



Greenvale School Newsletter– July 2024



HEADTEACHERS UPDATE

25th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term and the school year for 2023/24 is now here, it has been an action packed and fun-filled summer term. Our class of 2024 leaving and moving on to life beyond Greenvale have been busy celebrating their achievements and making memories with their friends. They are all moving on to college destinations at either Lewisham, Bromley, Orchard Hill and Nash, we wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

As we reflect on the year, we have achieved many great things as a school community that we are very proud of. Ofsted visited and judged that Greenvale remains an outstanding school, we welcomed 4 new teachers to our staff team as well as 8 new LSAs, we added Greenvale branding at both of our sites to unify our identity as one school, we enhanced some of our inside spaces at both sites with the addition of an interactive room, a movement room and a sensory space and created a community room for parents at WR to match the facility at MR, we added a 4th pathway to our already diverse curriculum to make it even more personalised to each student, we achieved the Silver award as a UNICEF rights respecting school and have also been reaccredited for the Schools Well-being award. As you can see, we have all been very busy and we could not have achieved so much without the full support of our Governing Body and you our families. Your continued support, insight and feedback have helped steer our new developments, of which there are many more we are excited about for next year.

I would like to personally thank you all for your support of the school and for welcoming me as your new Headteacher, it is a privilege.

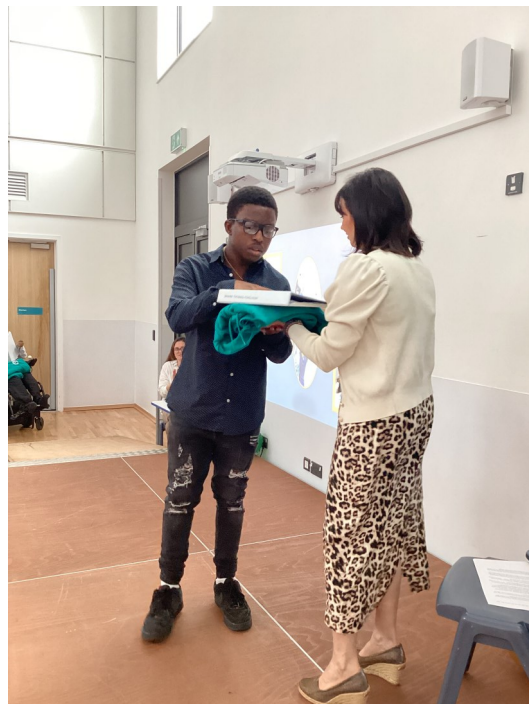
Have a well-deserved rest this summer and go well however you choose to spend it

Kind regards

Katie Denton
Headteacher

Leavers Assembly

Over the last few weeks, we have been preparing to say goodbye to 24 Leavers. We have celebrated their achievements at Greenvale in many ways including, trips and class parties. Thanks to all of those who attended the Leavers Assembly on Tuesday. We wish all our Leavers the very best in their next stage of life and hope they keep in touch with their future successes.



Safeguarding Update:



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the summer break.

I have included a couple of links that you might find useful in keeping young people safe when online. The first is a useful booklet with lots of information on parental controls and filters. Please look it over and keep the link for future reference.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Parental-Controls-booklet-2024.pdf>

On a similar topic, the next link discusses algorithms and social media. Social media is an important driving force of the online space. Children and young people are among the core users of these platforms, but what drives the content they see? This all-seeing eye present in social media software, is the algorithm. What your children see on their device's is wholly directed by what these algorithms deem interesting to them.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

Lastly, We have a page dedicated to E-Safety on our website and the link is below, alongside others that may be of interest.

[Greenvale School - Keeping Safe Online](#) – Our web page with general information and links to other organisations.

[Greenvale School - Home](#) – At the bottom of this page you will find links to past E-safety newsletters.

As you know, the Summer Holidays are almost here, and the school will be closed over the holidays. If you need urgent support, then please contact Children with Disabilities Lewisham. The link to their web page is below.

[Lewisham Council - Children with disabilities and complex needs](#)

Kind regards,

Aaron.
Aaron Collins
Deputy Headteacher
Greenvale School

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see information below. Please also look out for an email that has other links to prospective activities that you may consider over the summer.

<p>Lewisham Mencap is a charity run voluntarily by and for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.</p> <p>Monday Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7-9PM, ● Leemore Centre, SE13 5ES ● Lively event offering music (Disco Room), chats, film night, bingo, raffle, hot and soft drinks and more <p>Tuesday Club – weekly disco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6.30-9PM, ● St Augustine’s Church, SE12 0DU ● Live acts and performances, street food events, live DJ, and more <p>Wednesday Drama Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7-9PM ● Ignition Taproom, Sydenham SE26 5QF ● All adults ● Contact directly to find dates <p>Thursday Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4-6pm ● Leemore Centre SE13 5ES ● A quiet space to chat over a cup of tea or coffee, digital sessions, puzzles and games, workshops and more. 	
Who can attend?	Adults with learning disabilities, their families and carers.
Price	Free
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leemore Community Hub: ● Bus: 284, 122, P4, 484, 136, 261 ● Nearest Train stations: Ladywell or Lewisham ● There are disabled bays outside the Methodist Church on Albion Way off Clarendon Rise. ● There is on-street parking in the surrounding streets and a car park on Clarendon Rise which Blue Badge holders can use. ● St Augustine’s Church: ● Buses: 261, 273, 284
Phone	07932 002 317
Email	hello@lewishammencap.org.uk
Website	https://lewishammencaporguk.wordpress.com/whats-on/
Joining: turn up or book?	Drop in or fill out the form here https://lewishammencaporguk.wordpress.com/contact-lewisham-mencap/ Send your name, age and contact details (or your carer’s details) to their email

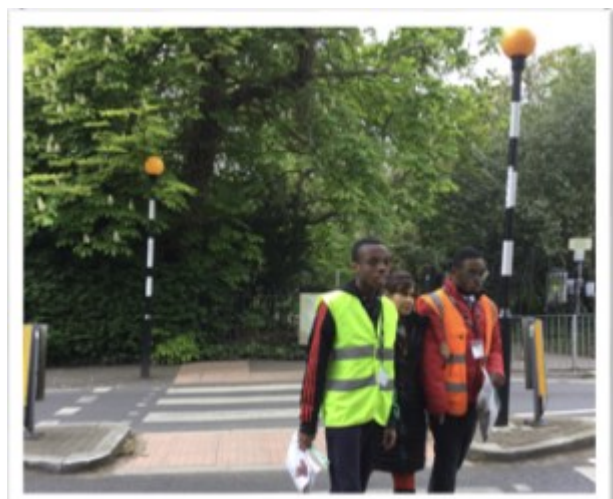


We visited Beckenham Place Park to do some outdoor learning using maps and compasses for navigation



This term we have been many celebrating in many festivals. We made an African necklace and decorated with different colours.

Learning outside the classroom: Creating connections with Nature-
The Glade students have been visiting Mayow Park and the sensory garden for Science and PE sessions.





Learning



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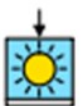


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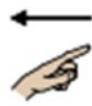
Science Lesson.



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park



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sensory garden

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project.



At Greenvale school we celebrated Healthy Lifestyle Week.

Staff and students carefully considered how to eat more healthily and be more physically active.

Our young people had a cook off, cooking delicious healthy foods.



We had a climbing wall come to Greenvale school. Students also participated in a Panathlon. A competition with different adapted Olympic inspired activities.



Information from the community nursing team

What health service should I use? Here is a helpful poster explaining the different health services and when to access them.



2. 'Contact, for families with disabled children' is a fantastic organisation with a vast array of useful information.

Here is a link to their website - www.contact.org.uk

We recommend ordering a free copy of their 'Helpful guide for families with disabled children' www.contact.org.uk/order-your-copy-of-the-helpful-guide-for-families-with-disabled-children

3. The British Summer is unpredictable, but with hotter weather on its way, here is some NHS advice on keeping safe in the sun.

Children and sun protection

Take extra care to protect babies and children. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life.

From March to October in the UK, Children should:

- Cover up with suitable clothing
- Spend time in the shade, particularly from 11am to 3pm
- Wear at least SPF30 sunscreen

Weblink: www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety

Dehydration

Dehydration means your body loses more fluids than you take in. If not treated, it can get worse and become a serious problem.

- How to reduce the risk of dehydration
- Drinking fluids regularly can reduce the risk of dehydration. Water or diluted squash are good choices.
- You should drink enough during the day your pee is pale clear colour.

Drink more when there's a higher risk of dehydrating. For example, if you're being sick, sweating due to hot weather or exercise, or you have diarrhoea.

Weblink: www.nhs.uk/conditions/dehydration/

4. 'Challenging Behaviour Foundation' is a UK charity focussed on the needs of people with severe Learning Disabilities whose behaviour challenges, and their families. Check out their website for resources and support.

Website: www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk

Wishing all Greenvale students, their parents/carers, and families a very happy summer break.
From the Complex Needs Nursing Team, and Community Paediatric Service.
Lewisham Greenwich NHS Trust