



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

November 2015

We hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break. October was a busy month at Greenway and now that we're back, the countdown to Christmas is already upon us!

Parent Consultations

School was buzzing with activity late into the evening on 20th and 21st October. Thank you to everyone who came to discuss their children's progress and to the teachers for two marathon sessions!

Remembrance

Poppies and other Royal British Legion accessories have been on sale since last Friday, in readiness for Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11 November. We will mark the day with a minute's silence in assembly and in the playground at 11.00am

E-safety workshop Wednesday 18th November 7-9pm

Your children will be sending you a letter of invitation to this important event, so if you haven't already put it in your diaries, please make sure you do! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the event. Please confirm your attendance by emailing the school office on admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk so that we have a rough idea of numbers to expect. Parent Forum members will be chasing you to attend!

Christmas shopping reminder from the GSA

When you're doing your Christmas shopping online, raise funds for your children with easyfundraising.org.uk. There are no catches and it's completely free to use. It's really simple - just shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk with over 2,700 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay (and many more!) and whenever you buy something online, the retailer makes a donation to Greenway School Association! It doesn't cost you a single penny extra and with Christmas coming our collective spend could easily earn £1000. Get started now - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/10M1ZK/> Simply choose Greenway School Association as your good cause and set up your account - it's really quick and easy. Happy fundraising!

Sporting success – see regular updates on our school website

Our boys' and girls' football teams were busy in October, playing Hammond School and St Thomas More at home. We won both games. Children from Year 5/6 represented Greenway at a cross-country running event at Ashlyns School on 21st October and, again, acquitted themselves very well, especially given the terrible weather conditions. Year 2 children visited the new sports hall at Ashlyns to take part in a Tri- Golf event. They came 8th out of twenty schools participating. Also the Year 4 Tag Ruby team won both their games. Lastly our Table Tennis girls and boys teams did extremely well. The girls came 2nd and the boys are the Dacorum champions and will now go through to the District finals. Well done to everyone who took part.

The Great Greenway Bake-off

Following the success of this event last year, our Year 6 fund-raisers are keen to make it an annual event. They have already explained the competition to the rest of the school in assembly – bake a cake, decorate it creatively, take a photograph of it and submit it to the Bake-off girls in Year 6 with a £1 entry fee by 29th November. If you would like to submit your photo digitally, send it to caroline.crozier@greenway.herts.sch.uk . All funds raised will go to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Cold weather PE kit

Children need to have warm clothes for PE as the winter approaches, so please provide jogging bottoms and a sweat-shirt or fleece. These do not need to be green.

Kitchen staff update

Sadly, we said goodbye to Dean, our school cook, on Friday 6th November. He has been promoted by Herts Catering and is moving into a management position, so we wish him lots of luck in his new job. All the staff and children will miss him. We would like to welcome our new cook Mariana.

Secondary transition

Thank you to all those parents who feedback to our Parent Forum members about how Greenway can support Secondary Transition. We had a very useful discussion at Parent Forum meeting last week and the minutes have now been sent out to your class representative. I would like to share a quote from one of our parents which I whole heartedly support, which was shared at our meeting.

'I would like to see the school and parents jointly supporting a culture of respect amongst the children for secondary school choices. Inevitably, children will be going to a whole range of secondary schools and whether that is a local comprehensive, private or grammar I feel the children should be encouraged to see all options in a positive light. We are very fortunate to be living in an area with such good schools and we should be aiming for the children to all be excited and proud of where they are headed'. All members agreed that such an approach is the joint responsibility for staff and parents to promote with all children. I hope you agree with this sentiment and support us in making the transitions to secondary school as smooth as possible for every child. Thanks for your support.

Payment of Invoices

The school office spend a great deal of their time chasing overdue payments for visits, dinner money, music etc. In some cases parents do not return permission slips or payments until the day of the visit. Please could I ask you to return payments and forms by the due dates. This is a good habit to get into in preparation for Senior School as if you do not sign up for a trip or visit then your child will often not be able to attend due to limited spaces. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for November & December

Mon 9th-Thurs 12th Nov-----Foundation Stage open morning week
Weds 11th Nov-----Boys Football League v Pixies Hill (Home Match)
Mon 16th-Fri 20th Nov -----Anti-bullying week
Mon 16th Nov-----Dacorum U11 Basketball Finals Cavendish School
Tues 17th Nov -----Tag Rugby League Yr 4 v Chaulden & Bovingdon
Weds 18th Nov -----E-safety workshop 7.00-9.00pm
Thurs 19th Nov-----Girls Football League v Hobletts Manor (Away Match)
Thurs 19th Nov 7pm-----New Parents meeting for Nursery (Jan 2016 intake)
Fri 20th Nov-----Boys Football League v Boxmoor (Away Match)
Mon 23rd-Fri 27th Nov -----Inter-faith week & Yr 1-4 Virtual Run
Tues 24th Nov-----Yr 2 Sports Festival at Sports Centre
Tues 24th Nov-----Tag Rugby League Yr 4 v Reddings (Away Match)
Thurs 26th Nov-----Year 1 sharing assembly 9.15am
Thurs 26th Nov-----Child shows parent 3.15-3.45pm
Weds 2nd Dec-----Yr 5/6 Football v Bridgewater (Away Match)
Thurs 3rd Dec-----Creative Christmas Day – Whole School
Sat 5th Dec 11am – 2pm-----Christmas Fair
Tues 8th Dec 10:30am-----Nursery & Reception Nativity
Tues 8th Dec-----Yr 5/6 Boys/Girls Football League v Leverstock Green (Home Match)
Thurs 10th Dec 9am-----Yr 5 Sharing Assembly
Mon 14th Dec (morning) -----Elgiva Theatre Trip Key Stage 1
Mon 14th Dec (afternoon) -----Image Theatre Company – The Selfish Giant
Tues 15th Dec (morning) -----Christmas parties Yrs 1,2 & 3
Tues 15th Dec (afternoon) -----Foundation Stage Christmas Parties
Tues 15th Dec 2pm -----Carol Concert (Years 4,5,& 6) All Saints Church
Weds 16th Dec -----Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
Weds 16th Dec -----Christmas Dinner
Weds 16th Dec -----Yr 5/6 Boys/Girls Football League v Kings Langley (Home Match)
Thurs 17th Dec -----End of Autumn Term School closes 1.30pm
Fri 18th Dec -----Occasional Day – School Closed