



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014

KS 2 Parent Maths workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Key Stage 2 Parent Maths workshop on Thursday 19th June, where Mrs Stace shared the formal calculation strategies taught to the children for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. During the evening the parents had the opportunity to practise these strategies themselves. Thank you to all the parents who gave us very positive feedback. If you were not able to attend and would like to learn more about the calculation strategies taught at Greenway please look at our Calculation policy which is on the Parents section of the website.

Science Day –

On Wednesday 18th June the children had a fantastic day where they had the opportunity to take part in a variety of Scientific experiments. During assembly they were visited by someone from Mad Science who ‘wowed’ them with some very impressive scientific experiments. Thank you to Mrs Adams, our Science co-ordinator, for organising such a successful day. Please look on our website for further information and photos of the day.

Year 4 Pedestrian skill training

The Year 4 children took part in a range of pedestrian skill activities on Thursday 26th June which raised their awareness of road safety. Thank you to Mr Loczy for organising this and the staff and parents who supported with this training.

KS1 Production – In the Jungle

A big thank you to everyone who attended our KS1 Production. The children were amazing and put on a superb performance, I was very proud of them all! Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and to those parents who helped with making props, scenery, costumes and face painting. Money raised will be donated to our charity Home Start.

Transition Meetings – Tuesday 15th July

There will be a transition meeting for the current Year 4 parents at 9am, please return the slip to confirm your attendance.

Wednesday 16th July

There will be two transition meetings on this evening to inform you of the arrangements for the next academic year. The Reception to Year 1 meeting will take place in the hall from 7-8pm followed by a meeting from 8- 9pm for the current Year 2 parents. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Open Evening- Tuesday 15th July 6-7pm

We would like to invite you to our annual Open evening, this is an opportunity for your child to proudly celebrate their work and achievements over the year as well as an opportunity to visit their next Class

Teacher and look forward to the work they will be doing next academic year. Year 4 Cornets will be entertaining you along with Mr Tees from 6- 6.15 pm in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2014

On Tuesday 15th July the librarian from Berkhamsted library will be joining us in assembly to talk to the children about this year's reading challenge. Last year it was fantastic to see how many children took part in this challenge from Greenway and we would encourage your child to take part this year. We look forward to the children bringing in their certificates to share with us in September. **Please can you return all class reading books and library books to school by Friday 11th July.**

Sporting updates....

Year 3/4 Inter-school's running competition-

On June 4th Greenway hosted our annual Inter-school's running competition. Congratulations to all of the Year 3/4 children who competed in this event. A special mention goes to Jude McKay who came first in the Year 3 Boys' race and congratulations to the Ray family who completed a first and second finish in the Year 3 Girls' event. Jacob D'Cunha ran very well and was the highest place Year 4 boy in fourth. Well done to Erin Shacklock, Annie Whale and Chloe Bandle who came first, second and third in the Year 4 girl event. A big thank you to all those who helped organise the event and also running club who have done a fantastic job with all the children involved in the club.

Year 3/4 Mini tennis red district final (Sainsbury's school games)

Well done to Finlay, Rachael, Hazel and Jack who represented Greenway First School in the Mini Red Tennis competition. All players scored points for the team and Greenway overall were placed 7th. The competition was for players who are beginners and new to the game and all the children worked hard in the rain! I know that by the end of the competition all the children had improved and really enjoyed themselves.

Year 3 and 4 Inter-schools dodgeball competition

Year 3 and 4 took part in an inter-schools dodgeball competition which was organised by two students from Ashlyns school as part of their fund raising for World challenge. Well done to all of the children who took part in this.

Football competition at St Thomas More

Congratulations to Archie Sadler, Beau Holdom, Cameron Jarvis, Conor Whittingham-Jones, Daniel Thiruchelvam and Harry Dowling for representing Greenway in the St Thomas More football tournament and winning the final!

Year 3 Cricket

To forge community links with local clubs, the Year 3 children are working with coaches from Berkhamsted cricket club, who are also running an after school club.

Year 4 Inter-schools swimming competition

Several Year 4 children took part in the first Inter-schools swimming event on Thursday 3rd July at Knox-Johnson, which was organised by Berkhamsted swimming club. We are delighted that Greenway won the trophy and are very proud of our swimmers – Lola Winter-Jones, Isabella MacDonald, Martha Irons, Alex Farnham, Charlie Waugh, Jacob D'Cunha, Michael Joyce and Matty St John. Well done!

Forthcoming sporting events....

- Ashlyns Sports leaders running a multi-skills session with Year 3 on 4th July
- Year 3 and 4 Athletics competition @ Bridgewater School 3:45-5:30pm 8th July
- Sports Day Weds 9th July – separate letter with details has been sent (alternative if wet 16 Jul)

- Year 4 Inter-school cricket competition – 15th July

Football After School

Please do not allow your child to play football after school next to the staff & visitors cars, even though there may be a goal post there, as staff have seen several incidents of the balls hitting the cars. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Jewellery

Please can we remind you **once again** that children should NOT be wearing friendship bracelets or other jewellery (**small stud earrings** are permitted but must not be worn for P.E).

School Website-

Please visit our Pupil section on the school website which is regularly updated reporting on the wide range of rich experiences the children are involved in.

Free School Meals

If your child has Free School Meals you will need to re-apply for the new academic year 2014-15 before September. You can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or phone 0300 123 4048

End of Year Reports

The annual end of year reports will be sent home with your child on Friday 11th July; please return the slip with any comments and to confirm you have seen the report by the last day of term. Please note that the attendance figures are up to and including Friday 13th June and there are 2 marks for each day (morning and afternoon registration). For example 10 absences = 5 days absent from school.

End of term

Reception – Year 4 finish for the Summer break on **Friday 18th July at 1.30pm**, breakfast club will run but there will be **no Waccy** after school. Nursery will finish at the usual time.

School will re-open as normal on Wednesday 3rd September.

Dates: Summer Term

Wed 2 Jul.....	KS 1 Production 2pm
Thurs 3 Jul.....	Reception visit to Sportspace
Tues 8 Jul.....	Year 2 visit to Ashridge
Tues 8 Jul	Bridgewater Athletics Competition for Year 3 & 4
Wed 9 Jul.....	Sports Day
Wed 9 Jul	Music Concert for children in Ukulele, Choir, Guitar and violins -6pm
Thurs 10 Jul.....	Year 3 visit to Berkhamsted
Fri 11 Jul.....	Red Ash cake sale after school
Fri 11 Jul.....	End of year reports issued
Mon 14 Jul.....	Transition morning
Tues 15 Jul.....	Year 4 Transition meeting 9am
Tues 15 Jul.....	Open evening 6-7pm
Wed 16 Jul.....	Alternative date for Sports Day – if wet on 9 th
Wed 16 Jul.....	Transition meeting Reception to Year 1 7-8pm
Wed 16 Jul.....	Transition Meeting Year 2 to Year 3 8-9pm
Fri 18 July Reception – Year 4 finish at 1.30pm	School closes for end of term
Fri 18 Jul.....	Summer Party, Town Hall 8pm -Midnight
Monday 21-Wednesday 23 July	INSET – School closed
Mon 1 & 2 Sept	INSET – School closed
Wed 3 Sept	Return to school