

APRIL/MAY 2024

# Greenway NEWS

**Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We have a busy half term ahead, so please make sure you keep a look out for updates and letters over the next few weeks.**



## **School Choir through to the final!**

We are very excited to announce that the choir have made it through to the grand final of the Queenswood and Hertfordshire Festival of Music Choral competition. The competition is part of the Hertfordshire Festival of Music and has been set up to encourage and recognise great choral music-making by young people across Hertfordshire. The competition is open to all school choirs in the county (ages 6-13).

We made a recording of the choir that was submitted back in late February and we were thrilled to hear that they have been selected for the final. Judges included the Queenswood Director of Music, the Artistic Director of the Hertfordshire Festival of Music and acclaimed composer, James Francis Brown.

The final takes place on Friday 26th April at Queenswood School in Hatfield.

We are grateful to Mrs O'Brien for all her hard work coaching the choir.

*We wish them all the very best of luck - we are extremely proud of them.*

## The Queenswood and Hertfordshire Festival of Music Choral Competition 2023/24



HERTFORDSHIRE  
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Queenswood



### Creative canine challenge!

A huge thank you to Mrs Doran for setting our recent art challenge – to create a Dog-themed postcard. There was a huge response and the judges (Mrs Ellwood, Mrs Doran and The Governors) had a tough time selecting the winners.

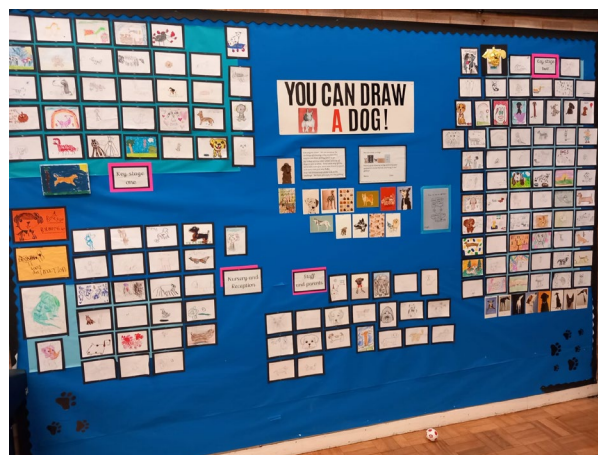
#### Congratulations to:

**Early Years:** Zadie and Bertie

**KS1:** Lydia and Fraser

**KS2:** Patrick and Millie

There will be more exciting art projects during this term.



The postcards on display in the dining room.

### Save the date



**Whole class photographs**  
**Thursday 25th April**

**GSA Fun Run**  
**Friday 17th May**  
**The final mile!**

**School closes for Half -term holiday**  
**Friday 24th May**

**Greenway Fest**  
**Summer Fair and Camping**  
**Saturday 22nd June - 1.30pm onwards**  
Lots of fun for all the family

### Match funding

Do you work for a company that supports charitable organisations? Do you know if they have a match funding programme? This is usually where a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity. If so, please consider the GSA as a recipient. *Every penny helps!* For more ways to help see the GSA fundraising pages:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gsa/#.YFtY5Ej7T64>

## TOOLED UP®

BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

### Tooled Up Seminars

We hope that you are finding the Tooled Up website a useful resource. The site has a wealth of guidance for Parents that is evidence based, with topics including dealing with anxiety, how to support your child with homework and many more topics.

There are also Webinars that parents can sign up for and participate in. There are 3 in June that may be helpful for supporting your child with transitions - whether Nursery, Primary or Secondary.

**Getting Children Nursery Ready:** Tips for Parents and Carers. June 17th at 19:00 hrs

**Getting Children Primary School Ready:** Tips for Parents and Carers. June 18th at 19:00 hrs

**Getting Children Senior School Ready:** Tips for Parents and Carers. June 20th at 19:00hrs

To access the webinars go to

<https://tooledupeducation.com/>

and scroll down to the Events section.

### Easter treat for staff

The Governors were very pleased to give the school staff a small Easter treat as a token of their appreciation, for all their hard work.





## A Marathon in a Month!

### The challenge:

To walk, run, skip, dance, swim or cycle over the period of 1 month.

Chart your distances on your activity log sheet that was sent home this week.

Ask your friends and family to sponsor you and help the GSA raise funds for the school!

The challenge runs from 17th April and will finish on Friday 17th May when you can run the last mile on the Daily Mile track and everyone will receive their certificate.

**Good Luck!**



## 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](http://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/>

## Easter Camp

We had a great time at our 4th Greenway School Easter Camp 2024. We were lucky with some dry and sunny weather and the children were able to spend lots of time outside taking part in a range of activities. Firm favourites were hide and seek and 'it' dodgeball and team games.

There were lots of activities taking place including craft activities, ceramic art decoration, sock animal sewing with children making a range of toys including an African hunting dog and various snakes and Easter bunnies! We also made 'Challah' (Jewish sweet bread) and chocolate brownies which were a huge success. We finished the week off with music in the hall and an Easter egg hunt around the school site.

Huge thanks to all of our holiday camp leaders for supporting us and for helping to make the Easter Camp a fun and happy experience. We hope to see some of you at Summer Camp!



He had a fantastic time this week. He said it was the best camp ever. We loved the baked goods too! Thank you so much. (Parent)

I liked playing with my friends. Making a sloth and baking the brownies. (Year 1 child)

I enjoyed the sports and playing hide and seek it outside. (Year 4 child)

It was so fun making brownies! (Year 3 child)

### Behaviour tips

When school did its last major overhaul of the Pupil Behaviour Policy (<https://www.greenway.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Pupil-Behaviour-Policy-July23.pdf>) you asked us to share as much practical information as possible about how staff develop and drive pro-social behaviours and how they manage behaviour issues that do crop up. In response, we pulled together a summary of the most useful strategies that school uses for promoting positive behaviour. Including a host of tips, guidance and even scripts to try out, that document is reviewed annually and published at Annex B of the Pupil Behaviour Policy. We know that these strategies will always work best for your children when they are consistently applied both at home and at school, so we hope you find them useful and will give them a go if you haven't already.

### Money in a Month

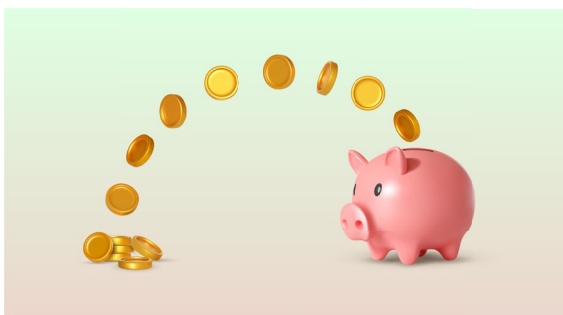
The theme in English this half term is *Money* and all classes will be exploring the theme in their writing and texts.

Miss Dell launched the Money in a Month project in an assembly before Easter and every child has been given a £1 coin (donated by the GSA).

The challenge is to use the £1 creatively to generate more money which will help the school fundraising.

Don't forget the deadline for handing in the money raised is 14th May.

- All money needs to be put in an envelope with just the class name on the front.
- Pop the envelope into the GSA box, on the wall, by the office.



### Goodbye & Hello!

We said 'goodbye' this week to Mr May who has been our site manager for the last 3 years.

He spent his final week ensuring that Mr Hart, our new site manager, was shown everything he needs to take on the role.

We are really grateful to Mr May for all of his hard work around the school and we welcome Mr Hart and look forward to working with him.



### Great Big Green Week 2024

Berkhamsted Town Council have lots of events and activities planned as part of the Great Big Green Week. Look out for the posters around town as well as the Town Council magazine that is sent to every household. There will also be details on the Town Council website:

[https://www.berkhamsted-tc.gov.uk/council\\_events/](https://www.berkhamsted-tc.gov.uk/council_events/)