



# GREENWAY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

July 2016

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

This year's summer fair and camping event raised approximately £4,500! Many thanks to all those of you who came and spent your money and, of course, to the GSA for their hard work in organising such successful fund-raisers.

### **Yr 6 Letton Residential**

Year 6 had an amazing time on their residential trip to Letton Hall in Norfolk. Do take a look at the Year 6 section of our website to see pictures of some of the activities they took part in. We were very proud of the children, all of whom behaved brilliantly and embraced the challenges they were presented with. Thanks also to the staff who went with them.

### **Open Evening – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our annual open evening. To mark our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we are inviting past head teachers, staff and governors to an afternoon tea from 5-6pm, so you may see some familiar faces from the past as you wander around the school on that day. We hope you will enjoy the displays that have been put up to celebrate each of the five decades Greenway has been open.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook**

We have taken a large number of orders for the special commemorative yearbook and expect the books to be delivered in the last week of term.

### **Leavers' events**

For the first time in three years we will be saying goodbye to a year group at the end of this term. We will be sad to see our Year 6s go and plan to mark their leaving with some special events:

- The Year 6 end of year show will be on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. In order to manage the numbers in the audience on each evening we will be selling tickets for each performance. These will be £2 per person and will entitle you to a complementary glass of wine or soft drink after the show. Look out for a letter from the office about these.
- The Leavers' Assembly will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm.
- After the Leavers' Assembly from approximately 3-4.30pm there will be a picnic for Year 6 children and their families on the large field. Please bring a picnic and blanket (or camping chair for greater comfort!). The GSA will be selling Pimms and soft drinks at this event.

### **Visit by David Gauke MP to Greenway - 8 July**

We are delighted that David Gauke has taken the time to visit a group of Yr 5 children today. The purpose of his visit was for the children to be able to ask questions, following on from their work on the 'Send my friend to School campaign' (The campaign for global education). The children have generated a range of questions including, do our voices make any difference to what happens in the

world and how can we be sure that the money our government gives goes to the children who need it. A lively and enlightening discussion took place.

### **Staff news**

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to three members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Reynolds, who has been working as a teaching assistant at Greenway for seven years, is moving on as the child she has supported is also leaving us. She will be taking up a similar post at Westfield School. Mrs Holden has been with us as a teaching assistant for two years and has plans to pursue some of her own personal interests, now that her children are older and she has more time on her hands. We are grateful to both of them for their hard work and wish them well in the future. We are also saying goodbye to Sue Trent, our learning mentor, who has been with us for a year. She is planning to do further studies and we wish her well. If you would like to contribute to a leaving present, then please put your contribution into a named envelope and leave in the office.

### **Annual Reports**

Your child will be bringing home their annual report today. Please can I remind you that when we report attendance figures, we have to report the number of sessions a child has been absent from. Each day is divided into two sessions, so the absence figure may look higher than you expected. We hope you enjoy reading the annual report and, as always, appreciate your feedback on the reply slips. Please send these to the school office by next Friday.

### **School Council Cake Sale**

The School Council are very keen to run their own fund-raising cake sale and have decided to donate the money they make to the NSPCC, who will be running some sessions and assemblies in school during the Autumn Term. The sale will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July after school. Please support the children if you can.

### **The Summer Reading Challenge 2016**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June the librarian from Berkhamsted library joined us in assembly to talk to the children about this year's reading challenge. Last year it was fantastic to see how many Greenway pupils participated and we hope you will encourage your child to take part this year. We look forward to the children bringing in their certificates to share with us in September.

### **Sporting fixtures and results**

Results:

At the KS1 Olympics, year 2 got to compete in a range of events. At the end their scores would be added up to determine a winner. Greenway came 1<sup>st</sup> at the event which is a great achievement!

Also, on the same day, some year 6 children were chosen to actually lead the events at the mini Olympics due to Ashlyns leaders being unavailable. This was the first time this has happened and the children all did really well as the event ran smoothly.

Next, the mini orange tennis tournament proved to be another success as Greenway came 2<sup>nd</sup> in this event overcoming many teams.

Then, the boys cricket team and mini red tennis team went to the Herts school games finals day. The boys cricket team competed really well coming 5<sup>th</sup> overall and receiving the passion award. The mini red tennis team also came 5<sup>th</sup> and this time won the determination award. So 2 huge successes on that day, which makes all of us so proud.

Also, we had the foundation Olympics for reception to compete in at the sports centre. It was good to see the younger years being so active and getting to compete. For most this would have been their first team sporting competition. They ended up second which was a brilliant result. However, more importantly, they returned with beaming smiles on their faces.

Finally, the girls cricket team had their chance at the county finals. They battled hard in the group stages to reach the semi-finals. But they were unfortunately beaten. They then had to play in the 3/4<sup>th</sup> play-off. They really played well in this match and came out eventual winners meaning they were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. This meant they were the 3<sup>rd</sup> best year 5/6 girls cricket team in the county! Also, the first ever Greenway team to win a medal at any of the Herts school games. The girls worked so hard and really deserved it so well done! An achievement to remember for life!

**Fixtures:**

08 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Rounders league
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**

Reports sent home.....	8 July
Yr 4 Egyptian Day .....	11 July
Open evening .....	14 July 6-7pm
Year 6 show.....	19 July 7.30pm
Year 6 show .....	20 July 7.30pm
Leaver's assembly .....	21 July 2pm
End of summer term .....	22 July 1.30pm (Nursery 12.00)