

NOVEMBER 2021

Greenway NEWS



Welcome to our November Newsletter - we have had a busy first half term and there are lots of things happening in the run up to Christmas. Don't forget to keep an eye on the LATEST NEWS page of the website.



Anti-bullying week – 15-19 November One Kind Word

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week. We will be working throughout the week to highlight the issues of bullying and why kindness is so essential to all our lives.



THE
QUEEN'S GREEN
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

We are so lucky to have large grounds around the school and are pleased to be taking part in The Queen's Green Canopy. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee."

Our sapling, donated by the Woodland Trust, will arrive in early December and be planted in our school grounds. It's location will be marked on the QGC virtual map. Look out for more details in our next newsletter.

<https://queensgreencanopy.org>

The Greenway bottle top art installation

Have you seen the fantastic finished artwork on the school wall? The project launched last year during lockdown, has been a real team effort. The design was created using ideas from the amazing drawings sent in by the children. The design was then transferred onto the wall by Mrs Bennett and her daughter and with help from her husband. The enormous task of sticking the bottle tops to the wall has involved just about everyone!

Enormous thanks go to Mrs Bennett for all her inspiration and for coordinating the entire project. And thank you to everyone that saved their bottle-tops and brought them into school. It's fantastic to think we have saved all of this plastic from being thrown into landfill and have created something beautiful from rubbish.



Cold weather clothes

As you will know we need to keep the classrooms well ventilated at the moment, so now that the weather has turned colder please can you make sure your children are sent to school wearing an extra layer or vest under their uniform to keep them warm. Also, all children should have a pair of indoor shoes to change into at school. Don't forget a warm coat for playtimes. Please can you make sure your child's name is on them too!

Gilbert Way alleyway

Thank you to our Governor, Mrs Duck, for contacting the Town Warden about the overgrown alleyway. Over half term the hedgerow was cut back making it much easier to walk along. She has also arranged for the leaves to be cleared once they have all fallen.



ONLINE SAFETY - Squid Game

We have been made aware of a safeguarding issue affecting some primary aged children. The Netflix Korean drama 'Squid Game' has been growing in popularity with some younger audiences. It is certified 15 and includes extreme violence, self-harm and suicide, bad language and scenes of a sexual nature. Please check your parental controls to avoid your children viewing this. You can find more details about setting parental controls at:

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/114280>

WACCY - After school club

Please remember to book the sessions you would like for your children - its particularly important if you require a 5.30-6.00pm slot. It really does help us with our planning.

COVID-19 – Update

You will be aware that nationally cases of COVID-19 are currently high, and Hertfordshire is no different with the highest number of cases in children and young people. We are therefore following new guidance from HCC Public Health:

All staff and visitors will wear face coverings when interacting with other adults within the school, except when:

- outside on school premises
- eating or drinking
- someone is exempt from wearing face coverings

Parents and carers visiting for drop off/pick up or entering the school should also wear face coverings when inside or when they cannot keep a distance.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 – a new or continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change of taste or smell – you should get a PCR test: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

• If you test positive you must stay at home. If you need help to self-isolate at home, contact **HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044**, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

Harvest Festival

Our Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival was a lovely occasion, thank you for all your harvest donations.

The HOPE foodbank at Kings Road Church were overwhelmed with your generosity and these donations will be able to help the most vulnerable people in our local community. They would like to convey their sincere thanks to you all.

We appreciate your understanding with the Covid-19 restrictions.



The Tree nursery

All of the trees that were planted during the Easter Camp have survived and are growing well. We need to keep nurturing them for another year, they will then be ready to transferred to their final planting spot. We will keep some in our grounds but the majority will be offered to other schools and organisations in the town.



Poppies

Monday 8th until Thursday 11th November.

Children will be able to purchase poppies from 8.35am each morning from under the gazebo on the KS2 playground and after school from the same place until 3.30pm.