



Greenfield Primary School



'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'

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

Here we are again at the end of another school year. I honestly cannot believe how quickly they fly by and how quickly the children grow and move on. It has been a busy year and a busy term, with so much fantastic learning. It is lovely to hear the children talking in depth about their science, history and geography topics. I have been especially impressed with the children's writing, their artwork and some super DT projects this term. Pupils from Y1 to Y6 have had tests and assessments recently, and we are really pleased with the progress they have made. We are especially pleased with their outcomes in the statutory assessments.

As usual there have been lots of other exciting activities this term. From performances to sports days and trips out, the children have had a wonderful time and made lots of memories. Some of the children have written about some of these experiences in our newsletter.

This has been a very busy final couple of weeks for our Year 6 pupils. They have been excited to visit their secondary schools, while practising for the fantastic production they put on with Year 5 last week. They also went on their fun packed residential to the Pioneer Centre. They have been a brilliant cohort, always tackling everything with great gusto; we are really proud of them, and we will definitely miss their enthusiasm. They have achieved so much so we know they will continue to do well at their secondary schools.

It is also time to bid farewell to Miss Meredith and Mr Reece. Miss Meredith has been a super teaching assistant supporting KS1, but she has been inspired to train as a radiographer in the NHS. Mr Reece completed his apprenticeship earlier in the year and we were fortunate to keep him on until the end of the summer term. Now he is embarking on a new adventure. We really appreciate everything they have done for the children of Greenfield. We will miss them both and wish them all the very best.

After a fantastic term and super year, I would like to thank pupils and staff for all their hard work. I hope everyone has a brilliant summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Stylianides



Year 5/6 Production of Jill and Fred's Most Hysterical Historical Adventure – by Imogen and Tilly, Year 6

The Year 5 and 6 production was an educational adventure for us all. It was a super fun experience to practice and then perform it in front of the whole school and parents. They all enjoyed it and gave great reviews. We practised at every opportunity to make it the best we could. The play involved the main characters going back in time to the Victorian times, Ancient Egypt, Viking Britain, the time of Queen Elizabeth I and World War 1. The starring roles of the play were Jill, Fred, Alexa, The teacher, Haremakhet, Ingrid and Queen Elizabeth 1. The production was a great opportunity for the children in Year 5 and 6 to showcase their talents.



County Show Summer Fair and Year 6 Mini Market – By Flossy and Trey, Y6

The mini market was an event held by a few Year 6 pupils. It was full of many different food shops and games such as the ice pop stall and netball shoot out. The goal of the mini market was to raise as much money as we could for Greenfield. We are pleased to say we were successful in raising £355 for the school.

A few weeks later, the summer fair took place. This was a huge event run by FRoG and it helped to raise much needed funds of £3,706 for school. The weather was great, and the many people attended and had a great time. Set up on the school playground were many games and stalls included candy floss and the very popular Bottle Hoopla. This is a yearly event and it most definitely a crowd pleaser.



Year 3 and 4 Roman trip to Wroxeter

On Monday, Years 3 and 4 visited the Roman ruins in Wroxeter. A place full of artefacts showing us how Romans used to live in Britain over 2000 years ago. We took part in lots of fun activities such as making mosaics, seeing a Roman town house, matching bricks from the Roman baths and having a tour of the ruins. Seeing the Roman town house was my favourite because I got to explore how a rich Roman might have lived. During the trip, we were also taught a little bit of Latin such as the word 'salve' which means welcome in English. *(By Eliza, Y4)*

Our trip to Wroxeter was AMAZING!!! We learned many things about Roman life in Britain including how they worked out before using the baths and also used something called a strigil to scrape off the dead skin and oil from their bodies. If they were a famous gladiator, they may have even sold bottles of their dead skin! I really enjoyed exploring the reconstructed town house that a rich Roman may have owned. It gave me an idea of how the Romans used to live. *(By Andrei, Y4)*

Overall, everyone really enjoyed our trip to Wroxeter. We learned many things and came back with a lot more knowledge about Roman life during Roman Britain. We had a guided tour of the ruins with a nice lady called Susanna who explained the layout of the Roman baths. One of the most, disgusting but funny parts, was learning about the latrines (toilets) where Romans used a sponge on a stick to wipe their bottoms. *(By Zebbie, Y4)*



KS2 Music Festival at OSH – By Matilda and Roslyn, Y5

Recently, Year 5 sang in the KS2 Music Festival at OSH with three other Stourbridge school. When we arrived, students from the OSH choir welcomed us to their school. They led us into the hall, and they sang two songs. After that, we did a quick music warm-up with the music teacher. Then, all the schools sang their songs. We sang two of our favourite songs from our play. Then we had a break and had biscuits and juice. All the schools also sang some songs together that we had all learned. To finish, we sang a few more songs with the music teacher. It was really fun!



Year 6 Pioneer Residential – by Olivia and Margot, Y6

Our time at the Pioneer Centre was an amazing experience for us all. The instructors were helpful and kind to us. The activities we took part in were fun and we all made lots of good memories there. The rafting was fantastic; we used teamwork to build them. Going out on the lake got us soaked, but it was worth it! During the high ropes there were a few different activities. Lots of us conquered our fear of heights while jumping off the 'leap of faith'. Breakfast, lunch and dinner all tasted really nice. At the campfire we played games and sang songs together. The banana competition was the best. The rooms we stayed in were perfect for us. Our journey to the Pioneer Centre was the best trip we've ever been on. It was a good way to end our time at Greenfield.



Sports Day – by Isobel and Isabelle, Year 6

During Sports Week, we had our Sports Day at OSH again this year; KS2 went in the morning and KS1 went in the afternoon. The House Captains planned and helped out with the activities and races. Heads and Deputies went along with KS1. Although it was very hot, it was a very enjoyable day and everyone had fun. The activities included: the sprint race, hurdles, long jump, javelin, bean bag throw and the speed bounce. It was a good chance for everyone to step out of their comfort zones and it was great to see so many people engaging well with all of the activities. Even though there was a selected winner for each event, everyone who took part was a winner!

The reception children had their first Sports Day in school. They all tried their best with the running, jumping and throwing activities. They were excited to receive their medal for taking part.





Year 5 Visit to Bishop's Wood – by Lottie, Year 5

On Friday 15th June, Year 5 went to Bishop's Wood to learn how to survive in the outdoors. We had so much fun with our guides.

First, we went outside and had to go round in groups of six to find pieces of A4 paper. We found the first one strung up in an oak tree and it said "Oak trees, you can eat the nuts called acorns which grown on them. You can also chop wood down to make fire". We found another 13 pieces of paper all with different items on that you might need to survive in the outdoors. When we had found them all, we had a discussion in our groups about which six items we thought would be the most useful.

Next, we had to match animal tracks to the animals which we though had made them. I found this the easiest activity. After this, we made traps for rabbits, but we almost caught two humans.

After we'd eaten our packed lunch, we headed out into the forest again to build ourselves a den. We had to plan out how to build our den and first we decided t to put a long stick across two trees and put tarpaulin over it. When our guide poured water over it no-one got wet, so our den was a success.

I think it was the best trip ever and all of Year 5 had a thoroughly great time.



Important Notice About School Building Improvements

As the summer holidays start, so will work on replacing our school roof. You might be aware that the roof has been springing leaks in numerous places due to it being at the end of its life. It is a huge relief to us that the local authority has prioritised this job, but it is a huge job, and it will not be finished before we return to school – in fact the work will cause some disruption until October half term at least. At the beginning of September, we will write to you with important information about safe access to school and any temporary arrangements that might be in place in terms of drop off and collection points.

New Class Names

Each year we choose a new name for our classes. This year they are real 'game changers', and we have chosen people who helped change the way we view the world. They are as follows:

- Walt Disney - Reception with Mr Sutton and Miss Emery
- Louis Braille - Y1 with Mrs Cattell and Miss Stephenson
- Marie Curie – Y1/2 with Mrs McGinnity
- Isatou Ceesay – Y2 with Miss Bull

- Isaac Newton – Y3 with Miss Smith
- Mary Anning – Y3/4 with Mrs Knapman and Mrs Hackett
- Galileo Galilei – Y4 with Miss Lewis and Mrs Price
- Neil Armstrong – Y5 with Mr Shepherd
- Thomas Edison – Y5/6 with Miss Cook
- Emmaline Pankhurst – Y6 with Mr Dove

School Uniform and Jewellery

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. Here's a link to our [uniform code](#). School logo items are available from [School Trends](#) as well as [Crested Schoolwear](#), who are also in the Ryemarket Shopping Centre in Stourbridge. School ties and book bags are also available from the school office. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid them ending up in our lost property pile.

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.

Please also remember that jewellery, except for a single pair of plain stud earrings and/or a wristwatch, is not allowed. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

FrOG News – from Ben Stockdale, Chair

Well FrOG have had another exciting and successful year! With our Christmas and Summer fairs, discos, coffee mornings and other events, we have managed to raise over £7,000 including a massive £3,700 at the Summer Fair. Through this fund raising, we have been able to support the school in several ways, including donating over £2,300 towards coach hire for transportation to various field trips for all classes, as well as other smaller donations towards the children's coronation crafts and time capsule and their Christmas panto.

We couldn't have done this without the support of everyone including our amazing volunteers, teachers and parents who attend our events. It has been great to see some new faces getting involved with FrOG this year. Without volunteers, we would not be able to do what we do. It would be great to see more people involved, so if anyone is interested then please let yourself be known. You can get in touch either by email at FRoG@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk or by contacting Ben on 07903 177726.

Before we end the year, we would like to say a special thank you to several actively involved Year 6 parents. They have gone above and beyond for FrOG whilst they have been Greenfield parents but, as their eldest children are leaving this year, they are hanging up their FrOG boots. So a huge thank you to Emma Kilbride, Rachel Hargreaves and Sarah Billingham, all of whom have donated so much time and effort to make FrOG a success; without their experience and support we wouldn't have been able to do half of what we have done. Thank you so much, you will be greatly missed from the team.

We are now looking ahead to next year's calendar. We will be holding our first event, a quiz night, on the 29th September - further details will follow soon – and a Halloween disco just before half term. Then we will be holding some Christmas events later in the term. We will start the year with our AGM which we are holding in the school on the 12th September at 7.00pm. This will provide an opportunity for anyone who wants to get involved with FrOG to come along, learn what FrOG is all about and hopefully join the committee. We will send a reminder the first week after the summer holiday.

Thank you again for all your support and hope everyone has a great summer.

Wraparound Care with Active Care

This will be provided by Active Care from September 2023. The morning club is available from 7:30am and the afterschool session is available until 6:00pm. Parents should register and book places in advance with Active Care to ensure a place.

- Annual contracts are ideal if you require the same days or sessions every week and want to secure your child's place. Invoices are sent on a monthly basis and are charged in advance of your childcare provision.
- Ad hoc sessions are suitable for working parents that work shift or irregular work patterns. These sessions allow you to book as and when you need childcare. Ad hoc sessions are subject to availability and require parents to log into the booking system each time you wish to book a session.

Please register as soon as possible to secure your space for September. Click on the link and select the option for parents, then "Book Now" to start your registration. <https://www.rbactivecare.co.uk/>

School Lunches with new catering provider Shire Services

From September 2023, the cost of a paid meal will be £2.50. Please remember to order school lunches on ParentMail by midnight the day before, including if your child is entitled to a free meal. For food allergen and intolerance information please contact the school office and we will arrange for Shire Services to call you to discuss. Please keep us up to date with any allergies or special dietary requirements your child has. You can view the new menu for September on this [link](#).

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, please do sign up if you are eligible because this impacts on the school's normal budget and not just on any additional funding.** 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

Our school office staff are also happy to help if you need any assistance.

Keeping Us Updated

If there are any changes to your child's family circumstances, please inform us as soon as possible so that we can update their school record. Please also keep us up to date with any changes to their home address or changes to the telephone numbers of their named contacts.

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.

Important Dates and Term Dates

Tuesday 25 th July	End of summer term/school year
Monday 4 th September	InSET Day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th September	InSET Day, school closed to pupils
Wednesday 6 th September	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 12 th September	Y4 class (Miss Lewis & Mrs Price) start swimming
Friday 29 th September	Y5 Mini-Olympics event
	FrOG Quiz Night
Wednesday 25 th October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 27 th October	Halloween Discos
	Break up for half term
Monday 13 th November	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 6 th November	Pupils return to school
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January	Pupils return to school
Friday 12 th January	Young Voices at Birmingham Resorts World Arena

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



*Goodbye and all the best to our wonderful Year 6 of 2023.
You have all been amazing and we are so proud of you!*