

# NEWSLETTER

**Inspire Challenge Nurture**  
February 2024



## WELCOME

Although a short term we have achieved so much! From trips to another round of successful end products. We have launched myHappymind and had several successful family workshops including Maths, Phonics and Internet Safety. We would like to thank everyone for their input on our new homework policy and Ms Iontton will be sharing this in the new term.

In addition to all the wonderful learning, we hosted 42 international colleagues, who attended Greenside to see how well Apple technology is implemented in classrooms.

We are so proud of how hard everyone works at Greenside both staff and pupils and it makes me very excited to see what we can continue to achieve over the rest of the year.

Thank you to all of the families who attended the lunch today and the lovely feedback about - it has been shared with Sofia and the kitchen staff.

We hope you have a restful break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back Monday 19th February.

Ms Saving  
Headteacher

## SPORT UPDATE:

### A message from Miss Self

This term, a group of year 6 boys represented Greenside in a tournament hosted by QPR. We made it to the quarter finals, narrowly missing out on the semi finals. We were very impressed by their sportsmanship and overall performance.

Year 4 have had a fantastic term of cricket coaching, courtesy of Platform Cricket. All of our pupils have enjoyed the weekly sessions, and have learnt a variety of skills and techniques to support with their cricket development.



Football, Shepherds Bush Power League

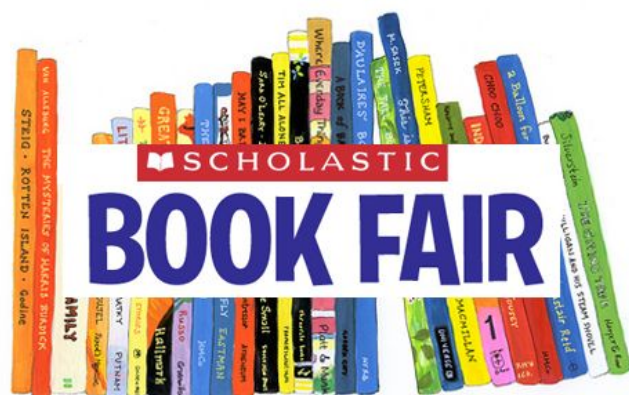
## CHINESE NEW YEAR

We have had an amazing time celebrating and learning about Chinese New Year here at Greenside. Throughout the past weeks, pupils have been exploring the cultural significance of this important holiday as part of our SMSC curriculum. Each classroom buzzed with creativity as pupils crafted decorations to adorn our hall, creating a festive atmosphere at our celebratory lunch. As the half term drew to a close today, we gathered in the hall for a delightful lunch featuring traditional foods and lots of fun. A big thank you to all families who joined us, making this event so special and a huge congratulations to our kitchen team for pulling it off so seamlessly. Here's to a year filled with learning and togetherness!

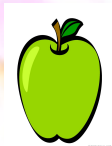


## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March 2024. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading and we are very much looking forward to celebrating it here at Greenside. We are excited to announce that we have booked the Scholastic Book Fair the week commencing Monday 19th February. We would love to invite all children to come to school with their favourite book, dressed as a character from that book. Staff will also be dressing up in book themed costumes!



## HOUSES



### HOUSE POINTS SCOREBOARD

- 1st - Yellow Bananas - 47 Points**
- 2nd - Red Cherries - 46 points**
- 3rd - Blue Blueberries - 45 points**
- 4th - Green Apples - 37 points**

Another exciting half term with the points racking up! Ms Self challenged the houses to a mobility challenge this half term, testing their balance, skill and resilience.. All children did a fantastic job and we are very proud of our young sportsmen and women.

Mr Tilden and Ms Stringer have also both lead house challenges this term having the teachers and children compete in hula hoop races and a plastic quiz. We love our Friday assemblies where we all come together and celebrate the success of the week!

Well done to all the houses, your support for each other is wonderful!



## DIGITAL LEADERS AND ONLINE SAFETY

This half-term, Digital Leaders had an exciting opportunity: hosting big groups of international educators!

Two groups of educators came from Hong Kong and Middle East/Poland to learn all about how we engage children in education through technology and about our status as Apple Distinguished School.



Please remember that online safety is important, especially during half-term breaks! Have a look at [these slides](#) to facilitate open and honest discussions with your children about internet use and use this “[agreement](#)” with your children to agree on how they will engage with the internet.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Please remember to report all absence to the school office.**

### Attendance Spring Term

**Whole School: 94.9%**

Nursery: 88.5%

Reception: 93.1%

Year 1: 95.1%

**Year 2: 96.4%**

Year 3: 95.9%

Year 4: 95.2%

Year 5: 94.5%

Year 6: 94%

## MEASLES

In light of recent developments, we feel it's important to address a matter of public health concern with our school community. You will be aware of a recent outbreak of measles in the UK. The safety and well-being of our pupils and staff are paramount, and we urge everyone to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions. This includes checking that vaccinations are up to date, practising good hygiene habits such as regular handwashing, and staying informed about symptoms and preventive measures. We are closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates and resources as needed. As always, the health and safety of our school community remain our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation and support in helping to prevent the spread of illness.

## TRIPS

We have had a lot of trips this half term with Year 5 going to Hampton court, Year 2 to London Zoo, Year 6 to see Moana on stage and Nursery and Reception seeing some of London's beautiful parks.



Staff and children have enjoyed learning about their minds through our new platform myHappy mind.

**myHappy mind** is an award-winning programme that is grounded in neuroscience and scientific research. It is a preventative programme designed to support the development of good mental health habits, resilience and self-esteem. It has been commissioned by the NHS.

myHappy mind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works, to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! Lessons are delivered every week, alongside assemblies and whole school activities. myHappy mind teaches children all about their brains and how they work. This helps children to keep a happy and healthy mind.

Ms Iontton is the ambassador for myHappy mind.

You can find out what the children have been learning and further support the development of these good mental health habits at home through the **myHappy mind parent app**. The app includes videos so that you can follow along with the children's learning, audio breathing exercises, stories and fun activities that you can do together at home. The app details can be found on the Class Dojo main feed.

## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

We're delighted to extend a warm invitation to all families to join us for our upcoming Mother's Day lunch on March 8th, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This special occasion is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the love and care of all significant figures in our pupils' lives, whether it be mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or other guardians. Please buy your tickets in the Cottage.



## YEAR 6 SATS INFORMATION

The Year 6 SATs tests will take place nationally the week commencing 13th May 2024. Thank you to all Year 6 families who attended the Year 6 SATs Information Evening, in which we detailed exactly how this week works and what to expect. The slides have been shared on Class Dojo for anyone not in attendance. As the tests draw closer, we will continue to provide a balanced experience for our pupils. Your child should have received a letter today inviting them to attend fun and engaging booster sessions to provide tailored support in the run up to the tests. We are so proud of the Year 6s for all of their continued hard work and extend that thanks to families too.

## TERM DATES 2024-2025

We have finalised and can now announce our term dates for 2024-2025.

### **Autumn Term 2024-2025**

Pupils return Wednesday 4th September 2024 (This may vary for New Nursery & Reception pupils)  
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024  
Final Day of term Friday 20th December 2024

### **Spring Term 2024-2025**

Pupils return Tuesday 7th January 2025  
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025  
Final day of term Friday 4th April 2025

### **Summer Term 2024-2025**

Pupils return Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
Half term - Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025  
Final day of academic year Tuesday 22nd July 2025

### **Greenside is closed to pupils:**

Public Holiday - Monday 5th May 2025 - Early May Bank Holiday  
CPD Day x1 - Monday 2nd September 2024  
CPD Day x1 - Tuesday 3rd September 2024  
CPD Day x1 - Monday 4th November 2024  
CPD Day x1 - Monday 6th January 2025  
CPD Day x1 - Friday 23rd May 2025