



GREENWAY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

Young Voices at the O2

Our Year 5 children took part in this amazing event on January 31st. It was another highly memorable night for everyone, including the staff who accompanied them and the parents in the audience. A member of the dance troupe 'Urban Strides', which is a regular part of the Young Voices concerts, visited Greenway yesterday and took an assembly for all of Key Stage 2.

Year 5 Maths Challenge – off to the county finals!

Congratulations to Matthew Burlingham, Tamsin Hall, Emily Wood and James McGinley for their amazing mathematical skills in the Year 5 county Maths challenge. They tried very hard at some very difficult questions and we are proud to say that they have earned a place at the county finals on the 29th March.

Safer Internet Day

Greenway marked this national event on Tuesday 5th February with Mrs Crockett delivering an E-Safety assembly all about being 'together for a better internet.' In classes the children had a range of classroom activities based around the theme. All classes have embraced this theme and the children have been exploring this through a range of activities.

Richard Maskrey an E-safety advisor, was in school on Monday 11th February. He delivered an assembly for the Early Years and KS1 and class sessions for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The main focus for these sessions was around does your child know about keeping themselves safe on-line? Are they keeping themselves when they are using Apps and games? Are the apps and games age appropriate? A key link you may want to explore is to google CEOP Play like share. You also might want to discuss with your child about age restrictions on apps and games and think carefully about whether your child has an app that is not age appropriate, such as whatsapp which is only for 16+.

Table Tennis - Greenway is off to the Regionals!

Last weekend Hazel Miller, Ellie Moss, Georgie Brooks and Georgie Farnham took on three schools at the regional finals in Bristol. They played magnificently and so deserved to go through to the finals, which takes place on Saturday 10th March in Hinckley. It was also a privilege to see our girls from last year compete in the Ashlyn's and Chesham teams. They had to play against each other and congratulations to the girls on the Ashlyns team as they will also be going through to the National finals! The staff and parents were emotional wrecks at the end of the day!

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 trainer. 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.

Speeding cars

We have had comments from local residents and parents about 'speeding cars'. Please can we remind all parents that drive to school to drive safely. Thank you.

Daily Mile Bid and GSA funding

We are delighted to announce that Greenway has been successful in receiving funding for £20 000 to build a Daily Mile track on our field (subject to planning permission). The GSA have generously supported this by providing a large amount of money £17 000 along with some school funds. The daily mile track will be a wonderful asset to support all Greenway children and families as well as providing a resource that the community can use. The main focus is to support children's physical and mental well-being and the track will be used by all year groups throughout the year. We shall keep you updated on its progress! A big thank you to our Governors and Mr Lewis in writing the bid.

The GSA have also kindly offered to pay for our new gymnastic wall frame that the children are beginning to use and an upgrade to our laptop trolley which holds 15 laptops. This is used daily and we now need to update the laptops and their software. The GSA, along with school funds is also upgrading some of the apparatus outside and hopefully replacing the surface underneath the apparatus, so that it can be used all year round!

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to raising money which can allow us to improve our facilities. It is really appreciated.

Save the dates:

Quiz Night – Friday 8th March

Summer fair and camping – Saturday 22th June

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day this year we are going to repeat the children making and wearing a 'sandwich board' illustrating the cover of one of their favourite books. This can be easily done, using a large cereal packet or similar cardboard box. Class teachers will be happy to help the children with ideas if they are stuck. We have also asked children to take part in the 'extreme reading' photograph competition. This was very successful last year and we had some surprising photographs! Mrs Russell, our English subject lead, has explained this more to the children in an assembly and a letter will go out today also explaining the details. There will also be a book fair on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March 3.15-4pm in the school hall.

Dates:

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb-----Half term closure
Mon 25th Feb-----Start of second half of spring term
Tues 5th Mar-----Yr 1 Chiltern Open Air Museum visit
Tues 5th Mar 3.15-4pm-----Book Fair
Thurs 7th Mar-----World Book Day

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Tues 19th March 9.30am-----Key Stage 1 show
Weds 20th March 2pm-----Key Stage 1 show
Fri 15th March-----Red Nose day
Tues 19th March-----Yr 6 Knebworth House visit
Mon 1st April – Fri 5th April-----National Autism Awareness Week
Tues 2nd April 6-8.30pm -----Parent consultations-Whole school
Wed 3rd April 3.30-6.30pm-----Parent consultations-Whole school
Thurs 4 April -----Yr 2 trip to the National Gallery
Friday 5 April-----End of Spring term school closes at 1.30pm