

JULY 2022

Greenway NEWS



Another year almost over - It's been another busy and challenging year at Greenway. There have been highs (table tennis champs, residential trips) and the lows (whole classes out with Covid!) but as ever we have all pulled together and managed to make it an other memorable year. We hope you all manage to have a restful and fun summer break.

Don't forget that school re-opens on Monday 5th September.



The 2021/22 school year has seen the return of some 'fundraising classics' with a long awaited focus on community-led events in the wake of the pandemic.

Its been a real joy to see new families to the school come together with old, through cake sales, fun runs, a 'pop up' Christmas fair and the more recent Greenway Big Weekend!! Beyond fundraising, we think it's fair to say that one of the highlights and most moving moments of the year was our Boxes for Ukraine donations which saw 100+ boxes of childrens toys and clothing sent to Ukraine for those displaced by the conflict.

All combined, these events - along with the regular giving methods (Amazon smile, 100 club and GAYE) have raised in excess of a whopping **£18,000!**

This fantastic total will go towards enriching our children's school experience and we will work together with Mrs Ellwood to understand where the next investment is needed. Historically, GSA fundraising has contributed to fantastic items like the A-frame, running track, school murals and Google chrome books.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers and class reps amongst you that have donated time and energy in making every single event happen. There is so much hidden work that goes into these and we can't thank you all enough! Also, to all those who have donated bottles, baked cakes and contributed to hampers - we'd like to thank you all for your continued generosity.

To Mrs Elwood and all staff including the wonderful office team - thank you for playing an important role in enabling school-based events to take place!

As we head into the summer break, various members of the committee that came together during the pandemic are approaching their 2nd year in the role and will be standing down to make way for others.

If you'd like to get involved please speak with your class reps, Mrs Ellwood or email gsa@greenway.herts.sch.uk

We wish you all a vibrant and restful summer and look forward to more great community moments next school year!

Will Barker & Tijana Ellis – GSA Co-chairs

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Residential trips

We have had two fantastic residential trips recently. The Year 4 trip to Phasels Wood was action packed and the Year 6 trip to Letton was equally good fun. A new activity this year was the archery and canoeing, which will have booked again for next year.



All the children behaved brilliantly and were great ambassadors for the school.



Summer Camp

We are excited that lots of you will be joining Mr Lewis and his team at the Summer Camp starting Monday 25th July.

There will be lots of fun and games outdoors so please remember to bring a hat, your water bottle and put on lots of sunscreen before you arrive and don't forget your lunch!

Allotment Open Day – August 7th

Sunnyside Allotments are holding their Open Day on Sunday August 7th from 12 noon until 3.30pm. There will be refreshments, lots of home made cake and produce from the allotments.

It's a lovely hidden gem and this is a great way to see it at its best.

All ages welcome!



Annual School Reports

These will be sent home on Friday 8th July.

Please do take time to complete the feedback form and email to admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk.



Online Safety - date reminder!

We are going to hold an eSafety evening for parents on **Thursday 29 September, 7.30-8.30pm**. This will be led by Richard Maskrey and will give parents an understanding of how they can keep their children safe online as well as how they can further support their children in this ever changing world.



Transition day

Thursday 7th July is transition day - all children will be visiting their new classrooms and meeting their teacher for next year. It's a big day for our Year 6 too, who will be spending the day at their new schools in advance of moving up to Year 7.

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Open Evening

We look forward to seeing you all at our Open Evening on Tuesday 12th July from 6pm - 7pm. You will have the chance to look around the whole school and see the wonderful work the children have produced over the last year.

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Jubilee Picnic

We thoroughly enjoyed coming together as a whole school community for our Jubilee picnic in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Classes had created flags and crowns and enjoyed finding out about Elizabeth I's reign.



Herts Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme 'Gadgets & Tees' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

You can take part online or at our local Library in the High Street from Saturday 9th July. The Challenge is open to all children aged from 4 to 11. Children can read any type of book; story books, information books, picture books, and even eBooks and eAudiobooks. Stickers can be collected for every 2 books read and everyone that completes the challenge will receive a medal, certificate, and a pencil. Enjoy your summer reading!



Sports day - July 14th

We look forward to seeing you on the morning of 14th July to cheer on the children at our annual sports event.



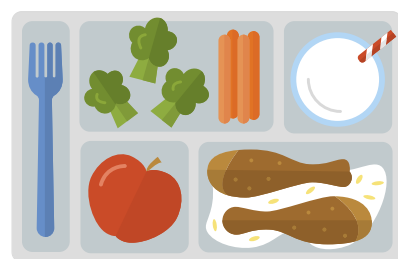
Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed recently you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your children. To find out more information please check the HCC website for details:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#extrahelp>

If your child is entitled to the free meals, the school will also receive extra money (Pupil Premium) for the duration that the child is entitled and for a further six years. You can see the way we spend the Pupil Premium Grant and how the children benefit by looking on our website.

<https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/school/pupil-premium/>



GSA events picture gallery

