



Greenvale School Newsletter

July 2022

Heads Message

Dear Parents,

This year seems to have passed so quickly! We have had so many high points and of course Covid gave us a few lows. However together our school community has pulled together to end the year on a real high point.

The last three weeks have been busy and lots of fun! The Sports week saw students on the climbing wall, riding bikes and enjoying all sorts of sports activities. The festival week has been a musical extravaganza! The students have enjoyed participating and performing in concerts and really loved a whole school dance routine in the playground. Most of all it has been wonderful to be able to do things all together.

This week we had our leavers assembly for our 15 leavers. Every one of them has developed and matured into amazing young people. They are all such individuals and have all developed such lovely personalities alongside their accreditation.

Most students are now moving onto college – Lewisham, Bromley, Nash College or Orchard Hill. We will really miss them all but wish them all the best!

Don't forget that school finishes on Tuesday 19th July. Staff still have to work until Friday as these are 3 of our inset days. We will be moving resources and setting up Learning spaces on our new site in Forest Hill and sorting out on our current site.

Next year we will be a split site with older students and Glade students on the Forest Hill Mayow Road site and Key Stage 3 and 4 students remaining here on Waters Road. Our new building is very beautiful and will really give us new opportunities to develop our work-related learning for our young people. The extra space at Waters Road will give us opportunities to have spaces permanently set up for physio and sensory circuits amongst other things.

We will be revisiting lots of our procedures and protocols as a result of our new facilities and will keep you all updated.

Sadly we have three long-standing members of staff leaving.

Bill Poore is leaving after 34 years of working at Greenvale. He is the first and last person the students see each day as they come to and from the buses and he is extremely popular. He will be greatly missed.

Craig Ashby is also leaving as he relocated to the countryside after 15 years of working here. He is an amazingly creative teacher who understands our young people and their needs with great empathy and kindness. We will really miss Craig's creativity and kindness.

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NOTABLE DATES
2022—2023

Tuesday 19th July
Last day of term

**Wednesday 20th , Thursday
21st and Friday 22nd July**
Staff inset days

Thursday 1st September
School closed to students

**Friday 2nd September and
Monday 5th September**
Staff Inset Days

Tuesday 6th September
Staff and Year 7s

Wednesday 7th September
**All students return to
school**



Anna Leciejewska is also leaving us after 9 years. Anna is a highly effective teacher and has organised all of our MFL days and activities. She has taught so many of our young people and always has great rapport with our young people. We will miss her calm, steady approach.

We will miss them all and wish them all the best!

A big thank you to all of our community for all of their hard work and support.

Parents and carers have really supported us through our worrying rise in Covid numbers in the spring term and it was lovely to see so many parents attending our Parent's evening this week. Thank you all for your support.

Our staff have worked relentlessly this year. With so many challenges around absences, Covid, the new site etc. it has been an exhausting year. We are so pleased that we made it through without shutting a single class! That's real determination and dedication! This has all been done with such a positive mindset – as visitors are beginning to return to Greenvale they all comment on how positive, happy, respectful and caring our staff are. I am so grateful to them and hope that you will join me in thanking them.

Lastly but absolutely not least a big, big thank you to our young people who have worked so hard this year. We are so proud of them all and have enjoyed every second of working with them. They really are the most amazing young people!

I feel very privileged to have my job!

Have a lovely summer! See you all on September 7th.

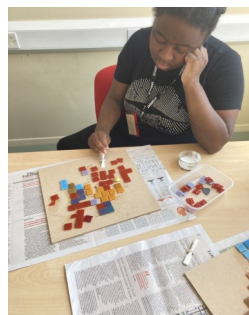
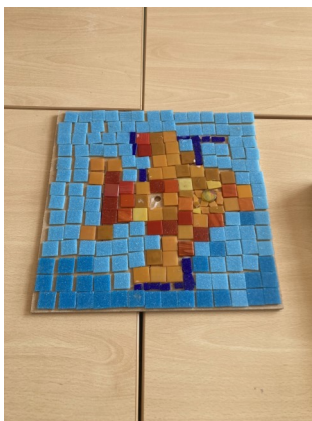
Lynne

Lynne Haines

Headteacher.

Brockley Rise

Here are some students enjoying their art class at Brockley rise education centre, designing and making mosaic



Jack Petchey Winners



Caitlin

Since she has started this year in Greenvale school, Caitlin has worked hard and loves to help. She helps out with lots of jobs in the class, helping both staff and her peers. She is always happy to contribute and takes great pleasure in making sure everyone is ok. She is kind and thoughtful of others. When her peers forget things, she helps them by reminding them. She is a positive influence in her class and a good role model for others. Not only this but, she has made an excellent progress in all her subjects this year; she loves learning about different topics and always tries her hardest.

Ira

This year, Ira has worked so hard to be his best at school. One of his greatest improvements is that he travels happily to and from school on the school bus. He can sit on the bus and wait for all of his peers to be ready to go. He goes home every day **on time** with a smile on his face!

Ira has made such lovely progress this year in Ash Class. He works so hard every day, and always completes his work! Ira's communication has improved significantly. He communicates now to make requests and comments on amazing things that he sees. He also loves to share a joke with the staff that he works with. Ira says hello so nicely to his peers and on some occasions even giving them a high five. Ira has made such great relationships with all of the staff that work with him. He consistently puts in effort to manage his needs and has overcome lots of barriers to his learning

Bring on the Wall



On Wednesday 22nd June, Greenvale welcomed the return of the climbing wall. A big congratulations is in order to the students who participated and especially to those who made it all the way up! Pictured here, are students Billy and Hannah climbing



Dulwich Picture House

On the 9th June, students from Rowan and Hazel Class had the opportunity to go to East Dulwich Picture House to watch the film *Spiderman: No Way Home*. Students celebrated two students winning the Jack Petchey Award having popcorn, sandwich, drinks and enjoying watching the film in the cinema with peers and staff. What a lovely time we had together!!!



Free Summer Event!

A free SEND family workshop with musician Luke Crookes and artist Marc Woodhead at Sir John Soane's Museum in central London Tuesday 18th August 11-2pm. Just a few minutes walk from Holborn tube station on the Central line.

Luke and Mark have both taught well received enrichment workshops at Greenvale and have notified us of this upcoming free event this summer.

The QR code will take you to the website for more information and booking form.

Otherwise the website is <https://www.soane.org/whats-on/family-event-gentle-sensory-tour-and-workshop>

