

# NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher's Message

I can not believe two terms have gone by already this year. It has been an incredibly busy term filled with lots of wonderful learning.

Today, we said goodbye to Ms I in a special assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms I for her hard work since June last year and supporting me in leading the school. She will be really missed by Greenside and I know she hopes to pay us a visit in the summer term. An advert has gone out for the recruitment of the vacancy of Deputy Headteacher and I will keep families updated in due course.

Yesterday, I wrote to families about plans for staffing for the summer term. Please do reach out to me if you have any questions or queries.

We know there will be a number of festivities taking place during these school holidays, so may we take this opportunity to wish all families celebrating Easter, a very Happy Easter and for all of our families celebrating Eid, Eid Mubarak. When we return to school we will be having our very own Eid celebrations in school on Friday 19th April.

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Tuesday 16th April.

Ms Saving

P.s This is my favourite photo that has been shared with me this term. I am so proud of all of the children and families of Greenside - whether they have success in school or outside. Please always let us know the wonderful things your children are doing.



*Goodbye!*  
& THANK YOU

## Ms I and Monty Leaving

Dear all,

First I would like to thank you for all your kind words and well wishes. I have loved my time at Greenside. It has been short but oh so sweet! Myself and Monty have loved learning all about your children, listening to their stories and helping them to learn.

Greenside really is a magical place and will always be important to me. It has been my first Deputy Headship, a school which has both challenged and developed me as a leader in education and a place which has been incredibly supportive and warm.

I would like to also thank all the staff at Greenside who are simply incredible. They are so dedicated to improving what they do for the benefit of the children ensuring that they can reach their full potential. I wish them all the best!

Finally a thank you to Ms Saving, who has not only been supportive as I made the hard choice to leave, but also has led with true dedication and integrity. I myself have learnt so much from her and I can't wait to see where she leads Greenside next.

We wish everyone all the best and I will be keeping in touch to find out about the exciting things happening at Greenside.

Thank you again! All our love,

Ms Iontton and Monty

## Community Council

Within The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust governance model a Community Council is a group of volunteers appointed by the Trust, parents and staff. They play a crucial role in our schools by providing challenge but also positive support to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership on behalf of the children and community that the school serves. As an advisory body, they focus on the ethos and values of the school; the effectiveness of the curriculum and wellbeing of the school community. They know and celebrate the strengths of the community alongside holding the highest aspirations and expectations for our pupils.

**Since September, our Community Council has been paused to allow the senior leadership team to settle into the school and their new roles. I am delighted to let you know that we have two parent vacancies to join our Community Council. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent, please collect a nomination form from the school office or we can email it to you. Closing date for nominations will be Tuesday 16th April 2024.**

**If you would like more information about the role, Laura Edralin (Maxwell Y5 and Issac Y3) is more than happy to talk to you. If you would like us to put you in touch with her, please let us know.**

### Eligibility to stand for election

- ❖ Anyone who is the parent or carer of a registered pupil at the school and who is not disqualified from holding office.
- ❖ A person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent representative of an academy if they are paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive twelve month period or, when he/she ceases to be a parent of a registered pupil at the school.
- ❖ Anyone who is a parent of a registered pupil at the academy may nominate themselves or propose candidates for election, and may vote in the elections.
- ❖ Regardless of the number of children a parent has at the school, they only have one vote per vacancy.

### Nomination procedure

A Parent may nominate themselves, however where they have been nominated by another parent, the nominee must accept the nomination before proceeding with the election process. Nomination forms must be checked to ensure they are signed by the proposer and/or the nominee and that the individual is a parent of a registered pupil; willing to stand and not disqualified from holding office.

If the number of nominations received is equal to, or fewer than, the number of vacancies, then there is no need to hold an election and those nominated will be declared elected and procedures re-commenced for filling any remaining vacancy or vacancies.

Where an election is to be held candidates may, if they wish, produce a short personal statement, a copy of which will be circulated with ballot papers. These statements should be no longer than 250 words and should contain factual information about the candidate such as number and ages of children at the school, particular interests and occupation. Candidates must be given a deadline by which the statement must be submitted. If the candidate wishes to have the statement typed by the administration staff at the school, an earlier deadline would be necessary.



## Nutritionist Review

As you remember in the Autumn term we began working with a nutritionist to review our school lunch provision.

Elodie Stanley, met with families, staff and pupils, she looked at every dish provided to assess the range of ingredients and their likely nutrient value. It was a thorough and constructive session and she noted that Sofia is clearly a very competent chef who understands the benefits of a largely plant-based diet.

Elodie, gave the school feedback on the plants, variety, macro-nutrients, micro-nutrients, vitamins, minerals and fibres served at the school and made tweaks to our menus to ensure that they were as nutritious as possible.

Her parting comments to the school were: "In conclusion perhaps the best re-assurance I can give parents is that I would have no concerns whatever if my grandchildren were having five of their meals a week in term-time out of Sofia's kitchen."

In the summer term, we intend on inviting the working party for school lunches back into school to create next steps.



## Letting Policy

The school invites outside applications for the use of its facilities, especially where there is opportunity for our school community. We are also happy to consider applications from individuals wishing to use the school or grounds.

Please

<https://www.greensideschool.org/page/?title=Lettings&pid=66> for details of tariffs, terms and conditions of hire.

## Vacancies at Greenside

We currently have vacancies for the following roles at Greenside:

- Finance Manager
- Deputy Headteacher

If you know of anyone that would be interested in either role, please ask them to contact the school to enquire further.



## Parent Workshop: Next Steps in Education

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Yasmine, the mother of Olive, for graciously offering to conduct workshops for parents. These workshops will provide invaluable insights into the application process for secondary schools, covering both private and comprehensive options. Scheduled for April 16th, there will be two sessions: the first from 14:30 to 15:30, and the second from 17:30 to 18:30. Yasmine's extensive experience as a parent navigating this process multiple times promises to be immensely beneficial. We encourage all parents to attend.

## School Uniform

Our updated school uniform featuring the latest logo will soon be available for you to purchase through our uniform provider, Stitch Design. As they transition from the old stock, the new stock with the updated logo will gradually become available. During this interim period, there may be a brief overlap where both variations of our logo—the old green and brown logo and the new one—are present.



## A Message from Ms Self...

This term, Greenside celebrated and honoured the Barclays national football incentive, #LetGirlsPlay, where we participated in a fantastic football fixture against one of our local schools, St Stephen's. In addition, year 3/4 girls took part in their first competitive football tournament, where they showcased fantastic motivation and will. KS2 boys and girls are also currently representing Greenside in the local football league, which takes place weekly at Ark Burlington Danes Academy.

As the warmer weather approaches, we are excited to announce that we will be having a morning KS2 running club, every Wednesday, around Ravenscourt Park. Thank you to Will Speer for organising, and to the parents/carers who have offered their support to join us. There are still places available, so please contact us if you are interested.

In addition, we are in the process of planning and designing new lines and designs in our playgrounds to maximize sporting opportunities, and promote good mental health during the school day, particularly during break times, and within pupil-led learning the EYFS. We look forward to sharing the end result with you all!

Finally, we have two kind, generous donations to highlight. Firstly, a big thank you Will Speer's mother, Penny, who has kindly bought us new gymnastics leotards for our students to wear when we represent Greenside at local gymnastic events and competitions. In addition, thank you also to Boom Sports who have also kindly bought us new football kits which students have already showcased at a variety of football events. Go Greenside!



## Donations

This term we celebrated Red Nose Day and raised an impressive £200 so thank you very much! The children had an amazing time wearing red and painting their noses! We have raised £928 in bread sales, £346 from the family lunches, £632 from World Book Day and finally £59 in second hand uniform sales. Again a massive thank you!

## Voice in a Million

Congratulations to all the outstanding singers who participated in Voice in a Million! They showcased the talent and spirit of Greenside with grace and enthusiasm. We sincerely hope that the families who attended thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding the possibility of organizing similar events in the future, please don't hesitate to share them with Ms Finney.



## Attendance Spring Term

Whole School: 94.31%  
Nursery: 88.62%  
Reception: 93.75%  
Year 1: 95.47%  
Year 2: 96.15%  
Year 3: 94.53%  
Year 4: 95.07%  
Year 5: 95.28%  
Year 6: 93.90%

## House Competitions

We were very excited at our last house competition. We had to make Monty a dog home to take to Sheffield with him. As you can see the competition is close and still all to play for. Every Friday we still earn points in Ms Iontton's challenges. Over this half term we have danced, made dramatic scene, hula hooped and sung together all in the name of points. Who do you think will get the final summer prize?



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## Spring in Photos...

