

JULY 2023

# Greenway NEWS



**Another school year almost over!** It's been another hectic term with lots of music, drama, school trips and sporting fixtures. We wish everyone a relaxing summer break, whatever you may be doing.

**Don't forget that school re-opens on Monday 4th September.**



## Windrush Day special visitor

Year Three were delighted to have Gillian Joseph, presenter of weekend editions of Sky News, as a visitor to their class on Wednesday 21st June, ahead of Windrush Day 2023.

Each child prepared their questions to ask Gillian. The class had a wonderful time meeting and talking with Ms Joseph. All of the children discovered some interesting facts about the Windrush Generation and why it is an important part of our history. Year Three then wrote some amazing letters as their follow-up work.

An unforgettable afternoon.



## Yr 6 Letton Residential

We all had a fabulous week – the children threw themselves into everything and behaved responsibly and maturely throughout. They rose to every challenge and staff thoroughly enjoyed spending the week with them – and the glorious weather!

Mrs Bennett



### Summer Camp

We are excited that lots of you will be joining Mr Lewis and his team at the Summer Camp starting Monday 24th 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!

### FREE Holiday events at Berkhamsted Civic Centre from 27th July

The Town Council are using the proceeds from the raffle at the Coronation Day Street Party back in May to fund a series of FREE events for children during the summer holidays. The fun includes a craft day, reptile roadshow, circus skills and cinema.

**Events are free but do need to be pre-booked. See more information at the end of this newsletter.**

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### Greenway Tree Nursery

Some of you may remember that we have been involved in a Tree Nursery scheme set up by the Earth Restoration Service. We have been nurturing 50 saplings (behind the old pool hedge) for the last 2 years and amazingly about 90% of them have survived the last two very dry summers!

We need to find new final planting homes for the trees and will be contacting other local schools and the Town Council to offer them some of the trees. If you know of any other organisation that may have suitable grounds that could be a good home for a tree then please [email us](#). We have a selection of British native species; oak, crab apple, hazel, hawthorn and dogwood.

We will be transplanting the trees in the autumn.

## Save the date



### New term starts

We return back to school on  
**Monday 4th September.**

**Welcome to your new class**  
**12th September**  
**from 7- 8.30pm**

All parents welcome.

## Woods Garden Centre Fairy Garden Competition

Can you make a garden for the Woods' Fairy Garden challenge? Open to all children with prizes for Under 10's or Under 14's.

For more information and how to upload your picture of your creation go to :

[www.facebook.com/capitalgardenswoods/](http://www.facebook.com/capitalgardenswoods/)

Winners will be announced on 31st August.



## Herts Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

This year's sports and games themed challenge, **Ready, Set, Read!** aims to keep children reading for pleasure throughout the summer holidays.

You can take part online or at our local Library in the High Street from Saturday 8th 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 and certificate. Enjoy your summer reading!



## Bee update!

You will be pleased to know that our recent bee visitors are now happy and settled in their new home in Castle Village overlooking Berkhamsted, thanks to local beekeeper, Alan Roberts!



## Free School Meals

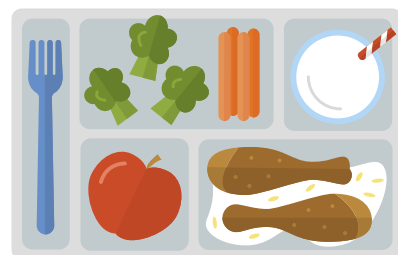
If your circumstances have changed recently you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your children.

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 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/>



## Farewell...

We bid farewell to a number of staff at the end of this term all of whom will be greatly missed by the Greenway family.

- Mrs Bennett is leaving us to head up a Drama department at her new school. We wish her well in her new job. Her creative passion and enthusiasm will be hard to follow.
- Mrs Crockett is leaving us to spend more time with her young daughter.
- Mrs Harris is relocating overseas, an adventure for her whole family.
- Mrs Evans will be leaving us to join another school.
- Mrs Fletcher-Bryan will be leaving us after teaching Year 3 whilst Ms Deb was on maternity leave.

## Allotment Open Day – August 7th

Sunnyside Allotments are holding their Open Day on Sunday August 6th 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!



## Play equipment St Thomas More

We have been asked to remind parents that the equipment on St Thomas More playgrounds are for use by their pupils during supervised school time only. There has been an increase in the numbers of children who are playing on them before school/at the end of the day and there was an incident recently after school involving a Greenway child.

Please use local parks after school if you wish your children to play on equipment.

## Parent Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body will be looking for 2 new Parent Governors in September. Formal announcement of the process will be sent out in September, but if this is something that you might be interested in then please take a look at the Governor page of the school website. This gives an overview of what is involved and the role of the Governing Body.

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



The Greenway Fest was a fantastic event for our parent community to come together and have fun in the sun! The stalls were bustling with children and adults enjoying the activities on offer. As the sun went down, the campers were entertained by an amazing band and the enjoyment continued into the early evening fuelled by pizza. The silent disco was enjoyed by many including Mrs Ellwood!

A huge thanks to all those involved in making Greenway Fest such a huge success.





### Greenway Music Concert

Greenway celebrated all musicians when it held its own Greenway Music concert. Children shared what they have been learning throughout the year. Pieces were played on guitars, electric guitars, flutes, recorders, violins and all of Year 4 demonstrated their cornet playing! The choir also sang some beautiful songs!

It was an amazing evening and demonstrated the great range of musical talent at Greenway!

### Berkhamsted Science Quiz

Small teams from Year 2 and Year 5 visited Ashlyns School in early July and took part in the Berkhamsted Fun Science Quiz along with children from local schools.

They completed a range of activities: building the slowest marble run; making towers with spaghetti; quiz questions; describing challenges and orienteering in the school grounds.

We are very proud to report that the Year 5 children came first in the KS2 competition and the Year 2 children came third (but only by one point!) in the KS1 competition. All the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, persevered with everything and had great fun. Well done!

Mrs Adams



### Yr 4 Wild Child Residential

Year 4 had a great time camping in Phasel's wood for the night! We all challenged ourselves taking part in some amazing activities such as crate stacking, building shelters, making fires, toasting marshmallows and playing forest games! All of the staff were proud of every child and we were very lucky with such lovely weather too!

Mrs Crockett





## GSA Round-up

It's been another fun and fantastic year for the GSA. We camped and we quizzed. A fair in the winter, a fair in the summer. We ran, we danced, we hunted eggs, we joined Santa on his sleigh. We sold raffle tickets, Christmas gifts, school uniform and lots and lots of cakes. By the end of it all, we had raised close to £20,000, some of which has already been used for new outdoor equipment for Nursery, the stunning KS1 garden area, and to supplement the school music curriculum.

There's so much to cover, and – even more importantly – so many people to thank, that we will follow up with our own update before the end of term. But, for now, a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, without whose help and support none of these events would have been possible.



# BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

## FREE Children's Summer Events

Berkhamsted Civic Centre

Book on Eventbrite. First come first served. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 10am to 12 and 1 to 3pm  
**Craft Day** - get creative and messy with Louise for an art and craft extravaganza.  
Ages 5 to 8 for morning, 9 to 12 for afternoon

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - 11am to 12

**Simon Says Magic** - join us for some magic, games, fun and more magic  
Ages 4 to 7



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August - 10 to 11am, 11.30 to 12:30am  
**Reptile Roadshow** - bringing the jungle to you with this hands-on demonstration  
Ages 5 to 12

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 10am and 2pm

**Cinema** - come and enjoy a film with popcorn.  
Aladdin showing at 10am and Wonder at 2pm  
Ages PG guidance rating



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August - 10am to 12  
**Circus Skills** - join us for tightrope walking, stilts, juggling, diabolo and lots more  
Ages 5 to 12

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August - 10.45 to 12.15am, 1 to 2.30pm

**Game on** - have fun with multi-sports activities  
Ages 5 to 8 for morning, 9 to 12 for afternoon



**Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

**St Peter's Church Berkhamsted  
HP4 2AX**

**7:30pm**

**Mozart**

# **MISSA BREVIS**

**And other choral classics by  
Fauré, Bach, Parry, Bruckner,  
Vaughan Williams, Harwood,  
Rheinberger and Stanford**

**Berkhamsted & Chorleywood  
Choral Societies**

**Organ: Iestyn Evans  
Conductor: Graham Wili**

**Tickets: £17 in advance from  
TicketPass**

**<https://tktp.as/EMXODZ>  
or £18 on the door**

