

NEWSLETTER

Inspire Nurture Challenge
October 2024



Headteacher's Message

As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, we want to take a moment to extend a well done to all our children! Since returning to school in September, your hard work and dedication have truly shone through. We are so proud of the progress each child has made and the positive attitudes they bring to the classroom every day.

It's been wonderful to hear the beautiful sounds of music filling our school every Wednesday as our children begin to learn instruments. Music is such an important part of our school community, and we love seeing our young musicians thrive!

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term. We are excited to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you better. We hope to see you at our upcoming PTA Curry and Quiz Night—a fantastic opportunity to meet other families and have some fun together!

A big thank you goes out to all our families for your generous support in raising funds to improve our playground. Your contributions make a real difference in creating a safe and enjoyable space for our children to play and explore. Over the half term our playground works begin!

As we look ahead to Autumn Term 2, we have a very busy schedule planned! Get ready for the Spooky Disco, Year 3 Sleepover, our annual Panto, and the much-anticipated Nativity performances. It's going to be an exciting time filled with joy and laughter!

Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Ms Saving
Headteacher



Our Greenside Playground and Holiday Building Works

We are pleased to remind you that over the upcoming half-term break, several improvements will be taking place across the school, continuing our efforts to enhance the learning environment for our students and staff. These updates have been made possible thanks to your generous contributions and the thoughtful design work by IdeaDesign, with support from our former Greenside parents, Robert Wong and Cici Lam.

Among the planned updates, we will be refreshing the lines in the playground to make it an even more enjoyable space for play and outdoor activities.

After many years, we are refreshing the playground wall with new rendering, which means we'll be saying goodbye to the mural painted over 20 years ago, depicting different regions of the world. In conversations with families, as well as past and current staff, we explored the mural's significance to our Greenside history and found that it held little connection to our community's story. To honor our school's journey, we'll be photographing the mural to preserve it as part of our historical record, so that future families can look back and see how our school has evolved over the years.

Additionally, our kitchen team is looking forward to the installation of a new industrial dishwasher, which will improve the efficiency of meal times and help us better serve the children.

A Message from our PTA

We are truly grateful to work alongside our dedicated PTA, whose hard work continually drives positive change in our school. After the half-term, on 7th November, they will be hosting a Curry and Quiz Night, catered by our talented kitchen team. For anyone yet to sign up, please follow this link—we know firsthand how delicious the food will be!
<https://www.fofgps.com/shop>

Thanks to PTA support, we're thrilled to share that we now have a new library system from Reading Cloud, complete with a scanner, catalogued books, and more. They've also helped us purchase levelled KS2 books, and after half-term, we'll receive a quote for a new screen in the hall. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for helping make these incredible enhancements happen!



Tickets available at
<https://www.fofgps.com/shop>

Curry & Quiz Night

7pm Thursday 7th November
Greenside School

What's happening

DELICIOUS CURRY DINNER WITH HALAL AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS
FUN QUIZ WITH A VARIETY OF ROUNDS TO GET EVERYONE INVOLVED!
TABLES FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP SO JUST TURN UP AND JOIN IN!

Tickets £20 donation
All going towards Greenside School



Greenside Leaders 2024/25

We are proud to announce our Greenside Leaders for this academic year. After a process of writing a letter of application and interviews with Ms Saving and Ms Finney, children were chosen to lead areas of the school. This exciting opportunity has already begun to give the children invaluable experiences in writing letters of application and the interview process - something they will definitely use in the future.

They will be leading their own area of the school, taking responsibility for meetings and communicating with the rest of the school while helping to maintain and improve current practice. By assuming responsibility, they demonstrate a willingness to help others, to listen empathetically and to make sound decisions. These opportunities are also excellent for raising self-confidence within our children.

We wish them the best of luck and we know they will be amazing in their roles.




Head Boy: Magnus
Head Girl: Imogen
Deputy Head Boy: Ayub
Deputy Head Girl: Amber



House Captains:
Otto (Red Roses and Charity Rep)
Amaiah (Blue Bluebells)
Xhoeli (White Lillies)
Ella-Rose (Yellow Daffodils)



Early Years Leaders:
Sama
Darcy
Julie
Dounia
Jasmine
Brooke
Aya



Arts Leaders:
Maekele
Ciara
Layan
Victoria



Sports Leaders:
Lea
Lavin
Mehdi
Hanuf
Mark



Lunch Leaders:
Ghali
Hussein



Digital Leaders:
Lewis
Jose
Teddy
Maxwell



Radio Leader:
Leo

Winter Health Matters Giveaway Event

Winter Health Matters Giveaway Event – Friday, 6th December 2024

The Family Champions Project and Family Hubs Teams in Hammersmith & Fulham are excited to announce the yearly Winter Health Matters giveaway event, taking place on Friday, 6th December 2024, from 10am to 4pm at the Old Oak Community Centre (W12 0AP).

This event is open to parents, guardians, families, and residents aged 60+ in the H&F borough. Attendees can benefit from the following:

- Free Coat Giveaway (1 per person per household) – coats from ex-high street stores, designer brands, or high-quality pre-loved sources
- Free Arts & Crafts Packs for children (1 per child)
- Free Oral Health and Toiletry Kits
- Free Refreshments – tea, coffee, and light snacks
- Fruit and Veg Vouchers – Alexandra Rose Vouchers and Healthy Start Vouchers (if eligible)
- Vaccination Information and Roving Bus Vaccinations – MMR, flu, and COVID-19 vaccinations available
- Energy Saving Advice from Citizens Advice Hammersmith & Fulham
- Peabody Residents Support – speak with Neighbourhood Managers and log home repairs
- Jobs and Training Opportunities from H&F Works
- The event is a great opportunity to access vital health, wellbeing, and community resources. All Hammersmith & Fulham residents who could benefit from this support are encouraged to attend.

For more information or any questions, please reach out to the Family Hubs Team using this email address:

Christina.ifil@lbhf.gov.uk

House Competitions

Greenside celebrated National Fitness Day, and had our first sports house competition of the year where each class participated in different fitness circuits, whilst competing in their houses. National Fitness Day is the UK's biggest celebration of health and fitness, helping spread the message that your health is for life!

Today, we had an exciting house competition! The children enjoyed watching the film *Monsters, Inc.*, which sparked their creativity. Each house created their own unique door, inspired by the movie, and they also painted fun and spooky monsters onto pumpkins. It was a fantastic day filled with laughter, teamwork, and lots of artistic expression!

Please see below the totals for the houses so far this year (this is without parents' votes):



Black History Month so far...

This year's theme for Black History Month is "Reclaiming Narratives," and marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

We recently held a special workshop, "A Voyage to Mama Africa," on Monday 14th October for KS1 and KS2 pupils. The event was both engaging and educational, aiming to inspire the students with the rich history and culture of Africa through interactive activities and discussions. After the main event, each KS2 class had a dedicated 1-hour workshop to dive deeper into the topics.

In Early Years, Miss Thomas's dad visited the Reception class, where he shared his personal story and journey, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They also got hands-on with a fun activity, making their own carnival heads. Nursery had a unique introduction to the Windrush generation through song and created a fantastic art project to commemorate the theme.

After the holidays each class will be learning about the Black individual whose story has not always been well represented in history. Additionally, in PE lessons, pupils will learn the dance to the South African song "L2K - Jerusalema Chorégraphie Officiel." This vibrant dance will not only enhance their physical skills but also deepen their connection to the cultural significance of the piece.

We will also be hosting a food sharing event on **Wednesday 20th November (*change in date)** to which families will be invited to after the holidays. In the afternoon we will be performing the dance and after school we will be holding a celebration of the work we have done so far to supporting reclaiming narratives.



Donations

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our amazing parents for their generous contributions and support during our recent fundraising events. With your help, we were able to raise:

- **£582.56** from our bread sales,
- **£106.20** during the Macmillan Coffee Morning, and
- **£74.50** for Jeans for Genes Day.

Your donations make a huge difference, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support in helping us enrich the school community. Together, we are making a positive impact! Thank you again!

PE Message from Ms Self

This term, Ms Williams successfully began Netball Club for years 3 - 6. Pupils are developing their speed, agility and quick thinking as well as their hand-eye coordination. The turnout has been fantastic, and we are excited to see these skills develop, and put into practice. Thank you Ms Williams for managing!

KS2 Running Club has continued to successfully run, but as the leaves are changing colour, and the cooler temperatures come in, this will transition into a fitness club for those involved where circuits, strengthening and conditioning training will be developed. We will keep you updated on this.

Years 5 and 6 have started their exciting Mayor's Cup Journey. This highly valued and popular competition will take place across approximately over 10 matches between now and April. There will be a rotation of year 5 and 6 pupils who wish to take part in this competition over the course of the year. The boys have already won their first match, which was against tough competition, and the girls were able to start steadily with a well-earned draw. Go Greenside!



Greenside Visitors

This half-term, we were delighted to welcome several international and local visitors, each offering a unique perspective on education and school leadership.

First, a group from Hong Kong, hosted by Robert Wing and Cici Lim, visited to learn more about our enriching club offer at Greenside, provided by IdeaDesign. They explored the blueprint behind our clubs and toured the school to see how we integrate art and sustainability into our curriculum.

We also hosted a second group of school leaders from Hong Kong. Their focus is on improving access to the arts in schools, and it was a great networking opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss different approaches to education. We were particularly proud to share our Year 3's soil poetry project and the Reception children's bread-making activity.

Finally, we welcomed a group of London Head Teachers from the Elliot Foundation, who enjoyed visiting our classrooms and seeing the children fully engaged in their learning.

These visits were inspiring, and we are proud to showcase the creative and meaningful work happening at Greenside.



Music and Choir Update

As mentioned in our recent school letter, music is progressing well at Greenside through our partnership with the Tri-Borough Music Hub. We are very pleased to see so many children learning instruments and expanding their musical knowledge. Mr Cassidy has also brought his expertise in music technology, teaching our digital leaders how to operate equipment in the hall, which will further enhance our lessons.

We are pleased to announce that the Key Stage 2 Choir will resume after the school holidays. Their first performance will be at the school Christmas Fair on 7th December, and they will begin preparing for this after the break. We are also registered to take part in the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley Arena in March. The choir will rehearse songs for this event later in the academic year. If you do not intend for your child to participate in the concert, it may be best not to sign up for the choir at this time.

Choir practice will take place before school on Fridays, starting at 8:00 am and ending at 8:40 am, in time for children to go to class. There is no limit on the number of children who can join. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 and would like to take part, please contact Ms Finney via ClassDojo. A letter has also gone home today to provide more information.

In previous years, some children have come directly from breakfast club, but we request that all choir members arrive having already eaten, as singing and eating at the same time is not ideal.

We look forward to welcoming many of our young singers back to choir for the new term.

Clubs Update

We are excited to announce a new after school club: Tae Kwon Do. The session will be provided by a very experienced sabom (teacher) and is open to KS1 and KS2 children. This club will be running on Thursdays.

Our Friday gymnastics club for KS1 and KS2 has been so popular that we have decided to extend it to two days a week. After half term, we will also have a Wednesday session, which will be open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Please note that children already signed up for the Autumn gymnastics club will stay in the Friday sessions and will not be moved to Wednesday.

Booking details for both clubs will be shared with you before we return from the half-term break.

We are pleased to announce that, due to the high demand for our after school club this term, we are expanding our wraparound childcare provision. Starting soon, we will have 30 spaces available each day to better support our families.

Universal Credit Childcare costs

If you receive Universal Credit and are in paid work, you can claim back up to 85% of your childcare.

You can get help paying for childcare including nurseries, childminders, breakfast clubs, after school care and holiday clubs.

For more information: Universal Credit childcare costs - GOV.UK

Tax Free Childcare

If you are in work, you can set up an online Tax Free Childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provide- up to £2,000 a year.

Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK

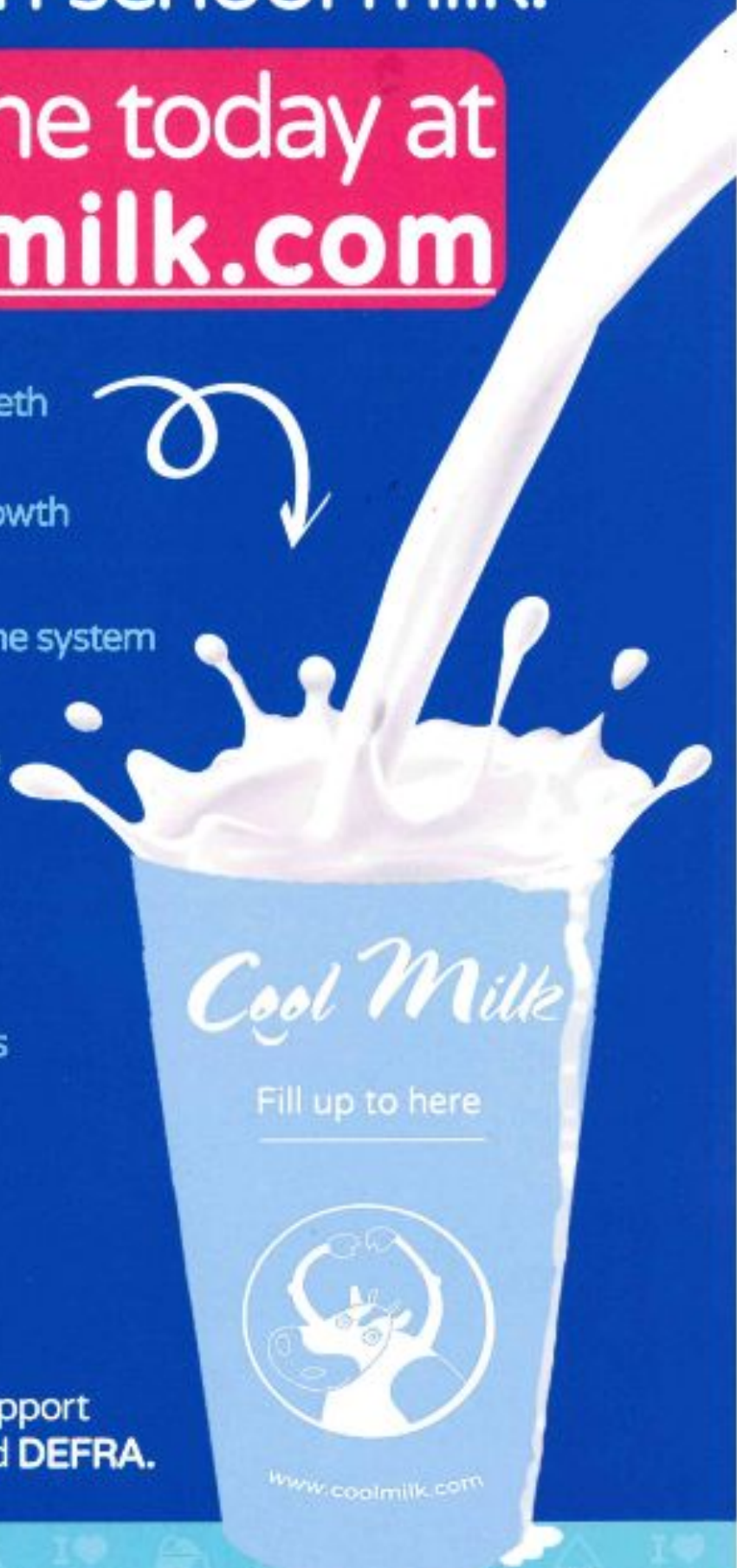
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- ✓ **Phosphorus** to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
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from the **Department of Health** and **DEFRA**.



For more information, ask a member of staff.

Attendance at Greenside

We are thrilled with the positive start to our school year, with attendance steadily climbing towards our 96% goal, thanks to everyone's efforts with the new attendance guidance. Improved attendance will directly boost children's learning and progress, so thank you for your support.

A few key reminders:

- Registers close at 8:55am. Arrivals after this time are marked as Late, resulting in an unauthorised absence. If lateness is unavoidable, please communicate with us.
- Notify us daily for absences, providing a reason, as unexplained absences will be marked as unauthorised. Ten unauthorised absences in ten weeks could lead to a referral.

Parents':

- Call us by 9am each day of absence.
- Notify us in advance of any medical appointments, providing documentation.
- If unsure whether your child is well, send them in; they may feel better on arrival.
- Have a backup for school drop-off if needed.

We are here to support your child's attendance—please do not hesitate to reach out. We check children's attendance every day and will contact you if we do not have a reason for their absence. If we cannot establish a reason for absence, we may carry out welfare checks at the child's home address.

Holiday Absences:

Please remember that term-time holidays are not authorised and must be reported to the Attendance team, potentially resulting in fines.

100 Push-Ups a Day for Cancer Research UK

25 days in, 2,500 push-ups done! How has it been? For most of it, it has been fun. The challenge, however, has been the lack of rest and the soreness. I have enjoyed doing push-ups with my daughter while Brian (the pup) gets in the way and I am so thankful for the support given by parents and carers as well as children.

Only 6 days left. Sounds easy (well, it certainly is compared to the 25 days I've completed) but it's still 600 push-ups. The light is at the end of the tunnel so I hope it'll be smooth sailing from now.

One last push now for sponsorship. Thank you to all those who have popped onto my giving page and donated. Every penny you can spare will go towards helping end the unforgiving suffering many people endure daily. If everyone gave £1 (or what they could afford), we would smash the target! Please follow this link to donate (if you can): <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/lennies-giving-page-9>

Thank you all again for your support and have a lovely, restful half term.
Mr Sarkis



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Autumn 1 in Photos...

