



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Friday 19 May 2023

Dear Parents/carers

I thought it would be helpful to update you on events taking place this summer term at Greenway. It is beginning to feel a bit like summer with the warmer weather – long may it continue!

Greenway Coronation Family Picnic

It was lovely seeing all of you with your children at our Coronation picnic. We were so lucky with the weather and I do hope you enjoyed the festivities that Bank Holiday weekend.

St Albans Cathedral – Herefordshire’s Thanksgiving Service for King Charles III

Following our choirs performance at the Hospice Thanksgiving Service at Christmas we were invited by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire to perform at the Cathedral again. Staff and children had a memorable service, with lots of pageantry and dignitaries in attendance. If you would like to watch the children singing, google youtube and put into the search ‘St Albans Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving’ .You are more than welcome to watch the whole service, which lasts for an hour, or just watch the children sing at 36.30mins. We shared this with the whole school in assembly this week.

STEM Challenge 2023

In March, Years 3, 4 and 5 took on the British Science Week Paper Engineering Challenge. This was as a competition across all schools in Hertfordshire run by STEMPOINT.

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! After practising techniques and learning/researching about birds, the children had one hour to complete the challenge. The children recycled their models at the end of the competition.

We were delighted to find out that Meade in Year 4 was the overall winner of LKS2 competition with her brilliant model of a ‘Seameade’. Congratulations to Meade, we are very proud of you! Meade’s prize is a fantastic ‘multi-purpose nesting box’ so she and her family can enjoy more wildlife in their garden.

Sports Day (Yr1-Yr6 only)– Wednesday 28 June – SAVE THE DATE!

This event will take place on Wednesday 28 June from 9.30-12.00. We will have Ashlyns Sports Leaders to support. You are more than welcome to come and watch. More information will be sent out nearer the day.

Transition Morning – Thursday 6 July

On this day our current Year 6 visit their new secondary schools. At Greenway children currently in Nursery-Year 5 have the opportunity in the morning to meet their new teacher and spend the morning on a variety of activities, finding out about what they will be doing in September in their new year groups. It is all very exciting.

Open Evening – Thursday 13 July 6-7pm

Greenway's open evening is an opportunity for you and your child/ren to visit their classrooms and celebrate all their hard work throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all.

Annual school reports – Friday 14 July

When we sent out our yearly school calendar to you in the Autumn term, your child/rens school reports were being sent to you on Friday 7 July. This date has now changed from Friday 7 July to Friday 14 July. This change has occurred due to the announcement of the extra May Bank holiday for the King's Coronation, which took place during the week of Year 6 SATS. The DfE have now announced that due to this change, Year 6 SATs results will be delayed and therefore we will be sending out our reports one week later so that Yr 6 parents will receive their child's report and SATs results together. It also means that everyone gets their report at the same time across the school.

Greenway Fest – Saturday 24 June – Save the date!

Leavers

Please can you let the school office know if you are intending your child to leave Greenway at the end of year (this does not apply to Year 6!). This is to support admissions, who can then offer places to children ready for September.

Enjoy your weekend.

Regards
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Headteacher

