



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### June 2016

#### **Greenway Summer Fair – Saturday 18 June**

Everyone at school is really excited about the Summer Fair and Camping Event on Saturday! However, it can't go ahead without your help. So far 40 people have signed up on the rotas sent round by class reps - a big thank you to them. That leaves over 30 slots unfilled, so please do sign up – the rotas will be circulated again. If you are having problems with the electronic system, please email [GSA@greenway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:GSA@greenway.herts.sch.uk).

#### **Parent/Pupil Questionnaire**

Thank you for all your responses. These have now been collated. The findings are being sent out next week and uploaded onto the website. There will also be an A3 poster in each classroom which provides a range of quotes and summarises the findings. Please do take a look.

#### **Maths Challenge Yr 5**

Four Year 5 children had qualified for a place in the County Maths final, which was held at Stevenage on 16 June. I am pleased to say that Greenway came third out of twenty schools at the final. However there were over 150 schools in the competition overall, so this is a great achievement. Some key knowledge about the International Space Station seemed to clinch it! Congratulations to Livy Spencer, Jake Friend, Alice Ray and Toby Grech.

#### **Art Week – Artist in residence**

We are delighted that this week Jo from the Art shop in Berkhamsted has been working with all the children, making a wire sculpture of a tree. This was inspired by the work of Alexander Calder, our focus artist during this year's Art Week. All classes have been developing their skills and learning about a number of famous artists during the course of the week. You will be able to see some of the lovely work they have created at our Open Evening on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Arctic explorer**

As part of our Science days that took place before half term, we were excited about the Arctic explorer who was with us for the day and worked with Years 5 and 6. The theme for the Science days was to inspire children around science, technology, engineering and maths. Our polar scientist and zoologist ran an assembly for KS2 and then delivered two focused investigations based upon 'Blubber Gloves' for Year 6 (animal adaptation) and polar survival gear with Year 5 (properties of materials). Our visitor was extremely impressed with our children's knowledge and questions!

#### **Yr 6 Letton Residential - Wednesday 22nd 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.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**

To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are having a celebratory picnic this Friday for all the children in the school. If your child is in Nursery you will be collecting your child from the Nursery door at 1pm. We are hoping that we have a dry day!

This term each year group is exploring a decade and its impact on today's society. The children will explore, music, fashion, technological advances, the creative arts, sporting achievements and the politics of the decade. During open evening you will have the opportunity to see the outcome of their work. The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the display in the hall showing the changes in Greenway school, over the past 50 years! During open evening there will be a variety of objects on display from Greenway's past.

We are also inviting past head teachers, staff and governors to an afternoon tea to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on Thursday 14 July 5-6pm, so you may see individuals you recognise at our Open Evening and I know that you make them feel very welcome.

## **Sporting fixtures and results**

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This term booted off with the year 3 tag rugby festival, where we took all off the year 3's to compete. They had a morning session, which consisted of some skills based games, and an afternoon session to compete in some fixtures. Sadly, out of the 9 teams we had compete, none progressed through to the latter stages of the tournament. However, they all enjoyed the day and managed to represent Greenway.

Next up, was sports week. This week was jam packed full of sporting activities, all day and everyday. The activities ranged from Boccia, Football, Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Parachute games, Tri-golf, Athletics, Rounders, Hockey, Goalball and Lacrosse. Also, the Ashlyns sports leaders came in to lead some of these activities. Tuesday, consisted of the carousel morning where the whole school competed for their houses in a range of activities. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, sports day had to be cancelled. However, we managed to fit in the competitive races on Friday morning. The whole school went out to watch all the races, so there was a lot of noise and a lot of encouragement. The week was topped off, on Friday, with an amazing 300ft inflatable assault course. Each class had a time slot to go on the course and everyone enjoyed it (including staff!).

On the Friday of sports week, the year 6 girls' netball team went to a netball tournament at the Cavendish school. The girls were put in the same group as local rivals, who previously knocked them out of the netball league at the semi final stage, Bridgewater. The girls beat Bridgewater in the first game and were so pleased. Unfortunately, they didn't progress out of the group.

Next, we sent 2 boys and 2 girls from year 4 to compete at the mini red tennis tournament. They played really well and came out victorious. They were crowned Dacorum champions and will now progress through to the Herts school games finals.

The boys' cricket team then went to their tournament at Leverstock Green cricket club. They played extremely well, scoring lots of runs and taking lots of wickets. The boys came out victorious and will now join the mini red tennis at the Herts school games finals day. They are now proud Dacorum champions.

Our girls' cricket team then had the opportunity to follow in the boys footsteps. The girls started really well, until adverse weather conditions stopped play. After an anxious wait, the girls returned to play. They played just as well and were crowned Dacorum champions also. This means they will now also compete at the Herts school games finals but on another day.

The year 5 sports leaders had a few sessions that were run by the Ashlyns sports leaders. This was to continue their path to becoming Greenway sports leaders. They enjoyed the training and got to invent some really good games.

For the first time ever, our year 6 sports leaders will have the chance to lead some activities and the KS1 Olympics. Clare McCauley, from Dacorum school sport network, came in to train these year 6's in preparation for the event.

Ashlyns students again came in to run a carousel PE lesson for year 5's. This consisted of a range of activities which would help both the leaders in gaining experience and our year 5's in their PE development.

Greenway then sent 20 pupils from years 3 and 4 to compete at the 3/4 Olympics. The activities were Boccia, Netball, Football, Athletics and Tennis. The Boccia team came second, Football 1st, Athletics 1st and Tennis 1st. This meant they were crowned overall champions, which is a huge achievement. The Quicksticks Hockey team competed at a tournament in Hemel. They played really well only losing 1 game which meant they came second overall. This is yet another really fantastic achievement.

Finally, we will finish on a really touching note. As sports day was rained off, the year 6's spent their time creating activities and short lessons plans. They were then able to deliver these lessons in a carousel morning to a mixture of younger years at Greenway. It was brilliant for our year 6's showing the younger years, techniques they had been taught and passing on their knowledge. They were also evaluating their sessions and adapting to make them the best they can be. I have no doubt that all enjoyed it and some may have even seen a possible future career path.

### **Sporting fixtures for this term**

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 2 Olympics Events at Sports Space
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 5/6 mini orange Tennis Competition
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Rounders League
30 <sup>th</sup> June	County Finals Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Foundation stage Olympics event Sports Space
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 DHC Athletics competition Jarman Park Athletics track
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Sports festival Ashlyns School
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Dacorum School sports Network Awards Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Rounders tournament

### **Dates: Summer Term**

Yr 3 to Legoland .....	21 June
Yr 6 residential meeting at 7pm.....	22 June
Yr 5 College Lake .....	23 June
Nursery – Mead Open Farm .....	24 June
Letton residential .....	27 June – 1 July
Summer Music Concert at Ashlyns .....	5 July 7pm
Transition day .....	7 July
Reports sent home.....	8 July
Yr 4 Egyptian Day .....	11 July
Open evening .....	14 July 6-7pm
KS2 show.....	19 July 7.30pm
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Leaver's assembly .....	21 July 2pm
End of summer term .....	22 July 1.30pm (Nursery 12.00)