

# NEWSLETTER

Inspire Challenge Nurture

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## Headteacher's Message

As the academic year of 2024 draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate our successes. Our children have grown, learned, and developed, preparing for the next phase of their journey. Whether they are transitioning from Nursery to Reception, Year 2 to Year 3, or Year 6 to Secondary School, our school values and beliefs have equipped them for these important steps. Every day, our pupils are encouraged to Inspire, Nurture, and Challenge. We are confident that we have prepared them to be both 'World Ready' and 'Test Ready.'

This year has been filled with memorable highlights. We enjoyed the whole school pantomime of *Cinderella Rockerfella*, celebrated music at the summer festival featuring ABBA, and were captivated by the Year 6 performance of *Annie*. We had endless end product celebrations, over 40 trips all over London, and a whole school visit to the planetarium. Our Ugly Bug Ball, the visit from a beekeeper, and the whole school walk were unforgettable experiences. We also cherished Cultural Fortnight, the special Mother's and Father's Day lunches, and the incredible Sports Day at Shepherds Bush Cricket Club.

As this has been my first year as headteacher of Greenside, I am particularly proud of how our community has come together to support and inspire one another. I have been continually impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, and parents. Building on our successes, we look forward to even greater achievements in the coming years.

To our outstanding Year 6 students, we bid you a warm farewell. Throughout this year, you have demonstrated your capability, kindness, and thoughtfulness. Your courageous decisions have shown that you are well-prepared to become exemplary global citizens. We wish you a brilliant future ahead and invite you to return and update us on your achievements. Remember, we will always be here for you.

I would also like to extend a special farewell to the staff members who are moving on. Your hard work, passion, and dedication have made a significant impact on our school community. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in your new ventures.

For now, have a wonderful summer holiday. Enjoy the outdoors, rest, recharge, and we look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 4th September for a brand new school year.

**Ms Saving**  
**Headteacher**

## A Message from Mr Tilden

After five and a half years at Greenside Primary School, the time has finally come for me to move on. The decision was far from easy as this school has become synonymous with what I love about teaching and about living in London: a strong sense of adventure, excitement, curiosity, and community. In every moment, every teacher, child, staff, parent and carer, and even dog and cat, has been so kind, warm, and loving, that it's made my time here truly unforgettable. While it's hard to believe that I won't be returning in September, I know that everything I learnt at Greenside will continue in my next steps as a teacher. Thank you to everyone I met along the way!

## A Message from Ms Gilroy

Well, what can I say? Greenside has been my second home since I qualified as a teacher in 2018, and so it's hard to imagine not seeing the wonderful community that it is every week. I couldn't be more grateful for all of the help and support, advice, laughs and wonderful experiences that the children, staff and families have given me over the years. Whilst I'm sad to be leaving, I'm excited for my new venture in Vietnam and will definitely be taking a part of Greenside and all that I've learned with me. I wish everyone the best of luck and can't wait to see how the children are progressing when I make my visits back to London. Thank you, for everything.

## PODCAST

We're excited to announce that the latest episode of our school's podcast is now live! A huge thank you to Mr. Tilden for his incredible dedication and skill as our former host—your contributions have been truly invaluable. We're also thrilled to welcome Ms. Stringer as our new host. With her enthusiasm and fresh perspective, we're sure she'll bring a fantastic new energy to the show. Be sure to tune in and enjoy the latest episode as we embark on this new chapter of our podcast journey!



## Instagram

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Tilden for his exceptional dedication to all things photography and for keeping our Instagram feed vibrant and up-to-date. His hard work has truly showcased our school's special moments and achievements. As Mr. Tilden transitions to new endeavours, we're excited to announce that Ms. Self will be stepping in to continue this important role. We're confident that Ms. Self will capture and highlight our most memorable experiences with the same enthusiasm and skill.

Thank you, Mr. Tilden,  
and welcome Ms. Self!



## PE Message from Ms Self

Greenside have had a wonderful final term of sport, filled with memorable events and notable achievements. From two fantastic Sports Days to reaching the quarter-finals in various tournaments, it has been a summer to be proud of. The EYFS Sports Day was a real joy, while the KS1 and KS2 Sports Days demonstrated how far the school has come in fostering athletic talent and teamwork. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped set up, Shepherds Bush Cricket Club for hosting us, and all attendees who supported the events. In tournaments and competitions, the Greenside Boys Football Team secured 3rd place in the local league, and the girls placed 5th. The boys' cricket team played exceptionally well, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals. In the annual Mayor's Cup Football Competition, the girls performed remarkably, also just missing the semi-finals. Overall, it has been an exciting and rewarding term of sports for Greenside. We look forward to seeing what future holds for us going into next year.



## House Points Final Counts!

🎉 Congratulations to the Green Apples for their outstanding victory at the end of the year! 🌟 Your hard work, dedication, and team spirit have truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievement.

As we look ahead to September, we're excited to announce a refreshing change for the new school year. Our house names will be blooming with a vibrant new theme—flowers!

🌸🌻🌺 Each house will be renamed after a beautiful flower, and both pupils and staff will be reassigned to these newly named houses. This reshuffling is designed to give everyone the chance to make new friends and collaborate with different classmates, fostering fresh connections and teamwork.

We can't wait to see how this new chapter unfolds and how it will inspire and enrich our school community. Stay tuned for more details and get ready for a year full of new beginnings and blossoming friendships! 🌻🌺



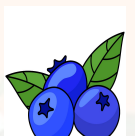
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# Summer in Photos...



## Message from Ms Finney

As we wrap up another amazing school year, I wanted to share a few thoughts and thank you all for making this such a special place.

To our incredible Year 6 leavers: I've known many of you since you were just 7 years old, and it's been such a joy watching you grow into the wonderful people you are today. As you head off to secondary school, remember to stay curious, be kind, and embrace every new adventure. Your future is so bright, and I can't wait to hear about all the great things you'll do. Good luck, Year 6!

To everyone at Greenside: Being your Assistant Headteacher is one of my absolute favorite things to be. Seeing you all grow and flourish over the years is truly rewarding. I can't wait to continue this journey with you and see what amazing things the future holds for each of you.

To our staff who are leaving: we will miss! Thank you for everything you've done for our school. To the families moving on, best of luck in the future, and thank you for being a part of our community.

And a huge thank you to all our incredible staff for a fantastic year! Your hard work and passion make this school such a special place.

Here's to more great years ahead, full of learning, growth, and wonderful memories.

**Ms Finney**  
Assistant Headteacher



## Our Greenside Playground

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Cici Lam and Robert Wong, two of our dedicated Greenside parents, for their incredible work on plans to update our Greenside playground.

Cici and Robert have carefully considered our vision and ethos, and they've also taken into account the feedback we received from the children and from you at the Summer Fair. Their hard work and thoughtful planning have resulted in something truly special, and we are very excited about the future of our playground.



## Summer Reading Challenge

As we dive into the summer holidays, we have an exciting challenge for you: our Summer Reading Adventure! Here's how it works:

1. **Read a Book Set in Another Country:** Travel the world through stories! Pick a book that takes place in a country you've never been to and learn about its culture and people.
2. **Read a Book Recommended by a Friend:** Share your favorite books with friends and read one of their top picks. It's a great way to discover new authors and genres.
3. **Read a Book That Became a Movie:** Find a book that has been turned into a film. After reading, watch the movie and compare the two. Which one did you like better?
4. **Read Outside:** Whether it's in your garden, at the park, or on the beach, enjoy the sunshine and fresh air while diving into a great book.
5. **Read a Book by an Author You've Never Read Before:** Explore new voices and perspectives by choosing a book from an author you've never read before.
6. **Create a Book Review:** After finishing a book, write a short review or draw a picture about it. Share your review with friends or family members and encourage them to read it too!

Complete at least four of these challenges and bring your list back to school in September. We'll have a special celebration for all our summer readers! Happy reading, everyone! Have a fantastic summer filled with adventures, both on and off the page.



### Residential Update

After a wonderful few years of Year 6 residential trips, we've listened to feedback and realised that one adventure is just not enough! We are thrilled to announce that this year, we are introducing residential trips for both Year 4 and Year 5 students.

We believe these experiences are incredibly important for our children's development, offering them opportunities to learn, grow, and bond outside the classroom.

### Uniform Reminder

We'd like to remind you that we have recently updated our school uniform to match the logo used on the rest of our platforms. We will be phasing out the old logo gradually, but in the interest of sustainability, we ask that you do not rush to purchase new items. Our aim is for this transition to happen naturally over time.

In the Autumn term, we gathered feedback on the logo at the school gates and were delighted with the positive responses we received. Since then, we've been consistently using the new logo on all new sports kits (football, cricket, gymnastics), as well as on head letters, our website, and social media accounts.



# Goodbye Year 6...

