



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Tim Peake Project

There have been two events recently stemming from Greenway's involvement in this exciting Science project: on Monday 25th January our 'Space Ambassador', Robin Mobbs, led a session for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the hall; and on Tuesday 2nd February children took part in an online event called 'The Cosmic Classroom', during which there was a live question and answer session with Tim Peake himself!

GSA Camping – Saturday 18 June

The GSA chairs have asked us to appeal to all parents for volunteers willing to take on the organisation of this year's camping event. It is one of the social highlights of the Greenway year and raises a lot of money for the GSA. Previous years' organisers are stepping down, but will be happy to give a full briefing to new volunteers. Please contact Tracy Lerpiniere or Charlotte Gardener (c/o Silver Birch class) if you are interested. The event may have to be cancelled if no one comes forward!

Young Voices at the O2

Following the success of this experience last year, on Thursday 28th January our Year 5 children went to the O2 in London for 'Young Voices 2016'. They were part of a choir of over 7,000 children and performed to an audience of nearly 17,000. It was another highly memorable night for everyone, including the staff who took part and the parents who watched. One of the Urban Strides dancers is an ex-Greenway pupil. We are hoping that she and Andy the leader of the dance group will be able to come into Greenway and meet the children very soon. The children cannot wait.

Greenway's 50th Anniversary

You may already be aware that we are celebrating our Golden Jubilee this year. Plans are afoot to mark the anniversary during the summer term and we would love to hear from you if you are a former pupil of Greenway. Photos, school reports and items of school uniform would be much appreciated for a historical display about Greenway through the decades. If you could let Mrs Newing have these items or you can email her on hilary.newing@greenway.herts.sch.uk.

Healthy Snacks

I know this issue has been mentioned in previous newsletters, but it was raised by a school council member last week too. He felt it was unfair (not to mention unhealthy) that children in Key Stage 2 were bringing in snacks that do not mirror the healthy ones provided to children in Key Stage 1. Once again, please ensure that your Key Stage 2 children's snacks are either fresh fruit, fresh vegetables or a healthy carbohydrate (plain rice cakes, bread sticks etc.). Thank you.

Parking and drop-off in Crossways

There have been numerous reports recently about Road Monster-like behaviour in Crossways! Please can I ask you NOT to park under any circumstances on the turning circle at the end of Crossways as it causes an obstruction to other traffic and poses a serious risk to children, especially those in Years 5 and 6 who may be crossing the turning circle unsupervised. This includes those cars that stop momentarily on the turning circle to drop children off at the school entrance – please do not do this.

Team Selection Policy

As part of our transition to a Primary school we produced a Team Selection Policy. This has been written by Mr Loczy, Mr Lewis our Sports Apprentice and Mrs Collins our link governor for Sport. The policy has been ratified by our Governing Body. It is on the school website and our sports notice board and we hope this will clarify our school procedures for you all.

School dinners

We have received feedback via Parent Forum about concerns regarding changes in the quality of school dinners, which has seemed to coincide with the new menu. I have met with both Dean (who is now working as an area manager for Herts Catering) and his line manager to discuss both the menus and the quality of the food offered by the kitchen and am monitoring this situation carefully. I would also like to congratulate Hayley Kehoe who has worked in our kitchen for two years and has been promoted to Head Cook. She started her new position at Greenway last Monday.

Sports fixtures

Our girls and boys football teams have recently qualified for the quarter finals in the inter-schools competition. Well done to them! Congratulations also to the girls netball team who played their first two matches last week and won 26-4 and 12-4. Please see the school website for full match reports.

Year 1 came first in a sports event at Sportspace recently and will be competing in the next stage shortly.

Year 2 also took part in a competition at Sportspace on 2nd February and we are very proud that they came first!

Forthcoming fixtures:

11th Feb- Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Camelot Rugby Club

24th Feb – Year 6 Athletics at Ashlyns

29th Feb – Girls Netball against Micklem (home)

4th March – Girls Netball against Micklem (away)

4th March – Year 5 Tag Rugby inter-school competition

7th March – Girls Football against Two Waters (home)

10th March – Girls Netball against Lime Walk (away)

11th March – Year 6 Tag Rugby inter-school competition

17th March – District swimming trials

18th March – Dacorum Dance Competition

29th March – Year 5/6 Football tournament at Ashlyns

30th March – Year 3/4 Football tournament at Ashlyns

Dates: Spring Term

Fri 12th Feb -----‘Love your Homestart’ dress down day
Fri 12th Feb-----Last day of half term
Mon 15th-Fri 19th Feb-----Half term closure
Mon 22nd Feb-----Start of second half of Spring term
Thurs 3rd March-----World Book Day
Tues 15th March-----Year 6 trip to Renewable Energy Systems
Weds 16th March-----Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
Tues 22nd March 6.00-8.30pm -----Parent consultations–Whole school
Weds 23rd March 3.30-6.30pm-----Parent consultations-Whole school
Fri 25th March -----Good Friday – school closed
Mon 28th March-----Easter Monday – school closed
Weds 30th March -----Key Stage 1 show 9.30
Thurs 31st March -----Key Stage 1 show 2.00
Fri 1st April -----End of Spring Term School closes at 1.30pm
Mon 18th April-----Inset day – school closed
Tues 19th April -----Start of Summer term