

FEBRUARY 2022

# Greenway NEWS



**Another busy start to the term...** Thank you to everyone for your co-operation and understanding over the last few weeks – unfortunately Covid continues to impact on our daily school life. Fingers crossed we can get back to normal soon.



## Easter & Summer camps

We will be sending out a short email survey in the next few weeks to help us gauge the demand for possible Easter and Summer camps this year.

We need to ascertain the level of interest before we determine whether or not we will invest time in recruiting staff and setting up the camps. We would ask that you reply as quickly as possible, so that we can get plans underway.



## Parent & Pupil questionnaires

The governors are currently putting together a questionnaire for parents and pupils. The questionnaire is another way that we consult with our stake-holders alongside pupil voice within school, Parent Forum and our SEND questionnaire.

The previous questionnaire results can be seen on our website and we were very pleased to see that our last questionnaire has been shared as an exemplar to other school leaders (The Key for School Governors).

The questionnaire link will be sent to all parents and is completed online and a separate pupil questionnaire will also be sent out. The results will be scrutinised by the governing body and school leaders, before being shared with parents and published on the website.

More details to follow in the next few weeks.



The school has received 9 CO2 monitors from the Government as an additional Covid measuring tool. These are to help monitor the ventilation and air flow in the classrooms and are now in place. Training has been given and so if the monitor alarm goes off then the teacher knows to increase air flow.



### **Jigsaw PSHE learning this term**

We have been using the Jigsaw programme to support learning in PSHE and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RS&HE) across the whole school for a year now. Each term all classes work on one of the themes in an age appropriate way and the topics are reinforced in assemblies and other aspects of school life. This term we are looking at Dreams and Goals.

Parents can also find lots of information about the topics and language used (by year group) for each theme in the RS&HE Policy appendices.

[www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/policies](http://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/policies)

### **Policy Updates...**

#### **Team Selection Policy**

Please note that our Team Selection Policy has been updated to keep pace with changes to the new School Games programme - where the aim is to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more pupils with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. You can see a summary of School Games aims at <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/learning/sport-resources/>



#### **Updated PSHE and RS&HE Policies**

We have reviewed and revised both of these policies to reflect slight changes in our teaching of these subjects.

**You can read all of these updated policies on our website:**

[www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/policies](http://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/policies)

### **English**

On the 18th January Mrs Crockett attended an excellent English conference all about reading and diversity. There were many influential speakers at the conference including the Honourable Stuart Lawrence (brother of Stephen Lawrence.) The conference was very thought provoking, inspirational and memorable with very engaging speakers. There were many recommended texts that we will now be purchasing and using in school.

Michael Gray who works in the English team for Herts for Learning spoke to over 200 delegates at the conference. He wrote the lesson plans for 'And Tango Makes Three' which was our whole school 'Take One Book' in the Autumn term. Greenway was selected by Michael to share examples of writing across the school and to feed-back staff and pupil voice. I felt very proud to be able to see all of our hard work being celebrated with so many professionals. All of our staff and children enjoyed this wonderful, heart warming story whereby the key messages of love and family shone through.

After half-term Greenway's next 'Take One Book' is called 'LIFT' and every class will be using it during their English lessons. The story is about a little girl called Iris who presses on a magical lift button that transports her to different places and takes her on adventures!

Mrs Crockett



### **Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) - what is it?**

Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

There are several groups of children that are eligible:

- Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years
- Pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care.
- Children who are looked after by the local authority. (money goes to the Local Authority)

The school receives the money direct from the Department for Education (DfE).

The school leadership team assess pupils' needs and decide how best to use the funding to improve attainment. Evidence from the DfE and a variety of educational research suggests that the pupil premium funding is most effective when there is a targeted spending across 3 main areas:

**Teaching** (training, professional development etc), **targeted academic support** and **support for non-academic issues** that impact success in school, such as attendance, behaviour and social and emotional challenges.

Schools do not have to spend pupil premium so it solely benefits eligible pupils. They can use it wherever they identify the greatest need. For example, they might spend it on pupils who do not get free school meals but may benefit from some targeted support.

There is good evidence to suggest that using pupil premium funding to improve teaching quality is the most effective way to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. By doing so, schools will inevitably benefit non-eligible pupils as well.

All schools have to publish how they plan, implement and track the outcomes of all expenditure. This information is available to view on our website: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/school/pupil-premium/>

### **Online Safety**

The following websites have a wealth of advice for parents on how to keep their children safe online:



- Internet matters - [www.internetmatters.org/](http://www.internetmatters.org/)  
Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online.
- London Grid for Learning - <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>  
Advice on how to set safe settings and controls on your child's devices.
- NSPCC  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
online safety advice from the NSPCC.
- Thinkuknow - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online.
- UK Safer Internet Centre  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)  
- advice for parents and carers.

**Safer Internet Day 2022** | **Tuesday**  
**8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

**Safer Internet Day 2022** is on Tuesday 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Safer Internet Day inspires a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

**For more information go to:** <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/about-the-theme>

## Housing developments on Shootersway

Please make sure you are vigilant if you or your child walks to school along Shootersway. The two developments are well underway and there is an increase in construction traffic which will continue for the next year.

The developers have assured us that they are restricting heavy lorries to and from the site between 8am and 9am in order to help with pedestrian safety.



## Reading lists

Are you unsure of which books to choose for your child to support their reading? There are lots of suggestions on our reading lists. You can find them on the Learning page of the website: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/category/learning>

### 5 Benefits of Reading...

- Reduces stress and helps you relax.
- Improves your concentration and memory.
- Vocabulary expansion and strengthens your writing abilities.
- Enhances your knowledge.
- Increases your imagination and creativity.

## Table Tennis Zone 7 Finals

On Saturday 15 January, the boys under 11 and girls under 11 table tennis teams went to Morpeth School, Tower Hamlets to represent Greenway at the English Schools Table Tennis Butterfly National Team Championships Zone 7 Finals.

The boys team got off to a great start winning their first matches 7-1. This meant they were through to the semis but the next match would determine if they went through as runners up or winners of their group. They were narrowly defeated 5-3 which meant they went through as runners up and would now face the winners of the other group. The semis were a tough game and Greenway ended up being knocked out to the eventual winners of the day. Superb character and determination all round from, what is now our most successful boys under 11 table tennis team ever. Well done to Lucas, Daniel W, Alf, Toby and Ben H.



Meanwhile the girls had just 3 other competitors in a straight shoot out for the title. They, too, got off to a flying start with an 8-0 win but they didn't stop there taking the second match 8-0 as well. A win in the final match would seal the victory but the opposition, the formidable Earls Hall, were also undefeated. The heavyweight showdown began but the girls proved too much, storming to a 7-1 win. They were crowned zone 7 champions and will now head off to the regional finals (last 16 in England) in Bristol on the 6th February. Well done and good luck to Riley, Clemence, Lucy, Annabel and Ava!

Mr Lewis