

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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At Greenfield, we always talk about encouraging, supporting and developing the children to be independent learners. After all ... the school's vision statement aims to 'inspire with the joy of lifelong learning' and to be an independent learner ... to want to learn and to be self-motivated ... which is at the heart of this statement.

As a parent, the temptation is always there to do things for our children because it can be quicker or the end result is neater ... we so often pick up their things, prepare all the food, clean their teeth, tidy and sort their bags, bedrooms and lives! Similarly, as a teacher, it can often be very tempting to create classrooms, books and work that is neat and uniform rather than necessarily genuinely independent. But of course, children learn by making mistakes and by tackling challenges where they will not always succeed first time – and it is by encouraging independence that in the end, will foster and develop resilience.

This is why the Y2 residential to Caythorpe is so important and what struck me on the trip this year was just how capable and mature the children were throughout the two days. They organised their bedrooms, equipped themselves with what they needed for each activity, buttered their own toast, solved problems in the teamwork challenges, packed their bags and generally made their own choices in a safe environment without fuss or panic.

The Y2 children did themselves, their parents and the school proud this month – 90 children went on the trip ... their behaviour was excellent and they had the opportunity to demonstrate and develop so many creative, organisational and physical skills. There are very few schools in Leicestershire that organise residential for KS1 children ... so I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Y2 staff for giving the children such a wonderful opportunity to show us how grown up, resilient ... and independent they really are.

Mr N Quinn

Head of School

Social Media

Many of us at Greenfield are part of some kind of social media circle, whether it be Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or YouTube. We enjoy seeing what our friends and family are up to, sharing a photo or two and switching our face with somebody else's through the array of snapchat filters! But are we aware of who can see our profiles and are we making sure that we are being safe?

Recently, Year 6 went on a school trip to Warning Zone, where they were filled with useful e-safety-related facts until they were ready to burst! Because of that, they wanted to feedback what they had discovered...

To make sure that you are safe on the internet, you must be aware of who your followers are (your online friends). If you don't know who they are, it would be wise to delete or block them, as this makes sure that they can't see any personal information about you e.g. your address, school or hobbies. It is a good idea not to accept friend requests from people you don't know either. This way, only your real friends can see what you are up to!

If you start a conversation with somebody online that you haven't met before, you can never be sure that they are who they say they are. For example, an 11-year old girl called Sophie could really be a man in his twenties that you've never met. Do you really want to be sharing information about yourself with somebody of that age? No!

It is also worth remembering that your digital footprint (whatever you do online) is hard to erase. So if you decided to post a funny picture of your friend wearing a clown's mask, it will be there forever. The internet has a clever way of finding where everything has been posted from as well, so think before you post.

Remember ... please always stay safe on the internet and talk about anything that worries or concerns you with an adult.

By Alex McPeak, Libby Sturgess & Seb Pope



Y2 at Caythorpe Court 05-05-2017



Star of the Month April 2017	Star of the Month May 2017
★ FS Jayden Atton ★	★ FS Dexter Matts ★
★ Y1 Lola Wyymant ★	★ Y1 Emelia Bailey ★
★ Y2 Ben Carter ★	★ Y2 Jack Hale ★
★ Y3 Cameron White ★	★ Y3 Grace Campbell ★
★ Y4 Ben Shephard ★	★ Y4 James Pigginn ★
★ Y5 Ewan Hill ★	★ Y5 James Jenkinson ★
★ Y6 Lydia Walton ★	★ Y6 Max Markham ★
	★ Y6 Ruby Moore ★

Fantastic Friday Is Back!
After School - Infant Playground



Miss Elliott loves sport and PE!

Miss Elliott spills the beans. . . .

What made you want to come and work at Greenfield?

Miss Elliott: Well firstly, Greenfield is such a sporty school and I love P.E. and sport and competing so that was a good match! It is also such a big school with good strong links with parents and with the community of Countesthorpe which I really like. Finally, I did my last teaching placement here – I really enjoyed it and all the staff and children made me feel so welcome so I am very pleased to work here now!

Which Disney character is your favourite and why?

Miss Elliott: It would have to be Belle from Beauty and the Beast. I always wanted to be like her when I was younger – she was so kind and caring! I used to dress up like Belle in a big yellow dress at every opportunity when I was a little girl!

Do you know any famous people?

Miss Elliott: Well I do know Harvey Barnes really well who used to come to this school and is now a footballer for

Leicester City. We are good family friends with them and I have known Harvey since I was a toddler ... so I see him all the time! We are also family friends with Matt Poole so we often meet famous rugby players, for example Martin Johnson (ex-England rugby captain!)

Do you have any pets? If not, which pet would you really want?

Miss Elliott: I have a dog (a cockapoo) called Millie, who is nine years old and absolutely adorable! My boyfriend has five ducks that live in the back garden in the pond with all our fish ... we are currently waiting for five duckling eggs to hatch which is very exciting!

What are your hobbies outside of school?

Miss Elliott: I enjoy running – I used to run for a running club (Leicester Coritians) and I represented Leicestershire at national events. I love playing badminton in the summer and I also love going shopping (especially for clothes and bags!) I really enjoy going on holiday and I am looking forward to travelling to Bali and Thailand this summer!

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Miss Elliott: Well I would certainly buy lots of Vivienne Westwood and Mulberry bags! I would definitely give some money to charity and I would travel and go on plenty of holidays! I would love a house in California for the sun and one in the Alps because I love skiing ... I should probably buy a house in England as well!

Interview by Katy Cobley, Layla Boseley and Danny-Ray Murdey



Footballing success!

Congratulations to the Girls 'A' Squad and the Y4/5 Boys – both won their 2017 League Cup Competitions in May.

Peak District Adventures

Another fantastic Y4 trip to Edale. The instructors commented on how much they enjoy Greenfield visiting as the children are always well behaved and motivated. Y4 children send a big thanks to their parents and to the staff for giving them a big adventure.



What's Happening?

Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June
HALF TERM BREAK

Thursday 8th June
Music Show 2pm & 7pm

Tuesday 13th June
Saffron Lane Athletics

Saturday 24th June
NEW DATE FOR:
SUMMER FAIR

Monday 26th June
FS Sports Day 1.30pm

Wednesday 28th June
KS1 Sports Day 9.30am
KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm

Thursday 29th June
Y3/4 Theatre Trip
"Gangsta Granny"

Wednesday 5th July
Transition Day
(Y6 at CLCC)

Wednesday 12th July at 2pm
Thursday 13th July at 7pm
Y6 Leavers Production To
Parents



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