

MAY 2023

Greenway NEWS

Welcome to the round up of a rather short, but action-packed half term, which included an impromptu visit from a swarm of bees! We hope you have a good break next week and look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 5th June.



Coronation picnic

We had a lovely picnic in the school grounds on the 4th May to celebrate the King's Coronation. It was great that so many parents could come and share the occasion with their children and enjoy the good weather.



Hertfordshire's Thanksgiving Service for King Charles III at St Albans Cathedral

The choir were thrilled to be invited by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire to perform at the Cathedral for the Thanksgiving Service. Staff and children had a memorable afternoon, with lots of pageantry and dignitaries in attendance. You can find the service on You Tube - and watch the children singing at 36.30mins into the film.

Greenway Fest

The hot ticket of the Summer!

This year's event is a combined Summer fair and Camping. Gates will open at 1.30pm. Families can choose to attend from 2.30-4.30pm for free - enjoying the Helter Skelter, face painting, a selection of games and the hamper raffle.

The camping tickets are now sold out, but we look forward to a fabulous afternoon of fun. We just need to book some good weather!.

The GSA are looking for volunteers for the event, so please pass your details to the GSA via your Class Rep if you are to help in any capacity.



Save the date



Greenway Fest

Saturday 24th June - 1.30pm onwards

Lots of fun for all the family

Sports day

Wednesday 28th June - (Yr 1-6 only)

9.30am-12 noon Weather permitting

Yr 4 Residential

Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July

Open Evening

Thursday 13th July - 6-7pm

Whole school, everyone invited.

School reports sent home

Friday 14th July

Year 6 show

Tuesday 18th July - 7pm

More details to follow...

Yr 6 leavers assembly and picnic

Wednesday 19th July

More details to follow...

School closes for Summer

Friday 21st July at 1.30pm

Road Works at the development on Shootersway

We have been notified that the first of 3 planned roadworks are due to start on **8th June** and are likely to run until 22nd July!

There will be serious disruption to the junction as the contractors install and connect new sewers. There will be 3 way traffic lights and the digging will involve the corner of Shootersway and a section of the top end of Kings Road.

Please use alternative routes if possible and do take care when walking this way into school.



Parent Questionnaire

We won't be sending out a questionnaire this term as this was done by Ofsted as part of their recent visit. If you do have any concerns or compliments then please speak to either your child's class teacher or the school office.



Letton Hall Residential

The Year 6 Residential trip is fast approaching. We leave on Monday 12th June and return on Friday 16th June.

We have lots of exciting activities planned and are looking forward to spending time with our Year 6 in the beautiful Norfolk countryside.

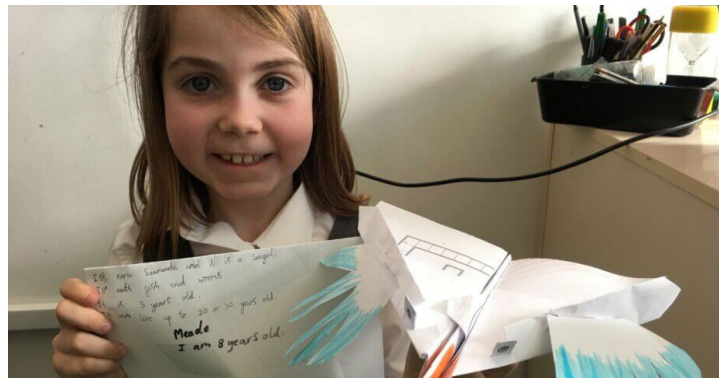
Don't forget to practise putting on your duvet cover at home so you are ready to make your bed when we arrive. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us too!

STEM challenge - well done Meade!

We were delighted to find out that Meade in Year 4 was the overall winner of LKS2 - British Science Week Paper Engineering Challenge.

The challenge was to 'Create a Bird' using 4 sheets of plain or coloured A4 paper only (from the recycling bin). The children could only use scissors and their engineering skills to create their birds - no glue, sticky tape, staples or paper clips!

Her brilliant model of a 'Seameade' won her a 'multi-purpose nesting box' so she and her family can enjoy more wildlife in their garden.



Bikeability training

We are delighted that the bike training programme will be taking place in the Summer holidays on the school grounds and surrounding roads. Level 1 training will start on Monday 14th August and Level 2 on Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th August. For more information on this course and others available in our area go to:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/find-cycle-training/>

Booking details and costs can be found on this letter: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Greenway-Primary-Yr-6-Bikeability-Greenway-2023.pdf>

(Dacorum Card holders please contact the school office for details of support for this course.)



Summer Camp

We still have some places available for the Summer Camp in the school holidays. We have extended the day to start at 9am and there is an option to pay a small extra charge to finish at 5pm. See the letter on our website for more detail: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/news/letters/>

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to book your child onto the camp. admin@greenway.herts.sch.uk

Ofsted Report 2023

Our Ofsted report has now been published and can be seen on our website.

<https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/school/ofsted/>

The 2023 Children's Book Celebration

To mark the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort in May, the National Literacy Trust, in partnership with digital bank, Chase, ran a very special 2023 Children's Book Celebration to crown the top 23 children's books.

Primary-aged pupils from across the UK were asked to vote for their all-time favourite book to create the Chase Coronation Booklist.

The votes have now been counted and the top 23 books are shown on the right – would you agree with the choices?



Yr 6 SATS

Well done to the Year 6 children for their calm and purposeful attitude to the recent SATS test week. We were very impressed.

The results will be shared with Parents in the end of year reports on July 14th.

Religious Education

As part of our RE curriculum we invite visitors into school from a variety of religious faiths. We would be interested to know if there are any parents that would be prepared to come into school to talk to the children about their particular faith.

If this is something you would be able to do please contact Mrs Ellwood via the office.

Year 1 and 2 Garden Project

Huge thanks to all the parents, children and staff that came into school on Sunday 21st May to help improve the spaces outside of the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. There was great team work helping to prepare the space and set up the new large galvanised planters.

The plant donations from parents were very generous and create a fantastic display.

The children have planted up their Nasturtium seedlings and they will be tending to the watering over the next few weeks and watching how everything grows and develops.

We have plans to improve the space below the Greenway mural in a similar way - so keep an eye out for more information and plant requests!