

NEWSLETTER

Inspire Challenge Nurture

May 2024



Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of a lovely and busy term, I would like to extend thanks to all families who attended the feedback sessions. Your insights and support are invaluable, and we are committed to addressing your comments in a detailed response after the holidays. I am also pleased to announce that we appointed a new Deputy Headteacher, and we will provide more information about this upon our return.

Ms Self and I were delighted to receive such a warm welcome at the Shepherd's Bush Cricket Club a few weeks ago. The community's hospitality and enthusiasm were truly heartwarming, and we are excited about the opportunities for collaboration and community engagement that lie ahead.

A special mention goes to all our classes for their hard work and dedication, particularly our Year 6 students. They have shown remarkable resilience and effort in their SATs, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the final term, which promises to be filled with wonderful events such as the Cultural Fortnight, Father's Day Lunch, the ABBA concert, Sports Day, the Summer Fair, and the Year 6 Graduation and play. These events are eagerly anticipated and will be a fantastic way to end the school year.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and well-deserved holiday! We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Ms. Saving

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

We are very grateful to the PTA for their ongoing efforts to raise funds for our school. To those who have dedicated so much time over the years, we extend our sincere thanks.

We are pleased to announce that after reaching out to families, more members of our community have joined the PTA. Starting in September, several members of our staff will be joining the PTA. Ms. Finney will work closely with the team, supported by Ms. Mehta and Ms. Williams.

We've already had several productive meetings to discuss plans, prepare for events, and brainstorm fundraising ideas. We are especially thankful for the PTA's current fundraising efforts for the "Lines and Designs" project on our playground, scheduled to be implemented during the summer term.

To help us reach this goal, please consider purchasing a ticket to the PTA BBQ, scheduled for Thursday, 6th June at 7 PM. You can buy your ticket using this link.

<https://www.fofgps.com/product-page/greenside-summer-bbq-ticket>

Thank you again for your continued support!

Greenside Summer Barbecue

with a "Night at the Races"
Thursday 6th June - 7pm

Organised by Greenside PTA



A Message from Ms Finney

As we reach the end of the penultimate half term, I am proud and grateful for what has been a wonderful year at Greenside.

First, I want to congratulate our fantastic Year 6 students. You handled your SATs with grace and composure, and I am very proud of you. There are many exciting events to look forward to in our final half term together, including a trip to the theatre, a fun residential, and supporting you as you transition to secondary school.

I also want to highlight the amazing singing we have shared this year. Singing with Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday mornings is a highlight of my week and a great way to start the day. Thank you for your enthusiasm and wonderful dancing. As the year draws to a close, we continue to focus on our presentation skills. I am delighted to see so many of you earning Pen Licenses—well done! Keep up the excellent work.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) workshop. We are now in the consultation period for community feedback on our Draft Relationships Education, Health Education, and Sex Education Policy. You can access the draft policy through this [\[link\]](#) and on our website.

We have already received invaluable feedback, which we will consider as we finalise our curriculum and policy plans. For parents who could not attend the workshop, there will be an additional catch-up RSE session on Friday, 7th June at 9am. If this time is not convenient, please contact Ms. Finney to arrange a meeting.

We are committed to working with families to navigate this sensitive topic as a community. As discussed, parents have the right to withdraw their children from some or all of the sex education curriculum. To do so, please use the form in Appendix 3 of the Draft Relationships Education, Health Education, and Sex Education Policy.

A Message from Ms Self

This term, a group of year 3 and 4 students represented Greenside at an athletics tournament at Linford Christie Stadium. There were 21 schools competing, and we had a top 10 finish. A special shout out to Reggie from year 3, whose long jump was the second longest out of all of the 210 participants there, measuring a distance of 1.74m! Secondly, a group of year 5/6 students represented Greenside at hockey tournament at Godolphin and Latymer School, they opened with a 4 - 0 win, and narrowly missed the semi finals. These recent results are just a couple of reflections of the progress we are making within sport, and how far we have come.

In addition, this term we were lucky enough to have a specialist cricket coach from Middlesex County Cricket working with year groups 1 - 6. This experience supported our students beautifully as they continue to develop their knowledge and skills in cricket.

KS2 running club has got off to a great start. Week by week, our students are gaining confidence, and are making progress. We are at full capacity at the moment, but if you are interested in signing up your child, let us know and we will put you on the waiting list as we may have more spaces available soon.

Finally, we had an Olympic athlete, Pierre Henry-Fontaine, visit us to This experience has supported our students to aim high, and know anything is possible. Thank you for your Incredible fundraising efforts and donations.



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Summer Reminders

I hope you will join us in wishing for good weather next half term. With warmer days ahead, it's important to stay safe in the sun. As part of our Health Education curriculum and commitment to safeguarding, we educate pupils on reducing the risk of skin damage and understanding safe sun exposure. Schools play a crucial role in this because children are at school during peak UV times and most sun damage occurs during school years. Pupils and teachers can get sunburned in just 10-15 minutes of strong sunlight, and children spend an average of 1.5 hours outside daily, even more with sports and outdoor activities. Research shows that sun exposure in the first 15 years significantly increases the lifetime risk of skin cancer. To help us protect your child, please ensure they come to school with a hat, a water bottle, and light, breathable clothing. Apply sunscreen before school and send a labelled bottle for reapplication throughout the day.

House Competitions



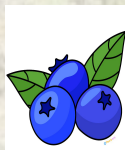
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We are excited to share the results of the term's current house totals, where children enthusiastically worked in their house teams to complete a series of challenging sports circuits. This event not only fostered teamwork and determination but also prepared our students well for the upcoming sports days. As of now, the Apples and Blueberries are jointly leading the race for the coveted House Cup.

Keep up the great work, everyone!

Attendance

Our school target is 96%

Whole School: 94.37%

Nursery: 88.9%

Reception: 93.03%

Year 1: 95.52%

Year 2: 96.24%

Year 3: 94.68%

Year 4: 95.32%

Year 5: 95.23%

Year 6: 94.66%

Class Photos


Class photos will be held on Monday 24th June. We require all students to come to school in full uniform on class photo day, please.

Homework Folders

We are excited to announce that your child has received a new homework folder to help them transport their assignments to and from school more efficiently. Many of you found the previous homework sheets challenging and impractical for completing tasks and storing them. We believe the new homework folder will provide a more practical and user-friendly experience for both students and parents. Homework will be acknowledged by school staff.




PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
**FATHER'S
DAY**
Lunch





14 | JUNE | 11:30 - 1:00 PM

You are invited to our Father's Day lunch. Any significant male figures are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance with the office where you can collect a ticket. There will be no charge for this lunch. You will not be able to collect a ticket on the day.



There will a lunch provided by the kitchen as well as a vegetarian BBQ by one of the parents.

***Gluten free options will be available and all allergies considered**



Cultural Fortnight

We are excited to announce the introduction of Cultural Fortnight at Greenside, an annual event that will take place every June. Every year, one week will be dedicated to Refugee Week, while the other will focus on International Week.

International Week

International Week is a time for students and families to celebrate and reflect on their own cultures. On Friday, June 21st, we will have an International Own Clothes Day. Children are encouraged to dress in their traditional clothing or the colours of their country's flag. The day will feature a vibrant parade in the afternoon, followed by an international food-sharing event.

International Food Sharing Afternoon

We invite families to prepare and bring traditional dishes for students to sample. Please ensure that all dishes are vegetarian and nut-free. Additionally, kindly label any gluten-free dishes so that all children can enjoy them. Our kitchen will also be preparing gluten-free options.

Refugee Week

The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is "Our Home." This theme invites everyone to reflect on the meaning of home, from the places where we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet Earth. Throughout the week, we will celebrate and explore what "Our Home" means to each of us.

Get Involved

We welcome families to share stories or participate in our language carousel (teaching children how to speak simple phrases in your own language). If you are interested in contributing or have any questions, please contact Ms. Finney or Ms. Saving.

We look forward to celebrating the rich diversity of our school community!



French Olympics

We are excited to announce that Greenside will be organising a special event to celebrate the Olympic Games happening this year in Paris, France. Our very own French Olympics will take place on the 7th of June, bringing the spirit of the Games to our students with a mix of fun, competition, and learning opportunities.

Throughout the event, children will participate in a variety of activities designed to not only emulate the Olympic events but also to enrich their understanding of French culture and the values of the Olympics. From mini-sports competitions to educational games and creative arts, our French Olympics promises to be a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

We warmly invite parents to join us for the grand finale at 3 PM, where we will host a flag parade and a medal ceremony to celebrate the achievements of our young Olympians. Your presence will make this event even more special for the children.



PARIS 2024



GREENSIDE PRESENTS...

ABBA

We are delighted to invite you to our special ABBA tribute concert this summer. Students have been working extremely hard to put this together and we would love to have you all attend and enjoy this special show.

There will be two seperate concert times that you can collect tickets for from the office. You will not be able to get tickets on the day.

We look forward to seeing you!

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JULY

2:00 PM

5:00 PM

Summer in Photos...



Garden Update

This half term, the students at Greenside have been busy getting our garden ready for the summer. We have been fortunate enough to be selected by the sustainable food charity School Food Matters to participate in various projects, in which we have been given wildflowers and root vegetables to plant in our school garden alongside volunteers from the charity. Some of the students have been fortunate enough to visit an apiary to look at the importance of pollinators and role pollination has in food production. From next half term, our garden rota will continue, giving all students from Nursery to Year 6 a chance to organise our space and harvest any fruit or veg that has been growing!

ABBA

Our ABBA musical preparations are in full swing, and the excitement is palpable! Children from nursery to Year 5 have started learning the iconic songs in class and are thoroughly enjoying the process. Yesterday, we held a vibrant singing school assembly to practice a few songs, and the enthusiasm was contagious. With rehearsals set to begin after half term, the school is buzzing with excitement. It's a delight to hear children singing in the playground, and we eagerly await the incredible performance ahead. We look forward to seeing many parents there to support our talented young performers!