



Greenvale School Newsletter

October 2023

NOTEABLE DATES 2023—2024

Heads Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It is my pleasure to share with you our first half-termly newsletter of the school year. The first 7 weeks of term have passed by very quickly. The students have really impressed us with how quickly and smoothly they settled back in to school life when they returned to school in September. 29 new year 7 pupils joined Greenvale, we are very proud of how quickly they adapted to their new environment and routines of the school.

We have been busy celebrating Black History Month across the school and there have been many exciting events, including a talent competition, art competitions, bake offs and bingo which was so popular it was back by popular demand for an encore! We are looking forward to welcoming Bigfoot Arts Education for a special performance and interactive workshops after half-term.

We continue to work in partnership with the health services in the borough and have already had the specialist dental screening team from Kings visit the school. The nursing team have offered flu vaccines in school for those students eligible. Our skilled staff have been supporting students to access these services by reducing anxiety and reassuring them throughout.

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**Thursday 19th October
Break up for half term**

**Friday 20th October
Inset day**

**Half term—
Monday 23rd October—
Friday 27th October**

**Return to School
Monday 30th October**

**Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 20th December**



Heads Message continued

We have several exciting plans for the year ahead. The school Full Governing Body and it's two committees have met this term to agree the improvement priorities for the year ahead. The Waters Road site is now 15 years old; we are looking to regenerate the outside areas at the school and give them a refresh. We would like input from the whole school community on this and will invite you to express your thoughts when we have some design ideas to share.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your support and for so warmly welcoming me to Greenvale as your new Headteacher. It was wonderful to see so many of you at 'Meet the new Headteacher' coffee mornings, the Parents evenings on each site, Information event at Mayow Road and the community opera performance of Semele at Blackheath Halls starring our very own Greenvale students. I look forward to seeing many more of you at school events next term.

Enjoy the half term break

Katie


Emergency Medication Reminder:

If your child has received emergency medications within the last 24 hours, please inform the school as early as possible, so that we are aware. This can be written in their home book or by calling the office.



Healthy Schools Award

At Greenvale school we are proud to be working towards our Silver Healthy Schools award. At Greenvale School we are passionate about supporting the health and wellbeing of our pupils. One element of being healthy is encouraging our young people to eat more healthily. When bringing in food or eating at home, consider making small healthy swaps like the example below.



Swap from	Swap to
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Split pot yoghurts and pudding pots✗ Cake bars and cereal bars✗ Muffins and chocolate✗ Crisps✗ Juice pouches and fizzy drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lower-sugar fromage frais or plain natural yoghurt✓ Sugar-free jelly✓ A slice of malt loaf or a fruited teacake✓ Fresh or tinned fruit (in juice, not syrup)✓ Plain popcorn, plain rice cakes or raisins

For more healthy swap ideas please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/>



Black History Month

In Greenvale school, Black History Month is about celebrating the positive impact and contributions that the Black community have given to the world, including music, food, and fashion. And this year Mulberry class has been participating in celebration of black history month by making jollof rice. We really enjoyed mixing ingredients and exploring them together. It is an opportunity to expand our knowledge and try something new in Greenvale school.



Staff Training Day

A new staff training day has been added to the holiday sheet— 15th April 2024. You can find term dates on our website.

