



# Greenfield Primary School

*'Everyone can grow in a Greenfield!'*

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## End of Term Round Up of News and Important Information – March 2024

What an incredibly short but busy term it has been. The children have learned so much and there have been some fantastic opportunities to enrich their learning. We have really enjoyed seeing their talents too, through their performances in Eisteddfod and in the Y3/4 production. You'll see from the children's articles that they have done so much and had a great term.

As you know, we were inspected by Ofsted last week. It has been 14 years since Greenfield has received a thorough inspection and everything is a lot different to how it was back then. We have been expecting a visit for a while, so it was a relief to when the inspectors finally came – just in time before I leave – and we could finally show off all the work we have done. Due to the Ofsted processes and the Easter holidays, it will be a few weeks before parents know the outcome and receive a copy of the final report.

After four fantastic years at Greenfield, I am sad to be saying goodbye to everyone today. I will miss the brilliant children and their love of learning and endeavour. I will miss their warmth, kindness and energetic personalities; I have felt blessed coming to work each day and watching them grow. They have made me immensely proud.

I will also miss all the wonderful staff. They are an incredibly hard working, dedicated team, and they do all they can to provide the children with a well-rounded education and help them be the best they can be. From the excellent teachers, terrific teaching assistants, superb office staff, marvellous lunchtime staff and site staff, everyone does their very best for every single child.

These have been the best four years, but probably the craziest in my career too. I could not have imagined that my tenure would begin with a pandemic and that we would have to send everyone home to learn. I could not have imagined one-way systems, class/social distancing, LFT tests, isolation periods and face masks and I never want to again! Of course, this year we have had to put up with all the roof work and feeling like we are on a building site – at least we know there are worse things.

I would like to say a massive thank you to every pupil, member of staff, parent, governor and member of the Greenfield community, for their support and partnership over the years. I have felt immensely welcome, and I am incredibly proud of all we have achieved together.

As I hand over the reins to the very capable Mrs Remmers, I am certain Greenfield will be in safe hands and continue to grow ready for Mr Darby arriving in September. My thoughts will be forever with you, and I wish everyone the very best for the future. Thank you for everything.

Hope you have a brilliant Easter break. The staff look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

*Mrs Stylianides*







### **Greenfield Eisteddfod – by Zebbie & Martin, Year 5**

Each year we hold an Eisteddfod which is a celebration of the arts. There are four categories. These are: music, singing, dance and poetry. It is a competition, so we always have judges to choose the winners. This year our judges were Diana and Pastor Dave from the Hope Baptist Church and Reverend Sarah from Saint Thomas's Church. Everyone in the school really enjoyed watching the competition. The judges gave out bronze, silver and gold medals for 3rd, 2nd and 1st place. The children participating in the Eisteddfod tried really hard and they loved showing off their talents, even if they didn't win anything. We can't wait for next year's one.



### **Y3/4 Performance of Hansel & Gretel – by Charlotte and Theo, Year 4**

This term in Year 3 and 4, we have been practising for our play. It is called Hansel and Gretel. We have had lots of fun singing, dancing and performing. We particularly enjoyed practising The Bird Song, as it is a funny song. Although we were very nervous about performing in front of an audience, everyone worked really hard to put on a fantastic show. We hope that you enjoyed it, especially the props!



### **Y6 Residential at Pioneer Centre – by Esmae, Year 6**

Our residential to the Pioneer Centre, this year, was amazing! There were lots of activities for us to do including: caving, raft building, abseiling, archery, high-ropes, rock climbing, an obstacle course, ziplining and even a campfire! I loved sleeping in my room and playing games with my friends. My favourite activity was caving, especially when we turned our torches off and it was pitch black. On the last day, we played games and prizes were given out to the most confident and resilient pupils. There was even a prize for the tidiest room - which, sadly, I didn't win. I thought the residential was really fun and everyone had a great time.





### **Y5 Trip to Bishops Wood – by Finley L, Year 5**

Last Tuesday, Year 5 went on a trip to Bishops Wood. We went there as part of our topic on Extreme Earth to learn about survival skills. We had a great time doing many different activities. We made shelters, a signal for help and we also found ways to gather rainwater, although we didn't manage to collect any as it didn't rain. We also made our own traps for animals and made fire. It was a super trip, and we now feel ready to survive anything.



### **World Book Day – by Ava M, Year 6**

At Greenfield Primary we love reading and we love to celebrate World Book Day. On World Book Day, everyone came to school dressed as their favourite characters and we had a variety of different costumes like Oompa Loompas, a dinosaur - we even had MC Grammar! Throughout the day we heard many different stories being read to us by parents and different adults in school. They included some of our favourite stories like The Gruffalo, Funny Bones and Oi Cat. Everyone had a lovely day, and we can't wait for the next World Book Day!



### **Y5 Redhill Maths Lesson – by Josh & Darcie, Year 5**

Last Thursday, was National Pi Day and six Year 5 pupils were lucky enough to go to Redhill to do some more challenging maths. We learned some Pi numbers and did some code cracking. The Greenfield children solved the codes first and they won a Freddo and a lollipop. We learned how to find the diameter, radius and circumference of different circles. Throughout the day we were asked to recall the Pi numbers that we had to memorise and the person who could remember the most won a certificate. It was a great morning!





### **Y3/4 Visit to the Black Country Museum – by Maxi, Year 4**

This term, Year 3 and 4 went to the Black Country Living Museum. We walked through the Victorian streets and visited the shops and houses. My favourite part was the school. The Head Teacher at the school was very strict and had a cane! In the school, the boys had to sit on one side and the girls had to sit on the other side. We practised our three R's, reading, writing and arithmetic. I had lots of fun with my friends and learnt lots about the Victorian era.



### **Chick, Chick, Chick, Chicken! by Ellie & Maddison, Year 6**

This term, in Key Stage 1, the children had a delivery from Living Eggs. The eggs were placed in an incubator and eventually they hatched into baby chicks. The children were very excited to watch the chicks hatch and grow. They were fascinated by them, and some children even gave them names. The chicks were adorable, and everyone was sad to see them go but they knew that they were going to love their new homes.

### **After School Clubs**

We have lots of clubs on offer each week, providing lots of opportunities for pupils to stretch the skills and talents. Here's an update on the clubs running after Easter:

- Monday – Y3-5 Cricket with Ace Coaching – *spaces available*
- Tuesday - Neat Feet Dance – contact directly for spaces
- Wednesday – Y3/4 Music Fitness (*last session is 10<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Wednesday – Y1 Art Club (*last session is 10<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Wednesday – Y3/4 Athletics (*starts 17<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Wednesday – Y5/6 Art Club (*starts 17<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Thursday – Y5/6 Archery (*last session is 18<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Thursday – Y3/4 STEM Club (*last session is 18<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Thursday – Y1 gymnastics (*starts Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April*)
- Friday – Y3-6 Girls and Boys Football with Ace Coaching – *spaces available*

Where all places have been allocated, we refer to waiting lists if a place becomes available.

### **Class Assemblies**

The children really enjoy organising their class assemblies and it is lovely to see their confidence sharing important messages. Here are the assembly dates for the rest of the year to pop in your diary:

- Y1 Braille Class - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Y4 Galileo Class - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Y3/4 Anning Class - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Y3 Newton Class - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Reception Class – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Friends of Greenfield School - FrOG News**

Whilst it has been a short term the FrOG team have tried to fit in as much as possible.

Firstly, well done to those who received their red envelope we hope it brings good luck to you.

Next, we would like to thank all those who helped organise the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. It was a great effort and a really lovely event; we hope everyone who attended enjoyed their afternoon of cake!

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who entered our Wonka Bar Competition and congratulations to those who managed to find the five golden tickets - enjoy your prizes!

Now looking ahead to the summer term, and will be holding our first meeting on Tuesday 9th April. We will send out a reminder the first week back but would welcome anyone who wants to come along.

We have already started to plan some events for next term so here are some dates for your diary:

- 26th April - quiz
- 24th May - end of term disco
- 5th July - Summer Fair

As ever we can't put on the events without everyone's help so, if anyone is interested in getting involved, please get in touch with either Ben (07903177726), by emailing Frog (frog@greenfield.dudley.sch.uk) or just by speaking to someone who is already involved.

Happy Easter from the FrOG Team

### **School Lunches**

School lunches are supplied by Shire Services. If you would like your child to have school lunches, you can order them on ParentMail by midnight the day before, including if your child is entitled to a free meal. The cost of a paid meal is £2.50. 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 menu 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, 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](http://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](mailto: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

### **Wraparound Care with Active Care**

Active Care provide wraparound childcare from 7:30am and until 6:00pm. Parents need to register and book places in advance directly 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.

Click on the link and select the option for parents, then 'Book Now' to start your registration.

<https://www.rbactivecare.co.uk/>

### **Attendance and Reporting Absences**

It can be difficult to make the decision about whether to keep your child off school when they are unwell. This [link](#) is for an NHS advice page called 'Is my child too ill for school', which will hopefully help with your decision.

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

### **Important Dates and Term Dates**



Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Pupils break up for Easter
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Vision screening for Reception children
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception on Little Owl Farm Visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	InSET/Polling Day – School closed to pupils
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	InSET Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for Bank Holiday
W/c 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
W/c 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	KS1 RAF Cosford Visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	FrOG Discos and pupils break up for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 RSE sessions with School Nurse
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability for Y5 and Y4 pupils
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – AM for KS2 and PM for KS1
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y3 Mini-Olympics at St James's CE Primary
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y5 French Visit to King Edward's College
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 at Stourbridge Schools Music Festival at Ridgewood School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 pupils at Stourbridge Schools Music Festival
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Performances
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Prom
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 9:15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of school year for pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	InSET Day

Parents can check term dates and InSET days, including those for 2024/25, on our website

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









