



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### MAY 2014

**We hope you had a good Easter break and enjoyed the Spring sunshine! Since returning to school the children have been working hard and have had a very busy two weeks.**

#### **Big Write Curriculum evening**

We were delighted to see so many Parents attend our first Big Write curriculum evening last Thursday, where Mrs Ellwood and Mrs Chassebi our English subject leader shared the principles of Big write and the value of talk for writing. 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 elements of Big write through supporting your child with talk homework and with their writing using the VCOP strategies they are taught at school, please refer to the **Parents section** of the website where you will find a section on **Big write**.

#### **School trips**

This week a number of classes have enjoyed going out on educational visits; Year 1 had an extremely busy week where they enjoyed a day at Whipsnade linked to their theme on animals and also went to Sport space, Year 2 visited Buckinghamshire Railway centre as they have been learning about George Stephenson and Reception visited our local garden centre Woods as part of their theme on growing plants. Next week Year 4 visit Thames Water Sewage works as part of their theme work on the Water cycle. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who have or will be supporting us on these trips, the children have been a credit to Greenway this week and we are very proud of them!

#### **Visit from a Local Artist**

Year 3 Maple class had the opportunity to develop their art skills yesterday when they were visited by the local artist George Sear. During the morning he shared with the children how he became an artist and demonstrated the techniques he uses to create fantastic landscape paintings. The children are very proud of their paintings and look forward to sharing these with their parents at Child shows parent next week.

#### **Sporting updates....**

##### **Year 3/ 4 Inter schools Football Competition**

Well done to all of the children from Year 3 and 4 who represented Greenway in the inter-schools football competition at Cavendish school before the Easter holidays. Congratulations to the girls team who won the competition impressively on penalties !

##### **The London Marathon**

Congratulations to three of our Mums; Sarah Whale, Sue Crowther and Liz Hoar who ran the London Marathon. We would like to thank them for coming to an assembly last week to share their experiences with the children, inspiring them that through hard work and determination you can achieve your goal!

## **Year 1 Sports morning at Sports space**

The Year 1 visit to Sport space was rearranged for yesterday where the Year 1 children took part in an inter-schools multi-skills competition. The children had a fantastic time and were a credit to Greenway. Congratulations to all of the children for coming third place in the competition.

## **Forthcoming sporting events....**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> -Year 4 will be taking part in an inter-schools Tag Rugby competition- we wish them good luck and look forward to sharing how they get on in our next newsletter.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> -Year 3/ 4 Inter-schools running competition hosted by Greenway.
- Further Community Links with Ashlyns school - Year 3/4 will be competing in an inter-schools dodge competition in June – more details to follow later this half term.

## **A date for your diary-**

Mrs Stace will be delivering a second Maths workshop on June 19<sup>th</sup> 7-9 pm 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. Further information will be sent later this half term.

## **Greenway school website**

Please remember to 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.

## **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](mailto:suzanne.stace@greenway.herts.sch.uk).

## **Pokemon Club**

We are aware that some children in KS 2 are bringing Pokemon cards in to school and we have agreed that they are allowed to bring them in on **Mondays only**. Mr Ferran's lunchtime match attack club will now also be a Pokemon club and children can just turn up on the day, we do not need to know in advance.

## **Jewellery/Accessories**

Please can we remind you that children should not be wearing friendship bracelets or other jewellery (**small** stud earrings are permitted but must not be worn for P.E). Nail varnish is not allowed and all long hair should be tied back with a suitable hair band – no fascinators!

## **Pick up arrangements**

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child after school please advise the school office by **3pm at the latest** as we have Year 4 helpers who deliver the messages to class at this time. The office staff cannot leave the office to deliver individual messages after this time. Thanks for your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you at Child Shows parent next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 3.15- 3.45 pm.

## Dates: Summer Term

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Tues 6 May	Chestnut Class Visit to Thames Water Sewage Works
Weds 7 May	Willow Class Visit to Thames Water Sewage Works
Thurs 8 May	Oak Sharing Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 8 May	Child shows Parent 3.15-3.45pm Reception – Year 4
Fri 9 May	Jazzy Jar Dress Down Day
Weds 14 May	Elm Sharing Assembly 9.15am (no child shows parent)
Thurs 15 May	Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Camelot Rugby Club
Sat 17 May	Greenway Summer Fair 11am – 1.30pm
Sat 17 May	Greenway Camping from 2pm onwards
Weds 21 May	Rowan Sharing Assembly 9.15am (no child shows parent)
Fri 23 May	Last day of half term – normal finish time
Fri 23 May	Elm Cake Sale after school
Mon 2 Jun	<b>INSET DAY School closed</b>
Weds 4 Jun	Yr 3 & 4 Inter School Cross Country after school
Thurs 5 Jun	New Nursery Parents meeting 7pm
Thurs 5 Jun	New Reception Parents meeting 8pm
Mon 16 – Fri 20 Jun	Foundation Stage Open Mornings 9am
Thurs 19 Jun	Maths Parent Workshop KS 2 parents 7-9pm
Fri 27 Jun	Rowan Cake Sale after school
Tues 1 Jul	KS1 Production 9.30am
Weds 2 Jul	KS 1 Production 2pm
Weds 9 Jul	Sports Day
Fri 11 Jul	Red Ash cake sale after school
Fri 11 Jul	End of year reports
Mon 14 Jul	Transition morning
Tues 15 Jul	Open evening 6-7pm
Wed 16 Jul	Alternative date for Sports Day – if wet on 9 <sup>th</sup>
Fri 18 Jul	Summer Party, Town Hall 8pm -Midnight
Friday 18 July	<b>Reception – Year 4 finish at 1.30pm</b> School closes for end of term
Monday 21-Wednesday 23 July	<b>INSET – School closed</b>
Mon 1 & 2 Sept	INSETS – School closed
Wed 3 Sept	Return to school