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Dear Parents/carers

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you who attended our Greenway Fest this year. It was lovely seeing so many of you enjoy the fair and camping. Greenway looked fantastic with all the tents pitched in the setting sun. A massive thank you needs to be directed at our GSA Chairs – Megan Bartholomew and Becky Barker. Without their lead and the support from the GSA committee, events like the fair would not take place. A great deal of planning behind the scenes takes place, including liaising with school, where I also want to thank Miss Dell, who has supported me in ensuring everything went to plan.

I have been reliably informed that the Greenway Fest has raised over £7000 – an amazing amount! This valuable pot of money is going towards a new venture that Greenway is taking part in next year called Commando Joe's. This has already been shared with the GSA committee and it was agreed that GSA money raised could pay for this. The total cost is £11 000.

The senior leadership of the school have been liaising with the company director and area manager to develop a bespoke package to support our children. This is not armed forces boot camp, but the company is run by veterans from the armed forces. For the last 14 years it has been the nation's leading Character Education specialists and has been part of a review carried out by the Education Endowment Fund (EEF).

The aim of Commando Joe's is to build character, self-worth and confidence in young people. For happier, healthier living. Our package will involve an instructor who will be at Greenway one day a week from 8-4.30pm. This instructor will be part of the Greenway team and will embrace our philosophy – 'The child is at the centre of everything we do'. Our philosophy's and culture are very similar. We all want to enable our young people to find their place, feel capable and ultimately flourish in this challenging world.

We are in the process of planning what our instructor day will look like. There will be before and after school activities/clubs, mentoring, whole class session, interventions, character education programme and break and lunchtime support.

I was eager to share with you where the money you helped raised from the Greenway Fest is being spent next year.

I look forward to sharing more information very soon.

Regards  
Katharine Ellwood