

NEWSLETTER

Inspire Challenge Nurture
December 2023



WELCOME

As I reflect on the term there has been so many magical and special moments to be proud of and celebrate. We have a new EYFS playground which nursery and reception have been enjoying, a talent show to raise money for Children in Need, Greenside's first spooky disco, many school trips and outings, end products galore, the amazing Planetarium visits, so many spectacular sporting events, the most beautiful nativity and last night a very festive panto that left a smile of everyone's faces.

I would like to thank Friends of Greenside for putting on a lovely Winter Fair. Families raised an incredible £7,000. Thank you for everyone's generosity and kindness.

Staffing Update

Sadly, at the end of December we will be saying goodbye to our School Business Manager, Riddhi Parekh. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work throughout her time at Greenside and wish her all the best for the future.

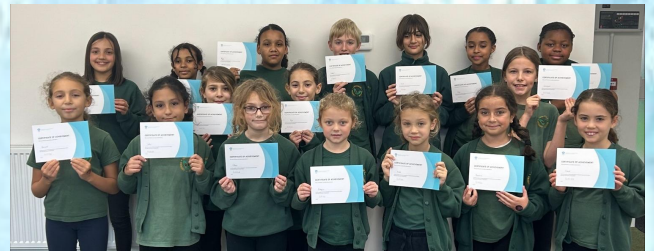
I am delighted to let you know that Ms Self, will be leading the EYFS, in the spring and summer term.

Finally, thank you always for your support and a very Merry Christmas from us all here at Greenside! We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Ms Saving
Headteacher

SPORT UPDATE: A message from Miss Self

This term, groups of students from years 3 to 6 have taken part in exciting, local sports tournaments. Students have got off to a great start with gymnastics, where two students medalled, in second and third place respectively for their year groups at St Stephens Primary School. Our second tournament this term was to Hammersmith Academy for dodgeball, where we made it all the way to the final, finishing second overall. As the year 2023 draws to a close, we can proudly say Greenside has made great improvements in sport this Autumn, and Greenside are now firmly on the sporting map! Well done Greenside!



Gymnastics



Dodgeball

HOUSES



This has been an exciting half term with lots of opportunities to win points! We have had several fun filled assemblies with 'Slow running, Mummie Madness and Find it! Both students and teachers have done a fantastic job in gaining points for their houses.

This half term the children have gathered together for a Maths Challenge. The aim was to solve as many riddles/ problems as possible. The Children worked so hard together. I was very impressed!

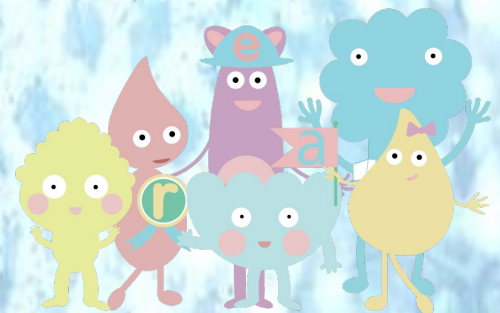
We then finished our Year with a family bake off.

The competition is tight this year with children and teachers both working hard to earn their points! I wonder who will win the big prize in the summer!

Next term stay tuned for more house competitions and events.

HOUSE POINTS SCOREBOARD

- 1st - Yellow Bananas - 32 Points**
- 2nd - Green Apples - 27 points**
- 3rd - Red Cherries - 25 points**
- 4th - Blue blueberries - 22 points**



This term we have had a focus around wellbeing as a response to parents, staff and student feedback we are happy to announce that we will be becoming a Happy Minds School. We are joining 100s of schools across the UK in this NHS backed program which supports children with emotional regulation, understanding the science of their brain and navigating 'big feelings'. This will be for all children at Greenside and as part of the programme parents have access to the tools at home too through the Happy Mind App.

DIGITAL LEADERS AND ONLINE SAFETY

We're so pleased to announce that, after a thorough interview process, our 2023 - 2024 Digital Leaders have been selected! These people interviewed extremely well, becoming this year's Digital Leaders!



As we approach the holidays, we'd like to offer a timely reminder about online safety:

- Encourage open conversations about their online experiences
- Establish clear boundaries
- Maintain open access for parents to monitor and guide their internet activities.
- Use parental controls in apps

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ziggy Eowyn	Kal-El Isabella H.	Zuriel Isabel	Dillon Raymond	Lewis Sama	Sidney Olive

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Our website has been updated with all the details that you need to book Clubs for the Spring term. Please check your emails for more information or click this [link](#) to view our website. We listened to you and have added in clubs for EYFS pupils as well.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Please remember to report all absence to the school office.

Attendance Autumn Term

Whole School: 94.3%

Nursery: 89.6%

Reception: 92.6%

Year 1: 95.1%

Year 2: 96.6%

Year 3: 95.8%

Year 4: 95.1%

Year 5: 93.9%

Year 6: 93.9%



You donated £1,200.18 towards bread sales.

You raised £7,000.00 at the Winder Fair.

You raised £315.00 at the Spooky Disco.

You raised £178.56 for the charities Children in Need.

SEND UPDATE - A message from Ms Weitzman

As a whole school, we have been reflecting on our environment and how it enables the learning of all students including those who learn a little differently. Class teachers have reflected on both the physical environment and the learning culture that is created by our daily practice.

"The physical environment is extremely important as it supports and enhances the quality of the teaching and learning as well as playing an important part in the engagement and self-esteem of pupils of all ages and abilities. It is especially important to pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities that the learning environment is appropriate for their needs."
NASEN – Supporting SEN: The Learning Environment - 2022

Following a school-wide audit, we are making some edits including an increased use of visuals to support the children's understanding and memory and to help them to navigate the busy school timetable on both a daily and longer term basis.

We are also ensuring that appropriate additional support is in place for all students who need it as part of our Ordinarily Available Provision. This starts with a differentiated curriculum offer, but also includes a wide range of strategies such as: vocabulary lists, writing frames and sentence starters, concrete apparatus, now/next boards and timers, task planners, fidget toys and movement breaks.

These resources can be helpful not only for those students with identified SEND:

An enabling environment for children and young people with SEND is an enabling environment for all.

If you would like to know more, please contact: sophiew@greenside.org. There will be a coffee morning in the spring term (date tbc) where the different levels of support offered will be explained.

In the meantime, further information regarding SEN is available on the H&F Local Offer website: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/send-local-offer>

VOICE IN A MILLION

'The World's Most Spectacular School Concert'.

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you! This year, our school has the opportunity to participate in the 'Voice in a Million' concert, set to take place at Wembley Arena on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

The 'Voice in a Million' concert is a spectacular event where thousands of primary school children from across the country come together to create what can only be described as "the world's most spectacular school concert." For more details about this incredible experience, please visit www.voiceinamillion.com.

A letter with further details has been sent home at the end of the Autumn Term and must be returned by 10th January 2024 to reserve a place for your child to be part of this special experience. We can't wait for rehearsals to begin in January!



BUDDY BENCH

Thank you to Theo in Year 4 and his sister Jessie in Year 1 for painting our new 'Buddy Bench'. The bench is to help children who might be feeling a bit blue at break and lunch and other children can come and play with them. We are so proud of this kind and thoughtful idea.

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS OF THE TERM...

