



# Greenvale School Newsletter

## February 2023



### Head's Message

#### NOTABLE DATES 2022—2023

**Friday 10th February  
Break up for Half-term**

**Monday 13th February—  
Friday 17th February  
Half-term**

**Monday 20th February  
Students return to school**

**Friday 31st March  
Break up for Easter**

**Monday 3rd April—Friday  
14th April  
Easter Holidays**

**Monday 17th April  
Students return to school**

**Friday 28th April  
Staff Development Day**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good start to 2023 and both sites are doing all sorts of lovely activities.

This includes visits to Sydenham Therapeutic Gardens (Mayow Road) and to Beckenham Place Park (Waters Road). At Mayow Road, many of our KS5 and Glade students have taken part in community visits and Step into Dance, whilst on Waters Road, we have whole school music and trampoline sessions. There is always something lovely going on at school.

This term we had a visit from Challenge Partners. They send other Headteachers, Deputies and Senior leaders from other schools like ours, to help us to review our provision and make improvements. The whole report is on our website.

A few notable comments are overleaf.

We are very pleased with this report and we hope that you are too.

We now have a new family support worker that you will all be familiar with, Carol Murrell, one of our Learning mentors, is now going to be working to support our families. She has already done some great things. Look out for more letters from Carol.

Have a lovely half-term.

Lynne.



## Challenge Partners Comments

The well documented, collaboratively written, holistic curriculum provides a framework for teachers to deliver high quality and aspirational lessons. It is diverse and has a conscious bias to reflect the communities that the students come from.

The senior leadership team (SLT) articulates the vision clearly. Students are at the heart of Greenvale. The school community is committed to improving achievement and experiences both on and off site, especially through the enrichment activity offer. SLT is passionate about the curriculum.

Calm and quiet learning environments and pre-prepared resources promote independence in learning.

Staff listen to the students, giving them time to respond.

Staff know the students well and can meet their individual needs in a positive way. Students are ready to learn.

Structure and routine support students to understand learning expectations, enabling them to participate and engage well in lessons.

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSA) enjoy the challenge of teaching classes of students with diverse needs. Staff become skilled at understanding and supporting students with differing learning styles.



## Chinese New Year Celebration in Mulberry Class

Our whole school has celebrated Chinese New Year by participating in an assembly about Chinese New Year. Mulberry Class made some Chinese shadow puppets and Chinese lanterns and decorated the classroom. We also listened to the Chinese Zodiac story and Great Race.



## School Uniform

We have a new supplier for our school uniform - Whereabouts who are based in Sydenham.

Good news! The uniform is cheaper and we now go up to an 4XL- 5XL.

Ordering the uniform hasn't changed, through IrisParentmail on the school website or paper order sent to school.



## **Save the Children**

A big thank you to everyone for Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. £142 was raised.

## **School Travel Plan**

Greenvale School has Gold accreditation with its school Travel Plan. We are reapplying for Gold level for 2023.

## **Parental Engagement Award**

We are pleased to have achieved reaccreditation for the Parental Engagement Award.

## **IrisParentmail**

Greenvale is moving towards being a cashless school. Payments for lunches etc. can be made via IrisParentmail. Please contact the school office for more details.

Please check the Lewisham Council website to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

