



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2014

We have had an extremely busy and exciting few weeks and we can't believe it is almost the Easter holidays. These are some of the exciting things that have happened over the last month.

Art Week

The children have had an extremely creative week where they have been developing their art skills using a range of different mediums including pastels, painting, weaving and collage inspired by a variety of artists. During the week we were also joined by Jo Kidd from Berkhamsted Arts and Craft for the second year running to make felt with some of the children. We are very proud of the beautiful felt poppy the children have made, inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe, which is displayed in the hall with pastel art work produced by some of the children in Maple. Next time you visit the hall please have a look.

Year 1 and 2 also had the opportunity to meet Nick Schon the illustrator of the Magic Key, Biff and Chip books. Throughout the day he visited each of the classes and planned a class story with the children which he illustrated for them. Afterwards the children wrote their own story inspired by the story board pictures drawn by Nick. We have a number of budding authors now at Greenway and the children look forward to sharing their stories with you.

We are very grateful to all the staff for their hard work in making this week such a successful one and for those parents who helped in a class. We hope you had as much fun as the children!

Parent/Pupil Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents and children for completing the questionnaire and for your valuable feedback. At the moment the Governors are busy collating all of the data and we look forward to reporting back our findings next term. This is a key document, which helps the Governors and the Senior Leadership Team to celebrate, evaluate, review and identify ways in which, with your views, the school can further improve. Many thanks for your continued support.

New Entrance Gates

We are delighted to have our new gates in place which, I hope you'll agree, look a lot smarter than our old ones! Please can we ask you to continue to ensure that you shut the pedestrian gates as you leave the school premises. Please note NO parents should be driving into the school grounds even if it is raining unless they have Mrs Elwood's permission except WACCY parents after 5pm. Thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding our children.

Class Photographs

Please note we will be having whole class (not individual) photographs on Tuesday 1 April so clean sweatshirts and shiny shoes please!

Calculation Maths Curriculum evening for Foundation Stage / Key stage 1 Parents

Mrs Stace was delighted to see so many Parents attend the Parent Maths workshop last Wednesday. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and for your positive feedback. If you were unable to attend and would like to find out more about how to support your child at home using the calculation strategies they are taught at school, please ask a friend who came to the evening to teach you or refer to our Calculation policy on the website.

Mrs Stace will be arranging a second Maths workshop in the Summer term which will target the new strategies being taught to Key stage 2 particularly focusing on the raised expectations of the New Curriculum and to support the children as they move into Year 5 and 6 when we become a Primary school.

Big Write Curriculum evening - Thursday 24 April at 7pm

We look forward to seeing you all at our Big Write evening straight after Easter, which will inform you about Big Write, how it is delivered across the school and its impact on your child's writing so far. We aim to show you how your child is taught, the resources used and how you can support at home through 'Talk Writing'. This practical, stimulating workshop will enhance your knowledge of how writing is taught at Greenway and give you the opportunity of seeing how your child is taught. If you would like to attend please complete the tear off slip to the letter sent last week and return to school by Friday 4th April.

Collection for Mr Purton

A number of Parents have expressed that they would like to contribute to a collection for Mr Purton. If you would like to be involved in this please put your contribution in a sealed envelope, clearly labelling it and return to the school office by Friday 4th April. Many thanks.

Sporting updates....

Year 1 Sports morning at Greenway

Unfortunately Year 1 were not able to attend the Sports morning originally organised by Sportspace however in spite of this they had a fantastic morning of multi-skills activities. Thank you to Mr Loczy and all of the staff who organised this.

Sport Relief- Friday 21st March

Well done to all of the children and staff who ran the Sports Relief mile. The children had a fantastic time and felt proud of their achievements and at the same time raised £352 for a very worthwhile charity.

Year 2/ 3 Dance competition at Hemel Sportspace

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Inter-schools Dance competition last Friday, we were very proud of you! Congratulations to Year 3 who were awarded 3rd place and received personal medals and a cup which is displayed in the hall. Thank you to Mr Loczy for organising this and to Janine Bennett from Dinky Dancers for all of her hard work and creativity in preparing the children for this competition.

Year 3 & 4 Inter schools Football Competition

We are delighted to be entering our first boys and girls Year 3 & 4 football inter-schools competition on Wednesday. We wish all our footballers the very best of luck and look forward to reporting the scores in our next newsletter.

Community Links with Ashlyns School's Sports Leaders

Last week we met up with the Sports leaders from Ashlyns School on two occasions. Year 4 Chestnut enjoyed a range of multi-skills activities in P.E which were planned and delivered by the Year 8 Sports leaders on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday Year 3 Maple and the Year 4 Sports

Leaders were invited to Ashlyns School for the afternoon where they were awarded with 'Sports Leader UK academy status.' The children were a credit to Greenway .Congratulations to Ashlyns for this fantastic achievement. We look forward to continuing to work with their Sports Leaders next term.

Ashlyns School

If you would like to find out more about what is going on regularly at Ashlyns our Secondary school please follow the weekly bulletin link below or visit their website.

www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/downloads/AshlynsE_Bulletin

Greenway school website

Over the Easter holiday please take a look at the school website, as it is regularly updated with information and photos regarding what the children have been doing in school. We have added a new area called Community Links and this is where we can show you the work we have been doing in creating links in the community to further enrich the experiences planned for the children through the curriculum.

Parent Volunteer help

Can you spare some time, an hour or two, to support the teaching staff in administrative tasks, for example laminating, mounting work and filing. Please contact Mrs Stace on

suzanne.stace@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

Football before school

We love to see the children enjoying running around before school, however the playground can become quite crowded in the mornings so we would ask that the children do not play football before school. We are looking forward to re-introducing football at lunchtimes once the weather improves and the children can play on the field. Please can we ask that children **do not bring their own footballs** to school and when the weather improves we will provide footballs for them to play with at lunchtimes.

May we remind you that Reception – Year 4 break up for Easter at **1.30pm on Friday** and return to school on Tuesday 22nd April .We would like to thank you for all of your continued support this term and wish you a very happy Easter where we hope you will enjoy some Spring sunshine!

Dates: Spring/Summer Term

Tues 1 Apr.....	Class Photographs
Fri 4 April Reception – Year 4 finish at 1.30pm	School Ends for Easter Break
Fri 4 April 1.30pm.....	Beech cake sale
Tues 22 April.....	School starts for Summer Term
Thursday 24 April.....	Big Write Curriculum evening at 7pm
Mon 28 April.....	Year 1 visit to Whipsnade Zoo
Weds 30 April.....	Year 2 visit to Bucks Railway Centre
Mon 5 May.....	Bank Holiday School Closed
Thurs 8 May.....	Oak Sharing Assembly at 9.15am
Thurs 8 May.....	Child Shows Parent 3.14-3.45 Rec-Yr 4
Weds 14 May.....	Elm Sharing Assembly(no child shows parent)
Weds 21 May.....	Rowan Sharing Assembly (no child shows parent)
Fri 23 May.....	Last day of half term
Mon 26 – Fri 30 May.....	School closed for half term
Mon 2 June.....	INSET DAY School closed
Tues 3 June.....	School starts for second half of Summer Term
Friday 18 July Reception – Year 4 finish at 1.30pm	School closes for end of term
Monday 21-Wednesday 23 July.....	INSET DAYS – School closed