



GREENVALE  
SCHOOL

# Greenvale School Newsletter

## July 2023

### NOTABLE DATES 2022—2023

### Heads Message

**Friday 21st July**  
**Break up for Summer**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, our last half term of the year has been busy! We have had so many trips going out- Beckenham Place Park, the velodrome, bowling, Horniman's museum, Sydenham gardens and so the list goes on. The students arrive back so excited by their visits and it really enriches their work in school.

**Monday 4th September**  
**Staff Inset Day**

For students in school and any who cannot venture far from school there has been a theatre group performing Alice in Wonderland, sports events including Panathlon, circus workshops, concerts and healthy food cookery sessions. Everybody has enjoyed taking part in all these events and the staff have, as always, worked hard to make them a success.

**Tuesday 5th September**  
**Staff Inset Day**

It is also the time of year when we are very sad to be saying goodbye to seventeen of our wonderful young people as they move onto new colleges. We have students going to local colleges such as Nash and Orchard Hill, Lewisham and Bromley colleges as well as others moving further afield to colleges in Cheltenham and Cardiff. We wish every one of them a smooth and successful transition and wish them good health and happiness as they continue their journey into adulthood. It has been wonderful watching them grow and develop as they move through Greenvale.

**Wednesday 6th September**  
**WATERS ROAD**  
**New year 7's only**

Iona in Elm class is also leaving to take up a new teaching job on the South coast. We have loved having her at Greenvale and wish her every happiness and success.

**Wednesday 6th September**  
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**MAYOW ROAD**  
**All students return**

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## Heads Message cont

It is difficult to believe that the time has come for my last newsletter!

When I arrived at Greenvale in 1985 the school was very different. There were 6 classes and only approximately 60 students on roll. Our building was like a big shed and there was no OFSTED, no computers, no interactive whiteboards, no National Curriculum and we were all age from 2-19! How things have changed!

I can honestly say that, whilst there have occasionally been aspects of my job that I have not looked forward to, I have always loved my job and looked forward to coming to school. Our school has been a wonderful place to work for so many years and it has been a great privilege seeing our young people develop and flourish. They have always brought me such great joy. I have loved working with all the families and I am thankful for all the support I have received especially in difficult times more recently. I want to thank all of our community for making my work such a pleasure and for all your kind thoughts and good wishes over the last few weeks.

I will really miss our school community but I am confident that the school will be in safe hands with Katie and the team.

Have a wonderful summer break!

*Lynne.*

Dear Parents,

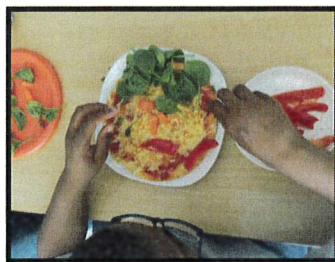
During early June, Greenvale School celebrated Healthy Eating Week. We learned about how to lead healthy lifestyles and had a healthy food 'Cook Off'!

We made a variety of different foods, thinking about healthy swaps we could make in our everyday meals.

We also learned about the hidden sugars in some of our favourite drinks.

Below is website full of fantastic tools and resources for families who wish for more information on staying healthy.

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





# Jack Petchey

We are pleased to announce our two Jack Petchey winners for this term! They are:

## **Michael E, and his winning nomination is as follows –**

We would like to nominate Michael Enyidedie from Teak class for the amazing progress I have seen since January when I started. He is now joining his peers for whole class activities as part of the circle including tutor time, music and teacher input and is more relaxed around his peers, which he previously found challenging. As a result, Michael has begun to form relationships with his peers and is a popular member of the class.

Michael is also working hard in all areas of the curriculum but particularly art where he shows great focus and independence when completing a task. Michael has produced some lovely artwork which he takes great pride in and is initiating sharing his work with the adults in his class. Michael is generally much more regulated and happier throughout the school day and is managing class routines and transitions much better.

## **We also had Sorya and her winning nomination is –**

We would like to nominate Sorya for Jack Petchey Award. Sorya has settled well in Hazel Class and she has improved greatly in transitioning throughout the school. Sorya has communicated more effectively what she wants and needs, and she has become more familiar with the class structure and routine by sitting at her desk and transitioning to her sensory Space.

Sorya has been working more effectively with switches and sensory resources during the day which has provided the opportunity to have the iPad only during choosing time.

Sorya is an asset to Hazel class, and it has been a pleasure to work with her!

Well done both! A huge achievement and we are all very proud of you.

Aaron Collins  
Deputy Headteacher  
Greenvale School



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

This term we had 2 exciting trips out to allow 9 of our KS5 woodland pathway students to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition. For both groups this was a 2 day experience, with at least 3 hours walking per day. The first group of explorers walked while keeping a keen eye on street art. They had sketch books and stopped at various points to look and sketch. At the end of the first day we returned to school and had a shared dinner. On the second day we walked into London and visited the graffiti tunnels and got to walk along the River Thames and see other street art on our way.

The second group planned 2 long days of walking around our local green spaces. At each park they explored the area and noted down the facilities in each park. This group were keen to try out some of these park resources including football pitches, outdoor gyms and even spaces to relax. The second group were not so lucky with the weather and had to walk most of day 2 in the rain. They didn't moan and just kept getting the steps done and were rewarded with some dry weather in the afternoon so could have a final game of basketball before returning to school.

A fantastic achievement for all our young people! For Lemar and Berkant this was their final section of the Bronze award, so they will be getting their certificates soon. Well done all!

## Horniman Museum Trip

As Olive students continued exploring the local community, Horniman Museum was chosen as the final stop for this final year school trip. This was to celebrate all the hard work, progress and achievements they have completed this year.





## Greenvale Twitter account

We are pleased to tell you about the setup of our school Twitter account. The main aims of the school using Twitter are:

- To share and celebrate pupils' and school achievements, successes and updates.
- To demonstrate safe and responsible use of social media
- To support and promote the use of digital technology

Pupil safety is extremely important to us and we are relying on the support of our followers to adhere to the safeguarding measures relating to the use of the content on our account. The school account is 'locked' which will prevent people from following us automatically. The tweets we post are only viewable by the persons who have been approved to follow us. Our School Twitter Account is [@Greenvale\\_Sch](https://twitter.com/Greenvale_Sch) Please give us a follow!

## School Travel Plan

We are pleased to announce that Greenvale has been awarded Gold status in the STARS School travel plan. Well done everyone!



### **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.









Beech class have had an amazing last few weeks of term. We have enjoyed sports week, an Alice in Wonderland show, the circus visit and lots of activities for our Greenvalebury festival. Here are some pictures of the fun we had...



For our Pentathlon session we enjoyed various sporting activities including throwing, aiming and sliding. " I tried my best to hit the target , I'm going to keep trying" Mia

Fun at the Circus Workshop

Practising balance, concentration, co-ordination and determination.



Carnival week has been so much fun, full of art, music, dancing and games..









## **Vote for Greenvale Special School in Tesco Community Grants Scheme**

### **Why?**

To receive additional funding for sensory circuit equipment at the Mayow Road site. Sensory circuits help energise and settle Greenvale students through physical, fun, and active movement tasks. They also promote one's feelings of calmness, wellbeing and readiness for learning.

### **Where:**

- Forest Hill Express SE23 3PE
- Sydenham Exp SE26 4QJ
- Sydenham Road Exp SE26 5QF
- Lewisham Way Exp SE4 1UY
- Catford Rushey Rd Exp SE6 4AS
- Bell Green Catford Exp SE6 4EY
- Catford SE6 4JU
- Deptford High St Exp SE8 4AF

### **When:**

July 1, 2023, until the end of September 30, 2023

### **How:**

To vote, make a purchase within the store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

