



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

April/May 2016

Staffing update

Congratulations to Miss Orr, who became engaged to her partner over the Easter break. As you can imagine she is delighted and we send both Amy and Ashley our best wishes.

Parent/Pupil Questionnaire

Thank you for all your responses. These are now being collated and we will be able to inform you regarding the outcomes later in the term.

Rocket Science – Year 5

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Greenway is one of 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space. They have arrived! These seeds will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and the children will measure the differences over seven weeks. The children in Year 5 won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture. We will keep you posted!

Football

Please can I remind parents that no football should be played before school or after school **unless supervised by a parent**. Now that we are a primary school with older children walking independently to and from school, there is no-one supervising them at this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yr 4 Lincolnsfield Residential - Wednesday 4 May 7pm

Children and their parents are invited to a short presentation in preparation for their residential which takes place the following week. This is an opportunity for the children and parents to ask questions and find out a bit more about what they will be doing.

50th Celebrations

Greenway school is 50 years old this year and an activity was sent home over Easter for your children to complete. The activity was to design a 50th logo to be put onto tote bags that will be sold at the summer fair. We had a great response and the design that has been chosen is by Freya Mills in Year 4. Congratulations to her!

Sporting fixtures and results

Well done to the Year 6 Athletics team who took part in a Dacorum competition at Ashlyns School. Out of the 36 schools that took part Greenway were third overall.

Well done to Year 5/6 Girls and Boys Football teams for reaching their respective semi-finals. The boys narrowly lost to Two Waters 2 – 1 who were the eventual winners. The girls also lost to the eventual winners 1 – 0.

The Year 5 Tag Rugby team reached the final of the Dacorum League. After full-time the game was evenly poised at 12 apiece. The game went to sudden death and unfortunately Kings Langley scored the next try.

The Year 6 Tag Rugby team played wonderfully in their league but ended being runners up to Bovington Academy who proceeded to the final.

The girls netball team have been outstanding this year. They were crowned winners of their league group and preceded to the semi-finals. They met Bridgewater and narrowly lost 12-10. But well done to all the girls who have taken part in netball matches this year. You have been a credit to Greenway.

On Friday 18th March two Greenway teams went to Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre for the annual Dacorum Dance Competition. With 16 other teams and an audience of 700+ the children were quite nervous! But they rose to the occasion and performed magnificently. When St Albert the Great was announced in third place, winners for the past 3 years, the hall fell silent. The Year 3 Greenway dance 'Flood' were announced in second place followed by the Year 4,5 and 6 in first place! Many thanks, to Janine Bennett for her fantastic choreography and commitment to the school.

Four children from Year 6 took part in a Pop Lacrosse tournament at Cavendish School. They learned lots of new skills and finished the afternoon in second place.

In the last week of the Spring term the boys and girls football tournaments took place. Well done to all the children who took part but a special mention must go to the Year 3/4 girls' team who were crowned champions and the Year 5/6 girls who were awarded the silver medal.

Miss Orr's class on 25th April took part in a Tri-golf competition at Ashlyns School. The same event was taking place at lots of other schools in Dacorum. Congratulation to the class who finished second overall out of 22 schools that took part.

Sporting fixtures for this term

5 th May	Year 3 Tag Rugby festival
16 – 20 th May	Sports week
18 th May	Sports day
20 th May	Year 6 Netball tournament
24 th May	Year 6 Dacorum Tri-golf competition
26 th May	Year 5/6 boys cricket Dacorum finals
26 th May	Under 9 mini-tennis Red School Games completion

Dates: Summer Term

Yr 4 Residential meeting at 7pm	4 May
Boden Spring Party 6-9pm.....	5 May
Science Days.....	23 and 24 May
Half term.....	30 May – Friday 3 June
School back.....	6 June
New Nursery meeting (September starters) 7pm	8 June
New Reception meeting.....8pm.....	8 June
Yr 6 residential meeting at 7pm.....	22 June