



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Road Monster campaign

Greenway School was turned into a film set on Saturday 28th February so that a three minute clip could be filmed incorporating the Road Monster song. Children attended from Greenway, Westfield, Bridgewater, St Marys and Victoria. There were make-up artists, sound recordists, camera-men, directors and numerous helpers from our parent community and students from Ashlyns School. The stars of the show were, of course, the children, who showed amazing resilience and patience through a long day of takes and re-takes. We all look forward to the finished result and will let you know how you can view it when it becomes available.

Book Week (Book Fair – Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March 3.15-4pm)

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week. The books you have bought will benefit the school as we can purchase more for free! We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed as their favourite **book character** on World Book Day on Thursday. On Thursday and Friday the author/illustrator Nick Schon, will be with each class in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We look forward to sharing with you the work that was produced.

Parent/Pupil Questionnaire

This key document and supporting letter will be coming to you this Friday. It helps the Governors and Senior Leadership Team to celebrate, evaluate, review and identify ways in which the school can continue to improve. A lot of work has been put into this questionnaire and we would really value your feedback. Your Parent Forum Representative will be reminding you to complete the survey. Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils will complete their survey in school over the next few weeks. Parents who have children in N, R and Year 1 we ask if you can support you child at home to complete the survey. Thanks for your support in this.

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief – Friday 13th March

Just a reminder that your children can buy red noses during the school day this week and next week for £1. They may also come to school wearing something red on Friday 13 March again for £1. The staff are going to try and identify the 'best dressed child in red'. This could be a difficult challenge! All of the money raised will be donated to Comic Relief and the children will be learning about the ways in which it is spent in their classes on Friday.

Inter-school sports

Swimming Gala - Greenway's Year 4 swimmers are looking forward to defending their title as the winners of this event last year. It will be at the Knox Johnson Sports Centre on Thursday 5th March from 5 -6.30pm. We wish them well.

Tag Rugby - a team of Year 5 rugby players took part in a Rugby Festival in Hemel Hempstead last week and acquitted themselves very well against players from several other schools in the area.

They will be in action again this week at a local tournament that Greenway is hosting on Friday afternoon. Supporters are very welcome.

Dance - Janine is busy training a team of dancers from Years 3 and 4 for this year's Dance Competition, which will take place on Friday 27th March at Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre. Last year, the Year 2 dance troupe was placed in second place!

Behaviour Workshop for parents – Wednesday 18th March 7-9pm

Following the success of the Behaviour Policy launch evening, Dacorum Education Support Centre staff are returning to Greenway to run this workshop later this month. Parents can expect to be given advice and guidance on further positive ways of managing children's behaviour, including some practical activities, all of which is consistent with the systems we use in school. A letter with further details about the training will be sent out next week.

Art Week – 23-27 March

This year's Art Week is focusing on one particular artist – Vincent Van Gogh. During the week, the children will be doing a variety of projects inspired by his work or by techniques he used. We are very excited about a whole school project that Jo Kidd from Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts will be running, and we are also looking forward to having some 6th Form Art students from Ashlyns in school to help and inspire our budding young artists. If you would like to support any of the practical activities that will be going on that week, please contact Mrs Crozier on caroline.crozier@greenway.herts.sch.uk

'Hair today....'

One of our Year 5 pupils, Georgie Hoffman, is fund-raising for The Little Princess Trust – a charity that provides wigs made from real hair for children who have lost theirs because they are having treatment for serious illnesses. The charity needs donations of real hair to make the wigs and money to pay for them to be made, so Georgie will be cutting off 7cm of her hair on 14th March. She has organised a competition for the children to take part in, at a cost of 50p each, but if you'd like to sponsor her she also has a fundraising page on www.justgiving.com/georgiehoffman

E-safety Workshop

This was a successful workshop run for all our parents in Berkhamsted and over 120 parents attended. There has been very positive feedback. We will be updating our school website with parent information and guides following the training.

Dates: Spring Term 2nd Half

Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day – Dressing up
Thurs 5 th March	Inter-schools swimming gala – Knox Johnston at 5pm
Fri 6 th March	Berkhamsted Tag Rugby tournament at 2pm
Mon 9 th March	Parent Forum Meeting 8pm
Weds 11 th March	Maple Class Sharing Assembly 9.00am
Weds 11 th March	Child Shows Parent 3.15-3.45pm
Fri 13 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Tues 17 th March	Y5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Wed 18 th March	Behaviour Workshop for Parents 7-9pm
Fri 20 th March	KS2 Film Night
Mon 23-Fri 27 March	Art Week
Thurs 26 th March	Yr 1 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Fri 27 th March	Inter-schools dance competition
Tues 31 st March	Parent Consultations 5.30-8.30pm
Weds 1 st April	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 2 nd April	End of term – school closes at 1.30pm
Mon 20 th April	Summer term begins