



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Friday 24 May 2024

Dear Parents/carers

As May half term is nearly upon us, I thought a few updates would be useful to share with you.

KS2 Choir

Greenway's Choir took the opportunity to submit a recording of their singing to the Hertfordshire Festival of Music - Choral Competition. Just before the Easter holidays we heard that we had been shortlisted to sing at the final. Only four schools were chosen. We were all very excited and the final took place at Queenswood school. The children were amazing and were not overwhelmed by the experience. We did not win the competition but we all agreed that it had been a very different experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their singing talents.

Fun Run

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Fun last week. The sun shone!

Money in the bank

A big thank you to everyone who participated in 'Money in the bank'. The children's energy, enthusiasm and entrepreneurial skills were put to the test! You raised a massive £2015.00 – well done everyone.

Primary Paper Engineering Challenge

We are delighted to announce that with over 6994 pupils from 31 schools entering this competition two of our Year 6 children won the Upper Key Stage 2 prize. Huge congratulations to Jessica P and Freya S. They receive a book and the school receives an e voucher worth £100 to support an outside project, as well as a trophy and a box of books by the '3 Engineers'. A big thank you to Mrs Adams for inspiring the children.

Artists in residence week

This week school has been full of artistic activity from Nursery to Year 6. Each class has been inspired by a visiting artist, who has spent a morning working with the children. We also have some A Level students from Ashlyns to support throughout the week. The range of art created by the children has been amazing and we are going to show case this work in our hall at our Open Evening on 11 July. A huge thank you to Mrs Doran our Art subject leader, who has been planning this week for a while!

Greenway Music Concert – Tuesday 4 June 6.30pm

We are looking forward to this exciting event. The children will be rehearsing during the afternoon so please can we ensure that all instruments are in school for this day.

URGENT - Measles– Reducing the spread of measles and promoting MMR vaccine uptake

Measles cases in the UK and in Hertfordshire are rising and we border other geographic regions that are also seeing a rise in measles cases. Further cases and outbreaks in Hertfordshire are likely as the uptake of the Measles Mumps Rubella Vaccination (MMR) in the county is lower than recommended.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, with 1 in 5 cases being hospitalised and 1 in 15 suffering serious complications. Measles spreads quickly from person to person, especially in settings such as schools. Spending more than 15 minutes in direct contact with someone infected with measles is sufficient to transmit the virus. A child with measles will infect almost all unvaccinated children they have contact with.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, or direct contact with infected nasal or throat secretions. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If someone thinks they have measles they should contact their GP. Children and adults who may have measles should remain isolated at home for 4 days after the rash first appears.

Call to action

The Director of Public Health is urgently asking that we advise parents to be alert to signs and symptoms of measles and ask parents to check that their children are fully vaccinated. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, **it is not too late to catch up**. Please contact your GP practice to book an appointment as soon as possible if your child/ren have missed either dose. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. Our best protection against measles is MMR vaccination and this will help stop outbreaks occurring in the community.

Further advice and guidance can be found here:



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[MEASLES - Protect yourself, protect others \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

Greenway Fest and Camping – 22 June

This is a huge event to organise and I know that the GSA have been working hard to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day for everyone. After half term there will be more reminders!

Sports Day (Yr1-Yr6 only) – Thursday 18 July (morning only)

Inflatables day Friday 19 July

We have booked the inflatable assault course for Friday 19 July – back due to popular demand! We have a 200 ft inflatable assault course that will be set up on the school field and all classes will have timetabled sessions on this throughout the day. **All children need to come to school in PE kit on this day.**

I hope you all have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 3 June.

Regards

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