

NEWSLETTER

Inspire Challenge Nurture
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WELCOME

Welcome to our brand new school newsletter, which will be sent out at the end of each half term, so we can celebrate all of the amazing things that have been happening and will happen at Greenside.

It has been lovely seeing the children settle into their new classes and new learning. The end product sessions this week have been a real success and it has been great to see the amazing learning that has gone on in each class, for every child. Year 1 started the week by sharing their incredible dioramas linked to their film Robin Hood and Year 6 put on a tour of the school about the heritage of our building - they also made some delicious WW2 jams! On Tuesday, Year 3 had a Stone Age exhibition and were visited by Dr Heather Bonney from the Natural History Museum. Year 5 shared a exhibition with parents linked to their film Mulan, where they showed writing, art and digital learning videos. On Wednesday, Year 2 celebrated the history of Scotland and shared their knowledge of the Scottish-born inventor Alexander Graham Bell - parents I know you will all agree that the children's models of the development of telephones were incredible! Yesterday, Year 4 showcased a film and put on a behind the scenes workshop for parents on how to use the green screen. Finally, today EYFS had a share and play session with their families in the classroom.

I think that everyone will agree that it has been a very busy start the school year at Greenside - we hope all families have a well-deserved, restful half-term and we look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Monday 30th October.

Ms Saving
Headteacher

PARENTS' EVENING

We will be holding our first parents' evening of the academic year on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November. You will be able to book your child's parents' meeting in the usual way by visiting:

www.parents-booking.co.uk/greensideprimary **New parents you will need to create an account. If you have any issues do not hesitate to contact the school office.**

The first meeting of the year will be an opportunity to discuss out how your child has settled into their class and a chance to talk to their class teacher about their learning. We will let you know when the booking system is live.

This year during the evening we will be selling CGP books which you can purchase at a discounted price.



NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the last month we have been designing our new school website - we hope that it will be live at some point in the near future. If any parents need any information about the school, or the curriculum please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide you with paper copies.

HOUSES



This half-term marks the exciting launch of our new Greenside Houses, which has us buzzing with anticipation! Every student, from reception to year 6, now belongs to one of these houses, each fittingly named after fruits: Blue Blueberries, Green Apples, Yellow Bananas, and Red Cherries.

We're eagerly looking forward to using these houses as a platform for various community events and some healthy competition. Each week presents opportunities to earn points for your house, whether it's for simple acts like sitting attentively in assembly or engaging in more creative challenges, such as crafting the most impressive film scene featuring pumpkins and scarecrows. The Houses not only reinforce positive behavior but also encourage students to collaborate with peers from different year groups, maintaining the sense of unity on our school playground.



YELLOW BANANAS

I am the Yellow Banana's House Captain. So far it's been a great term! We have been resilient and competitive but what I think the best thing is I am a yellow banana! B.A.N.A.N.A - Rayanne

GREEN APPLES

This year has brought many exciting changes and opportunities. Our positions as house captains allow us to make sure that every child is happy, and feels like they have a voice in their house. We have so much devotion and team spirit. Go green apples! - Arwen and Sematawi

BLUE BLUEBERRIES

This year so far has been great. I am proud to be a house captain, though a lot of responsibilities come with it. I love getting to know students in my house more, and spending time with the younger students in my house. My favourite house competition so far would have to be the pumpkin carving. I loved seeing how much joy it brought to everyone and how creative everyone was. My house is very competitive, we might not be in the lead or have the most points but in spirit we are winning. I look forward to the future house competitions. Blue blueberries forever! - Priya

RED CHERRIES

Hello I am the red cherries house captain. So far I love being a house captain and planning all the house events. My house has not won the previous events but I look forward to winning the next. - Jouree

HOUSE POINTS SCOREBOARD

1st Apples = 17 points
2nd Cherries = 14 points
3rd Bananas = 9 points
4th Blueberries = 7 points

SPORT UPDATE - A MESSAGE FROM MS SELF

Years 5 and 6 have got off to a great start with football. On the 17th and 19th of October, students from years 5 and 6 participated in a 6-a-side tournament competing against a number of schools at Power League, Shepherds Bush. Both teams demonstrated high levels of engagement, focus and good sportsmanship. The girl's team made it all the way to the quarter-finals, winning three games, and scoring 6 goals on the way! We have signed up for a number of tournaments this year, so keep an eye out, as we are excited to see how high Greenside can aim!



PUPIL LEADERSHIP

We're excited to introduce our pupil leadership team and school councillors at Greenside! Empowering future leaders is a core value here, and pupil voices are at the heart of our decision-making. This year we have two school councillors in each class from Year 1 to 6. In Year 6 we have Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy, House Captains and a Charity/Community Leader.

School Council



**A message from the
Head and Deputy Head Girl
(Mimi and Saja)**

"We are honoured to be your
Head and Deputy Head girl and
we are looking forward to
working with the staff, parents
and other children to continue
to make Greenside a better
place"



ONLINE SAFETY

As we approach the holidays, we'd like to offer a timely reminder about online safety. In today's digital world, it's an integral part of our lives, but there are measures we can take to ensure our children's safety online. Encourage open conversations about their online experiences, establish clear boundaries, and maintain open access for parents to monitor and guide their internet activities. Teaching children the importance of not sharing personal information online, utilizing parental controls, and being aware of cyberbullying is crucial. By remaining vigilant together, we can provide support to our children, allowing them to make the most of their online experiences while staying protected.

SCHOOL MONEY

Just a reminder that you can sign in to your child's school money account via eduspot.co.uk, which is the online school payment system. Alternatively, you can download the Teachers2Parents app to your mobile devices, which will enable you to keep up with your lunch payments, after-school club and after-school provision bookings and payments, and school trip payments. Please get in contact with the school office at admin@greensideschool.org if you are having any difficulties using this system.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Autumn 1

Whole School: 94.7%

Nursery: 89.3%

Reception: 95.8%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 97.4%


Year 3: 94.7%

Year 4: 94.9%

Year 5: 93.9%


Year 6: 95.3%

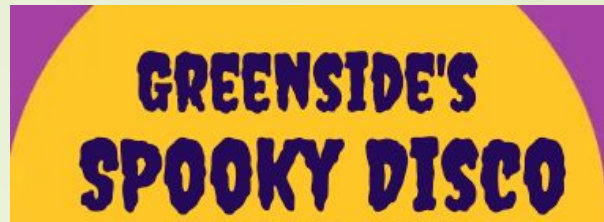
NEW EYFS PLAYGROUND



We are delighted to announce that over the next three weeks the new EYFS playground is going to be installed. This will mean that the EYFS playground will be out of use until the works are completed. Our trust TEFAT have supported this project and all of us can not wait for our Nursery and Reception pupils to be playing and learning in their new space.

The improvements to the playground started in the summer when the new amphitheater was put in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families and the PSA for their generous donations which supported this.





As you are aware we will be having a Spooky Disco on **Friday 3rd November**. Tickets **cost £3** each and include unlimited drinks. Your child will need to wear their spookiest and scariest clothes - there will be prizes for the best outfits. This is for children only and there will be two sessions:

- EYFS and Key Stage 1 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm; and
- Key Stage 2 from 5pm to 6:30pm

All children must be collected by a suitable adult. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone.

Tickets

Tickets can be bought after school on Monday 30th October, Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November.

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Your child should come to school dressed in school uniform with party clothes to get changed into from 3pm. If you would like to come into the classroom and help your child into their party clothes then class teachers will welcome you from 3pm.

Key Stage 2

Your child should come to school dressed in school uniform and go home as usual. We will welcome them back at 5pm dressed ready for the disco.

Things to Buy

Glow products, sweets, crisps, hotdogs and candyfloss will be sold during the disco. Hotdog tickets can be purchased when you get a ticket. If you would like to send your child with their own snacks this is fine as well.

After School Club/Other Arrangements

As the disco are at two separate times to ease pick up and drop offs we are happy to accommodate siblings in our after school club provision. There will be no charge for children who are going to the spooky disco. If you need this arrangement can you please speak to Ms Saving.

Parents

During the events we will be opening the cottage for parents to wait whilst the disco is on. We will provide refreshments. If any parents would like to help at the disco can they please speak to Ms Saving in advance.

TRIPS

We've had an eventful half term packed with school trips linked to our films and projects for this term. It's been an exciting chance to apply our classroom learning beyond the school premises. Please see some of our favourite photos below.

Year 1's Trip to Kew Gardens:



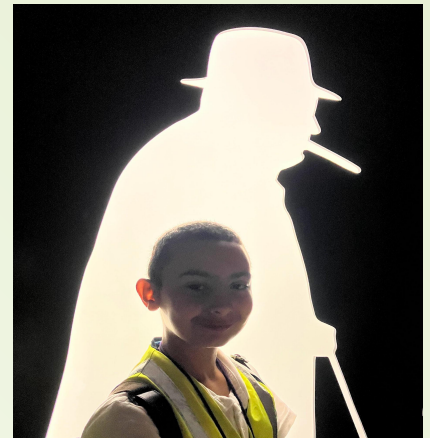
Year 4's Trip to the British Museum:



Year 5's Trip to the British Museum:



Year 6's Trip to Churchill War Rooms:



Finally, Year 3 are eagerly anticipating their trip to Gunnersbury Park on the 20th October!

CHARITIES AND DONATIONS

Hi! I'm Olive, community representative, my job is to make lots of fun events to raise money for charities. I would like to say a big thank you to all who donated and your donations have gone along way. This half term we've raised lots of money for people in desperate situations, so thank you once again for donating.



We raised £155.35



We raised £347.91



We raised £1140.81



A MESSAGE FROM MS WILLIAMS

Thank you for the many donation throughout the month of October for the City Harvest. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed watching our donation boxes grow. City harvest are husky appreciative of all of our efforts. The donations have been collected today. We look forward to supporting this organisation across the year.



END PRODUCTS

What a wonderful week of celebrating the children's learning. Across the school the children have brought together their learning to produce incredible end products. The children have invited in the community and external visitors to view their museums, films and projects. This has given the children a real purpose to their studies and we would like to thank everyone involved.

