



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Young Voices at the O2

For the third year in a row, our Year 5 children took part in this amazing event in January. It was another highly memorable night for everyone, including the staff who accompanied them and the parents in the audience. Andy Instone, the charismatic leader of dance troupe 'Urban Strides', which is a regular part of the Young Voices concerts, will be visiting Greenway shortly, with a view to setting up an after-school club in Berkhamsted. Watch this space!

BBC Radio 2 - 500 words competition

Chris Evans' story-writing competition for children aged 5-13 is running again this year and entries will be accepted until the deadline of 23rd February. Some year groups have written stories in school but not all. Your children may want to use those fabulous writing skills they have been developing in their English lessons to write a story of 500 words or less and send off an entry. For more information visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Safer Internet day – Tuesday 7th February

Greenway will be marking this national event next Tuesday with a range of classroom activities based around the theme 'Unite for a better Internet'. We have set up a school Twitter account for one day only, so that teachers can post updates on the learning activities. You can check these out by going to <https://twitter.com/esafetyGreenway> The following day, Karin Hutchinson, one of Herts for Learning's E-safety advisors, will be in school. She will deliver assembly for the whole of Key Stage 2 and class sessions for children in Years 5 and 6.

Staff News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Harris is expecting a baby in July and send our warmest congratulations to both her and her husband. We will be contacting parents in Beech class with information about the arrangements for Mrs Harris's maternity leave in due course.

Drumming assembly

Casey Cronyn, a former Greenway pupil, visited us on Monday 23rd January to talk to the children in assembly about his passion for music and – in particular – drumming. He brought his drum kit with him and showed off some of his skills. If any of your children are interested in taking up drumming, Casey would love to hear from you as he has spent two years at music college and is now working as a drumming teacher in Berkhamsted. His email address is casey.cronyn@gmail.com .

Fitbits

Following the break, we have noticed that Father Christmas brought quite a few children Fitbits. One or two of them have asked whether these are permitted in school. As long as they are worn as a watch and not causing any distractions, we are happy for Fitbits to be worn. It is, of course, your child's responsibility to look after their Fitbit.

Please note that Smart watches are not permitted in school.

Top Trumps

Ms Roe runs a 'Games Club' at lunchtime on Thursdays. The children who attend love playing Top Trumps, but the club only has three full sets. If you have any Top Trumps at home that you would be happy to donate, please send them into school marked for her attention.

Uniform and lost property

Please can we urge you to put name labels in your children's clothing – including expensive items such as coats, hoodies and trainers. Our lost property box is constantly overflowing with un-named items and it is very time-consuming to track down the owners of these.

Also, there are still some children who do not have indoor shoes at school. Please ensure that these are provided – at this time of year it is particularly important for them to be able to change out of wet or dirty outdoor shoes on arrival at school.

Dens

Dens are a local charity supporting the fight against homelessness and poverty in the Dacorum area. Thank you to one of our parents for organising a collection of much needed grocery items. All donations were collected and taken to the centre in Apsley where I am sure they would be gratefully received.

P4C Question

Please discuss the following question with your children. 'Does genius run in families?'

Healthy Heroes

Many thanks to those families who completed and returned the Healthy Heroes questionnaire. Another copy is attached with this newsletter – please fill this in with your children as soon as possible and return it to their class teacher.

Dates:

Tues 7th Feb-----Safer Internet day
Weds 8th Feb-----E-safety day Years 3-6
Fri 10th Feb-----Last day of half term
Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb-----Half term closure
Mon 20th Feb-----Inset Day
Tues 21st Feb-----Start of second half of spring term
Thurs 2nd March-----World Book Day
Tues 14th March 9.30am-----Key Stage 1 show
Weds 15th March 2pm-----Key Stage 1 show
Mon 20th-Fri 24th March-----Art Week
Fri 24th March-----Comic Relief
Tues 28th March 3.30-6.30pm -----Parent consultations-Whole school
Weds 29th March 6-8.30pm-----Parent consultations-Whole school
Fri 31st March-----End of Spring term school closes at 1.30pm