



GGL Federation (Greenside, Griffin & Lena Gardens)



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Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

We are so happy to welcome everyone back to Greenside this week – the beautiful summer months have been glorious and we hope each and every one of you enjoyed a peaceful time with your daughters & sons – no doubt everyone will be ready for the new term!

September always brings such hope and optimism and the autumn colours and air is even beginning to creep into our lives in this 1<sup>st</sup> week back. Our Greenside Staff started the term officially on Monday and we spent 2 days preparing for the term ahead and 1 day with our colleagues from GGL, on site here at Greenside, taking part in a series of exciting workshops and planning some fab GGL student events for the year ahead. Eventually Thursday arrived and our students came too and we were so happy to see them all!

Today I want to share a few pieces of information & news about things that are happening in the 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks of term. Our 1<sup>st</sup> official Newsletter will be published on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September – if you have a new/ change of email address please let the office know. May we also remind parents/ carers to register any new mobile numbers with the office too.

We are thrilled to announce that Daniel Mahara got married over the summer and send huge 'congratulations' to Daniel and his new wife Kelly. Those of you who remember Bec Tossell will also be pleased to share the news that she and Liam got married in Australia too and they had a wonderful time.

### **Summer Messages**

Thank you to all those students who sent me Summer Messages at the start of August – I had lots of fun hearing about the interesting things people were doing and added a section to our 'Greenside Archive' for future generations to enjoy.

### **Meet My Teacher**

Our 'new' & 'old' Teachers are all set for the year ahead and would love to meet you all to tell you about the year ahead at 3.45pm as follows:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Y1 – Katie Trapp & Y2 – Laura Gilroy

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Y3 – Joanne Rundle, Y4 – George Webber & Claire Davis

Y5 – Hannah Croucher & Y6 – Daniel Mahara

Do pop along and meet them all!

### **Arrivals & Departures**

May we remind all our parents/ carers that we always need to be extra vigilant when using our main Foyer entrance to Greenside to ensure the highest level of safeguarding. Students are not allowed to open the main door even if they know the person knocking. We ask our parents/ carers not to let other people in too and allow the Office staff to person this entrance at all times.

In the mornings our Nursery & Reception students should be taken to the Hall where they will be met by the EYFS Team; everyone else lines up in the playground.

Parents/ carers may only go through the main corridor when accompanied by a Greenside member of staff -



we would like to reiterate that this is a 'rule' we must put in place to ensure safeguarding and we appreciate your support!

In the evenings our Reception, Y1 and Y3 students are dismissed from the Hall.

Our Nursery families can collect students from the classroom via the slope and Y1 class.

Y2 may be collected from the slope entrance and everyone can be collected from the playground.

A reminder that the bell is rung at 8.55am each morning.

Only Y6 students may go home alone with a permission letter from their family - all younger students must be collected at 3.30pm.

### **The Curriculum 2018-2019**

Our STAR Days this year will take place on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday with an overall theme of 'Who Am I?' We start with exploring Comedy & Tragedy through our films and we will be building on the fantastic achievements of our Test Ready results last year.

Our STAR Day plans are on the website ready for you to read and share – please get back to your daughter/son's new Class Teacher with any questions.

Our Thursday Crew Days will take place across 2 year groups each week in the autumn term: Nursery & Reception, Y1 & Y2, Y3 & Y4 and Y5 and Y6. Our World Ready, ICB days will start with an exploration within each shared class of a Shakespeare play and we are all very excited at how we can develop our curriculum model, ensure greater challenge and independence – it's a new way of learning and a great opportunity for us to build on the good things from Film Crews and..... make sure we are even better this year. Please check the calendar below to see the date for our Parent/ carer workshop and come and find out more!

### **Secondary Transfer**

It's that time of the year when our Y6 families are busy making important decisions about secondary schools. Please make a note in your diary that we have invited our local Secondary Heads to join us at 6.00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. They will make a short presentation about their schools and then answer questions from the audience followed by a chance for you all to talk informally if you so wish. All of our Y5 and Y6 parents/ carers are most welcome as are our students.

### **PE/ Sports**

A reminder that PE/ Sports will continue each Friday and students in Y1-Y6 should come in their correct kit each Friday morning. Tomorrow students should wear their PE kits ready for some sort of early physical activity!

Our Reception Class Teacher will confirm the days when they will need their PE kits each week.

### **New Head Girl & Boy Team**

If your daughter/ son has moved into Y6 please ask them to share their letter about the new Team. We look forward to receiving their application letters by 9.00am next Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> September). Good luck everyone!

### **Great Expectations!**

I am very excited to announce that in the week before half term we will be performing a Greenside version of Dickens' **Great Expectations**.

I will be talking to our students about it today.

Please see the audition application at the end of this letter to be returned on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September** so that we can audition and get started asap – it's a great script!

### **Attendance**

Each summer the DfE researches the links between GCSE attainment & attendance – there is no doubt that excellent attendance between the ages of 5-16 enhances progress & exam results. At the Primary stage we are looking to encourage excellent habits and attitudes that help our young people understand the important



of attending school every day. Alongside learning there is also the social benefit of being with friends and peers and being 'part of something' within the class and Greenside which is more powerful if you are part of it everyday.

We appreciate there are times when students are unwell and unable to come to school but in order, to start the journey of great habits and ultimate success we ask you to work with us to promote 100% attendance for your daughter/ son.

This year George Webber is excited to announce how we will be rewarding those students who achieve 100% attendance. Each time a student achieves 100% for one week, they will be entered into a prize draw - the more weeks you attend for 100% the more chances you have to win! At the end of each half term there will be the grand draw and prizes will be won. Students who attend for 100% of the year will be celebrated at the end of the summer

### **The Greenside Food Experience**

This is a reminder that all of our students from Nursery to Y5 are expected to have a school lunch every day. Only our students in Y6 are allowed to have a packed lunch as they were with us in KS2 before we began the Food Experience. Please ensure that the office have all the correct details regarding any allergies your daughter/ son might have. All of our lunches can be paid for via School Money. If you need any information or advice on applying for Free School Meals please come and see Jess or Kelly in the Office asap - remember if you are entitled to apply please do so - not only will your family benefit but this brings in additional benefits and money to Greenside too - please claim if you can!

### **Greenside & Good Chance**

Over the summer I have been talking with the **Good Chance** charity and they have been doing some wonderful work in Paris and they have started working on some new projects around the world to support Refugees. If any parents/ carers haven't seen **The Jungle** at the Playhouse theatre – Embankment – if you get a chance to go and see it during the West End run (it's on until the beginning of November) please do – it's a great play and supporting **Good Chance**.

Last year you may remember our students were amazing and supported the charity raising £15,000. We will be looking to support the project in the autumn term and we'll be back with more details. Initially we're looking to recreate our GGL **Good Chance** Money Boxes. This year we are asking all our students to make a moneybox based on their own favourite film. We'd like your family to keep them at home until half term and just collect any loose change you may have over those 6 weeks – just collecting pennies would be great remembering the Greenside mantra '*Every penny, every 'p' goes to help a Refugee*'. In the week before half term we will ask everyone to bring in their Film inspired Money Boxes with their change to share. I will also donate £1.00 for every box brought in – potentially allowing Greenside to raise a further £250. We hope your family will have great fun this week and next making Film Money Boxes for **Good Chance**. If you can send me a picture when they are made I can send this to the **Good Chance** and **The Jungle** Team! Thank you in advance.

### **Greenside Patchwork Quilts**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September is World Peace Day – at Greenside we will be making Peace Cranes and Patchwork Quilts during the day alongside our normal Friday learning.

We would like every Greenside student to be represented in our quilts. As such we ask that they each bring in a 20 x 20 cm square piece of material over the next couple of weeks (before 21<sup>st</sup> Sept) to contribute to the quilts. Students may like to bring in a square of material from an old item of clothing that they have or in their favourite colour – if it tells a little story about them and/or your family that would be wonderful. If you have any spare pieces of fabric/ material that could donate to the project please bring this in for us to use. We will, of course, have material available for students to use too.

The quilts we make will then be given to Refugees.

We would love to invite any Parents/ carers or family members to join us from 9.00am – 10.30am to



embroider/ make their own patchwork square as part of our Greenside community. Please just email me if you would like to come along: [kbs@greensideschool.org](mailto:kbs@greensideschool.org)

### A Greenside Baby!

We are thrilled to announce the birth of a new baby boy, Tristan! He was born on Monday 3rd September (just in time for the new term). He is just adorable! Ms Vanderpas is well and sends her best wishes to everyone for the new year (especially Y2!) Laura and Tristan have promised to visit very soon!

### After School Provision

Just to let parents/ carers know that we are looking at a possible way to support with our students accessing the after school provision that we believe may have spaces at St. Stephens and looking at other options with Isabel Dodd (Lilac's Mother (Y2)). In the meantime if you are interested in the St. Stephen's option please contact Isabel.

### Greenside Family Calendar

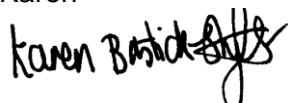
Autumn Term 1 - 2018		
<b>Week 2</b>		
All Week		Students to bring Patchwork Quilt squares
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Great Expectation audition applications to KBS
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	3.45pm	KS1 – Meet My Teacher
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Y4 Trip
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	3.45pm	KS2 – Meet My Teacher
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Y6 Head Girl & Boy applications to KBS
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Open House
<b>Week 3</b>		
All Week		Students to bring Patchwork Quilt squares
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	100% Attendance Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Parents/ Carers invited to Film Crews
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00pm	Secondary Transfer Evening
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	All Day	Newsletter published
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	9.00am	Parents/ Carers invited to Patchwork Quilt making
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	PM	Mayor's Cup
<b>Week 4</b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Students to Cricket at the Oval – meet Alec Stewart
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Coffee Morning - Nursery & Reception Families
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	GGL – Y2 event at Lena G
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
<b>Week 5</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	All Week	Quick Progress Check-in with Families
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Day	GGL – Y6 Writing Event
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.00am	Parent/ Carer ICT & E-safety Workshop
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	National Poetry Day - <b>Change</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Newsletter published
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	Mayor's Cup
<b>Week 6</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	All Week	Data Capture 1



Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
<b>Week 7</b>		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	<b>Great Expectations</b> Rehearsal
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Nursery Sharing with Families
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Reception Sharing with Families
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	<b>Great Expectations</b> – public performance
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Newsletter published
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	GGL – Y5 Event at Griffin
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	Mayor's Cup
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Half Term Holiday begins
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	8.55am	Autumn Term 2 Begins

Wishing you all a wonderful Greenside year ahead.

Karen



### GREENSIDE FILM FACTORY

#### Great Expectations Audition Application

Student Name:		Year Group
Please tick if you have one choice only or write 1, 2, 3 in order of preference if you would like to be considered for more than one type of role		
1.	Main acting role	
2.	Supporting acting role	
3.	Singing role	
4.	Dance role	
5.	Backstage role	
Please return to KBS – paper version or email by Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept. <a href="mailto:kbs@greensideschool.org">kbs@greensideschool.org</a>		
Parent/ carer signature:		
Date:		

