehearsal of the humorous pantomime that Year 3 and 4 performed in the final week of the term. All pupils left the hall with huge grins on their faces and the teachers were excited by it too. With brilliant expression and acting skills, the Y3/4 children performed the play with precision and great effort to entertain their audience each day. It was received well by everyone, with many bursting out laughing, particularly when some of the characters interacted with them. We think this pantomime was a great success!



Y5/6 History trip to Red House Glass Cone – Alistair, Y6



During the Spring term, Year 5 and 6 visited the Red House Glass Cone to support their topic work on our local history. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Glass Cone as the leaders were friendly and informative, and the activities were intriguing. The tour showed us the ins and outs of the Cone and the history of the Black Country's contributions to glass work. Afterwards, we tried our hand at glass fusing and were greeted with tons of resources and tools to create a beautiful tile. We were given our tiles and the results were astounding. Overall, the tour and activity made the trip an amazing experience for all of us. We even enjoyed the long walk there and back along the canal.



British Science Week – by Edward W, Y6

This year's Science Week on the theme of 'Connections' was brilliant for both pupils and teachers. For pupils, they could make science themed posters about connections. The pupils who won got a book prize and I'm sure the teachers had a great time judging the winners. They said it was difficult to judge because all the posters were so good! In Year 1 and Year 2, the pupils were learning about the journey of their food, from field to fork and they enjoyed a bit of tasting too. In Year 5 and 6, we built paper bridges and had fun experimenting to see how much weight we could put on it before it would fall down – some were definitely stronger than others! We also investigated water resistance by making different shapes from Blu-tack and seeing how it affected the time it took for the object to sink – it was great fun!



Bikeability – by Ava S and Alex L, Y5

Last week the Year 5 children took part in Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability training. They participated in activities both on the playground and on nearby roads to help them learn to ride their bike safely. The activities included learning how to make hand signals, make regular observations, have the right position when cycling and learning when to give way for other drivers. The Year 5 children really enjoyed their Bikeability training.



Half of the Year 4 children completed the level 1 Bikeability training too. As well as having a lot of fun, they all learned a lot about riding a bike safely, including the ABCD bike check. The rest of Y4 will have their Bikeability Level 1 training in May, when the Year 6 children complete Level 1 and Level 2 training.



Year 1 and Year 2 Visit to Bodenham Arboretum – by Miss Lewis



This week, the Year 1 and Year 2 children had a super day out at Bodenham Arboretum as part of their science topic focusing on living things and their habitats. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including cooking toast on the fire, natural face painting with clay and charcoal, natural art with clay, hapazome leaf printing on calico, mini beast hunting and making habitats for animals. We also enjoyed a lovely walk around the arboretum, where we listened to the whispering trees, explored leaf and bark texture, as well as colour and scent. We discussed and looked for deciduous and evergreen trees and we discussed the habitats and animals that may live there.

The children were very tired when they returned and the smelt a bit smoky, but it was clear that everyone really had a wonderful time.



Twenty's Plenty

As you are aware, we are going to be working with Living Streets on a School Routes Audit. This project aims to address the safety issues faced by our school and the routes that children and their families walk to get to us.

Our initial SRA meeting is going to be held on Wednesday 3rd May at 1.30pm, and we are hopeful that we will have representatives from the local council in attendance as well as pupils, parents and school staff. Please let Mrs Remmers know if you would like to attend the meeting.

We have also received regular communication from a Heath Street resident who is deeply concerned about the speeds that vehicles travel along the roads around Greenfield. You may have noticed some of her home-made 'Twenty's Plenty' signs on Heath Street.

There is a 'Twenty's Plenty' petition running at the moment, and Living Streets have suggested that it would be great for as many parents as possible to sign it to show their support.

Here is the link to the petition: https://www.change.org/p/20mph-is-plenty-in-stourbridge-old-quarter-25640149-92c7-4341-a9b1-1613e704edda?source_location=search

Many thanks

Class Assemblies



The children really enjoy their class assemblies; this term we had super assemblies from Kandinsky and Kyoshi classes. It is great to always see a great turnout of parents and grandparents. Assemblies start at 9am and last about 20 minutes. Here are the assemblies for the summer term:

- Y1/2M Van Gogh Class – Wednesday 3rd May
- Y1CL Matisse Class - Wednesday 17th May
- Y4D Lichtenstein Class - Wednesday 14th June
- Y3/4K Ringgold Class - Wednesday 28th June
- Y3S Thomas Class - Wednesday 12th July
- Reception Jackson Pollock Class - Wednesday 19th July

After School Clubs

Here are the clubs running in the summer term:

- Monday – Y3/4 Athletics
- Monday – Y6 Maths Booster
- Tuesday - Neat Feet Dance – contact directly for spaces
- Wednesday – Y5/6 Athletics
- Thursday – Y1 Gymnastics – Y2 from 15/6/23
- Friday – Y4/5 Football for boys and for girls

We also have Active Start clubs that run from 8:10am as follows:

- Tuesday – KS2
- Thursday – KS2
- Friday – Y1/2

Easter Egg Hunting

The Friends of Greenfield Gardens are organising an Easter Egg trail in Greenfield Gardens. It will take place at 10am until 12pm on Saturday 1st April. All are welcome.

FrOG have their Great Greenfield Egg Hunt between 7th - 16th April 2023. The entry forms have been sent out for those that purchased them. Search for the Greenfield class eggs around the Old Quarter and make a note of the house numbers where they are located. Bring your winning numbers to school on Monday 17th April to claim your prize. By taking part, you are entered into the Easter MEGA DRAW for a chance to win a big Easter prize!

Easter fun for all the family at DBleisure

There's no need for youngsters to be bored over the holidays with lots of fun to be had at Dudley borough leisure centres this February half term. Duncan Edwards, Crystal, Halesowen leisure centres and The Dell Stadium have plenty of activities to entertain the kids, including free swimming, NEW family water disco, £1 football sessions, brand-new soft play areas and SEN sessions. To find out more visit <https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/school-holiday-activities>

PE and Keeping Fit

Did you know that every class has two hours of PE every week at Greenfield? In the term that they are swimming, Y3 and Y4 pupils have extra as they also have to walk to and from the swimming pool. Reception pupils have more than two hours too, because on most days they are out practising on the balance bikes as well developing their motor skills on the climbing frame. We have built in many other opportunities for all pupils to be active and keep fit, such as organising playtime games with our Sports coach and our many sports clubs.

To make the most of PE lessons, it really helps when pupils can get changed quickly and independently. That's something you could help them practise at home. PE kits have been sent home today for washing over half term. Please ensure your child brings their kit back into school on the Monday they return. Many thanks😊

Attendance and Reporting Absences

We are continually 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. Please note the isolation period for Covid-19 for pupils is 3 days following the day of their test.

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. We will make every effort to meet with parents and provide the necessary support.

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. Click [here](#) for more information. If you require before or afterschool club, please contact the school office for access to the online booking forms on ParentMail. 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 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.

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. There is a link to the allergen information next to a meal option. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has.

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 Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State 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 (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

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 31 st March	Pupils break up for Easter
Monday 17 th April	Pupils return to school
Friday 21 st April	Vision screening for Reception pupils
Friday 21 st April	Y5s and Y5/6C classes pupils visiting Redhill for Science
Monday 24 th April	Sleep workshop for parents
Wednesday 26 th April	Reception visit Little Owl Farm
Monday 1 st May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 th May	InSET/Polling Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 8 th May	School closed for (extra) Bank Holiday – Coronation
w/c 8 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 12 th May	PM – Y5 puberty sessions with school nurse
Monday 15 th May	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 16 th May	AM Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 17 th May	AM Y4 Bikeability – Group 2
Wednesday 17 th May	AM Y5/6 at Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
Wednesday 24 th May	Y6 puberty/growing up sessions with school nurse
Friday 26 th May	School discos (Infants 3:30-4:15pm, KS2 4:30-5:30pm)
Friday 26 th May	Pupils break up for half term
Monday 5 th June	Pupils return to school
Friday 9 th June	PM Y6 transition Road Safety sessions
Tuesday 13 th June	Class/Group photographs
Thursday 15 th June	AM Y4 health and hygiene sessions with school nurse
Friday 16 th June	Y5 Visit to Bishop's Wood
Thursday 29 th June	PM Y5 at Stourbridge schools music festival (OSH)
Friday 7 th July	Summer Fair, 3:30pm
Wed 12 th -Fri 14 th July	Y6 Residential visit to Pioneer Centre (3 days, 2 nights)
w/c 17 th July	Y5/6 Performances (days and times TBC)
Tuesday 25 th July	End of summer term/school year

Parents can check term dates and InSET days, including for 2023/24, on our website

<https://greenfield.dudley.sch.uk/term-dates/>

