



**GREENVALE
SCHOOL**

Greenvale School Newsletter

October 2022



Heads Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really wonderful returning to full activities this term and seeing how well our amazing young people have settled back into school.

Our most exciting news is that our second site on Mayow Road Forest Hill is fully open. On waters Road we are really enjoying having more space and all of our specialist rooms available. Our 36 new year 7 students have settled in well. It is lovely to have students back accessing a busy dining room together. In addition, dance club, music activities, visits from Waffle the therapy dog and trampolining are all fully up and running. A new addition to the week is whole school singing together in the hall. The students and staff all love it! We are enjoying assemblies together and had a wonderful Talent show this week as part of our Black History activities this week.

In addition, last week the dentist saw approximately 70 young people! Of course, our young people behaved so well and this was quite an achievement.

Over on Mayow Road site, the students have settled into the new build and it all feels like home already.

Glade classes are settled well and enjoying their outside space and access to the larger playground. We have plans to develop a Glade Sensory room, shelters and gym equipment in the playgrounds. Glade students are gradually starting to explore our new local community with visits to the local park.

Outside the Key Stage 5 playground we are also planning to install an outdoor gym, shelters and picnic tables. Inside we have really lovely specialist rooms such as a beautiful library and IT suite. We are also installing a new interactive room that will provide a stimulating new environment for our Grove students. Students here have also returned to a full timetable which includes visits to Community education classes, enrichment activities and lots of visits to our local community. This includes visits to local shops, cafes, parks and local facilities. Our young people are really developing their independence. We are so proud that we now have 7 of our young people independently travelling to school every day – that is such an amazing achievement.

Thank you to all parents who attended our parent’s evenings recently – we love to meet with you and discuss our wonderful young people.

Lastly please don’t forget that if your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for free school meals. You can get more information from the Lewisham Website.

Have a lovely half term break!

Lynne.

NOTABLE DATES 2022—2023

**Friday 21st October
Last day of Term**

**Monday 24th—Friday 28th
October
Half Term**

**Monday 31st October
Students return to school**

**Monday 21st November
Staff Development Day**

**Friday 16th December
Last day of Term**

**Monday 19th December -
Monday 2nd January
Christmas Holidays**

**Tuesday 3rd January
Student Return to school**





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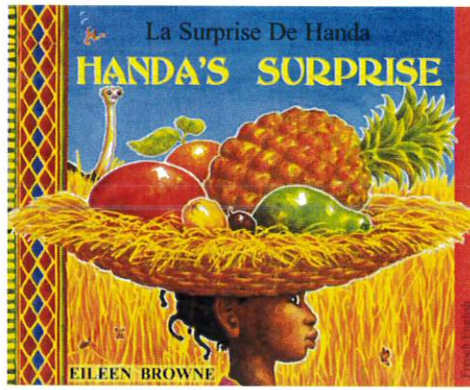
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At Greenvale School the welfare and safety of all our students is important to us. We will follow up all issues or concerns as per our safeguarding policy.





This week in Ash class the students enjoyed a sensory story. We started reading 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. In the story Handa puts some of her favourite fruit in a basket to take to her friends. The students helped to count 7 piece of fruit and put them in the basket. They also shared their favourite fruit choice with the class. Along the journey, some of the fruit goes missing....Ash class are looking forward to finding out what happens in the end, next week. Well done Ash class for great listening.



Iris Parent Mail

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 on Lewisham Council website to see if you are eligible for free school meals.



Sycamore Class Activities

Sycamore Class have had an active start to the Term. We've gotten groovy during our 'Step into Dance' sessions.



Sycamore Class did a great job participating in a schoolwide bake off for Black History Month. I think the Caribbean inspired Ginger cake was a big hit!



Create

This term Greenvale School welcomes 'Create', a multi-award-winning charity, who are running a series of workshops that focus on sustainability and protection of the environment. Pictured here, students are using a range of natural and sustainable resources to create a portfolio of artwork that will be displayed in school."



Poppies

Poppies are on sale at Greenvale School .

