

NOVEMBER 2023

Greenway NEWS



Welcome to our November Newsletter - welcome back! We hope you all had a good break after a great start to the new school year. It's going to be another busy term so don't forget to keep an eye on the LATEST NEWS page of the website.



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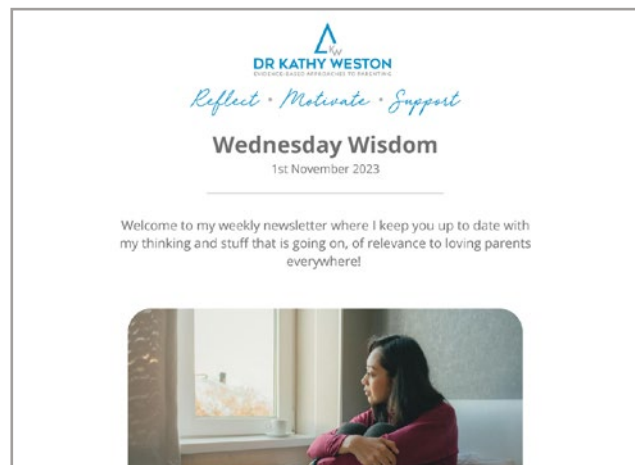
Thank you to all those parents that attended our online launch session with Dr Kathy Weston from Tooled Up Education. We were very pleased that so many of you could join us. Every family should now have received their login details to enable them to access the member area of the website:

<https://tooledupeducation.com/>

Our school subscription gives all parents access to a whole host of evidence-based resources and parent webinars that you can watch or participate in. We hope parents and carers will find the website helpful and informative as well as a source of advice on all aspects of parenting. You can also sign up to have the **Wednesday Wisdom** delivered straight to your email inbox. It provides a reflective 2 minute read every week and is full of topical and relatable experiences

that help provide reflection, motivation and support in achieving a balanced family life. It's free to all so you don't have to have a login to subscribe.

To sign up go to: <https://members.tooledupeducation.com/wednesday-wisdom#newsletter-signup>



Save the date



GSA Quiz night
Friday 17th November.

Child shows parent
Friday 17th November.

PARENT WORKSHOP - Read, Write Inc
Tuesday 21st November. 7pm - 8.30pm

SCHOOL CLOSED - occasional day
Friday 24th November.

St Albans Cathedral Choir
Sunday 3rd December.

Creative Christmas Day - whole school
Thursday 7th December.

Elfridges in school
Friday 8th December.

School Christmas Fair
Saturday 9th December. 11am -2pm

Carol concert, All Saints Church (Yr 3,4,5)
Wednesday 13th December. 2pm

Nativity, Nursery & Reception
Thursday 14th December. 10.30am

Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December.

School closes for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 20th December. 1.30pm
School reopens Monday 8th January 2024

Cold weather clothes As you will know we need to keep the classrooms well ventilated, so now that the weather has turned colder please can you make sure your children are sent to school wearing an extra layer or vest under their uniform to keep them warm. Also, all children should have a pair of indoor shoes to change into at school. Please can you make sure your child's name is on them too!



Herts County Council **Parental survey on Childcare**

Every Local Authority has a duty to ensure there is enough childcare in their area to meet parental demand. This consultation will provide vital information to ensure that Hertfordshire has sufficient childcare options in place to be able to deliver the additional free childcare the government has previously announced from April 2024. This survey is aimed for expectant parents and parents with children under 3:
surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/DTDN3R

The government announced that they intend to expand the offer of free childcare for working parents to children aged from 9 months to 3 years old.

The rollout of the offer will be phased over the next couple of years as follows:

- April 2024 – 15 hours free childcare will be available to eligible working parents of two year old children from April 2024
- September 2024 – 15 hours of free childcare will be available to eligible working parents of children aged from 9 months
- September 2025 – 30 hours of free childcare will be available to eligible working parents of children aged from 9 months

For more information please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

To be eligible parents/carers must meet the following criteria: Both parents/carers are working (or the sole parent/carer is working in a lone parent family), and each parent/carer earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage (£167 per week) and less than £100,000 per year. Working includes both employed and self-employed.



PARENT WORKSHOP

Read, Write, Inc.

Tuesday 21st November - 7pm

We would like to invite you to a parent workshop, providing you with an insight to the teaching of reading at Greenway, your child's reading journey and sharing valuable teaching strategies to support your child's reading at home.

Open to all parents but especially important if your child is in Nursery to Year 2, as these are the year groups when Read Write Inc. is taught.

Sign up by 17th Nov here:

<https://forms.gle/KTv6itUJGAgWtAHu5>

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 website: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/2022/01/recommended-reading-book-list/>

5 Benefits of Reading...

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

Anti-bullying week, 13-17 November 2023

Greenway will be playing it's part in this year's Anti-Bullying Week 2023 which this year has the theme *Make a noise about bullying*. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will also be having discussions in class and themed assemblies. Children in KS1 and KS2 will be invited to take part in our popular anti-bullying competitions; creating anti-bullying posters, raps & poems! There will be prizes for the winners and certificates for all who take part.

Last year 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the



community or online, that we can bring an end to bullying.

To view the 'Make a Noise' film on you tube go to: <https://youtu.be/kfzr4e-shc8>

Greenway prides itself on its comprehensive approach to anti-bullying and on being a 'telling school'. You can find out all about this in the Anti-Bullying Policy that sits alongside our Behaviour Policy.

You can find both on our website:

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

For more support visit

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support>

**MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING**
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Governing Body changes

We are pleased to announce that we have 4 new governors on our Governing Body. Sheena Marsh and Anita Nielson joined us at the very end of the last school year.

We also have 2 new Parent governors - Shane Anderson and Megan Lemon. We look forward to working with them.

The Governing Body takes a largely strategic role in the running of the school in setting its aims and objectives, policies and targets for achieving objectives, and in reviewing progress. For more information go to: <https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/school/governors/>



Do you know what the HCC Local Offer is?

The Hertfordshire Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them.

The website has a wealth of information for parents and young people (0-25 years) about services available in Hertfordshire. The site has learning resources as well as details of courses, events and short breaks all designed to help families with children with special educational needs or a disability. The Education Support pages of the site give detailed information for families on how to access support and how to navigate the many complex procedures and processes involved.

You can find the website at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx

You can also find out more about our Special Needs Provision on our website:

<https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/school/special-needs-provision/>

Food Allergies



We have children who attend Greenway who are severely allergic to some foods, which if ingested or have contact with can cause hospitalisation. Therefore please do not send in anything containing **nuts**, **sesame**, and **egg** or **hummus** or **avocado**. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Side gate to the alleyway



Following the change in arrangements with regard access to the school premises please follow the guidance in the school communications and do not pull/force the side gate shut. It is on a spring mechanism and will close behind those entering/exiting. If you try and pull it shut it will break the mechanism.

Updated School Policy

Child Protection Policy

Governors have reviewed and agreed the school's Child Protection Policy which may be found on the school website To see the revised policy please visit:

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

School Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a **Pupil Learning and Well-being Support Worker** - 25 hours per week (5 hours per day from 8:30am-1.30pm) term time only. Salary will be paid at H5 pro-rata. For more information about the role and the experience needed, please visit www.teachinherts.com.