

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by the pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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'How time flies ...!' 'Where on earth has this year gone!' Things I used to hear my grandparents say all the time and now I am beginning to understand why ... the annual cycle certainly seems to speed up as we grow up!

It is nearly the end of another school year and for our Y6 leavers, the end of their seven year cycle. A time to reflect and of course a time to look forward ... but perhaps most importantly, a time to really live in the present – to enjoy each last day, every lunchtime and every single opportunity to share their leavers production with an audience who is proud of their many achievements over the last seven years. We wish all the children leaving our school this summer all the very best and we thank them for their hard work, drive and commitment in all aspects of school life – they have made Greenfield a better place and there are so many memories to treasure and hold on to.

We are also saying goodbye this summer to two of our teachers who have been on the whole of Greenfield's journey, from when Linden Junior School and Beechwood Infant School amalgamated back in 2001. Mrs Di Gee and Mrs Marilyn Rogers are retiring this year after teaching careers of thirty seven and twenty five years respectively. On behalf of all the children who have been in their classes; all the staff who they have worked with and shared so many good memories and all the governors and parents that have discussed education, learning and life with Mrs Gee and Mrs Rogers, I would like to say a huge thank you for everything! You both deserve a wonderful summer holiday and a very happy retirement.

Our thanks also to Mrs Rossiter and Mrs Pyatt for teaching classes in KS1 while Miss Lewis and Mrs Wolfe were on maternity leave. Finally of course – a thank you to all our parents for the tireless work behind the scenes – for the reading, the homework, the endless lifts and support that you give your children in order to provide them with opportunities to make the very best of these special years – I'm sure they will thank you one day!

Enjoy the summer and we'll see you back at school on Thursday 24th August!

Mr N Quinn
Head of School

Dear Greenfield pupils,

We, Year 6, are sad to be reaching the end of our journey here at this amazing school and we all envy your remaining time here at Greenfield. Our seven years here have been incredible and we feel lucky that we have had a fulfilled and exciting time. For everybody who is lucky enough to have some more time at Greenfield, make the most of it!

All of the teachers at Greenfield are brilliant. They are kind and caring and have your best interests at heart; they want you to succeed at Greenfield and feel proud of your achievements. You are guaranteed to be cheered up if you're feeling down, probably by Mr Bowpitt's funny socks!



You'll struggle to find a school that has as many fantastic sports and musical opportunities as ours! There's a club for almost everything, so whether you're into singing and dancing or competing with other children in the county through football and netball matches, take the opportunities to broaden your experiences and leap out of your comfort zone – you never know, you may uncover a hidden talent.

Learning in the classroom continues to get more and more exciting as each year passes, especially with fun topics like the Vikings or making fairground rides. But what is even better is all of the amazing school trips you'll get to go on. For example, Year 2 visit Caythorpe, Year 4 visit Edale and Year 6 visit Condover Hall. They are great residential trips, where you get to stay overnight, and are full of exciting activities. There's also fantastic day trips including Warwick Castle, the Warning Zone and many more.

If that hasn't already made you feel very proud to be a Greenfield pupil, then you have the super assemblies that you get to present to the school with your year group, as well as exciting productions to be a part of.

As our time at Greenfield ends, we want to wish the rest of you good luck with the rest of your journey. If there is one thing we have learned (even though there is much more!) it is that seven years doesn't half go quickly!

With best wishes from the whole of Y6!

Star of the Month
June 2017



FS Emilio Coughlin



Y1 Eoin Kinsella

Y2 Jack Fisher



Y3 Hannah Cross

Y4 Evie Martin



Y5 Lara Monk



Y6 Declan Dowd





Mrs Rogers is looking forward to more travelling and time for sport to keep fit!

Mrs Rogers spills the beans. . . .

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

Mrs Rogers: Well I will hopefully get to Canada and New Zealand within the next year – I would love to see the Rocky Mountains in Canada and have a helicopter ride around the glaciers in New Zealand. I certainly would like to keep fit so I will be taking up badminton again and playing as much table tennis as I can!

Q: If you could go back in time, would you still want to be a primary school teacher?

Mrs Rogers: Yes I would! I was actually a personnel manager for twelve years and only trained to be a teacher after my children were born. So I have taught for twenty five years – all in this school!

Q: Do you think children have changed in the last thirty years?

Mrs Rogers: I don't think that children have changed necessarily, but I do think that the world has changed around them. Technology has changed children's lives and I don't think that children have as much freedom outside of school as they used to!

Q4: You worked at Linden Juniors before it amalgamated with Beechwood Infants to become Greenfield. Which school did you like the best – Linden Juniors or Greenfield Primary?

Mrs Rogers: I have really enjoyed them both – the school has of course become much bigger now, but both have been lovely places to work. When I first came, I didn't have my own classroom ... I taught anywhere I could – in corridors/the library and I just kept all my things in a trolley which I used to wheel around the school until I found a home!

Q: Do you have any superstitions or lucky charms?

Mrs Rogers: Not really, although I am northern so I always celebrate New Year much more than most people do in The Midlands! New Year is a big celebration for me – one year I would love to see all the fireworks in Sydney Harbour!

Q: Which has been your favourite year group to teach and why?

Mrs Rogers: Well over the years I have certainly taught Y3 the most so I will say Y3! They always have lovely topics ... the Ancient Egyptians is a great topic and I enjoyed teaching the children about World War 2 when it was on the curriculum. I have a degree in History so I have enjoyed teaching the history topics in every year group!

Q: Describe your perfect evening ...

Mrs Rogers: Well after a long day of teaching in the summer term, there can be nothing better than sitting in the garden with a nice glass of wine, chatting with your friends in the evening sunshine!

Interview by Alex McPeak, Layla Bosley and Charlie Hornbuckle



Mrs Gee is looking forward to taking part in more theatre productions and to visiting new places.

Mrs Gee spills the beans. . .

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

Mrs Gee: I have lots of plans which certainly involve doing a lot more drama and singing! I would like to be able to go the gym a bit more and I think I'll start playing badminton again. I'd love to travel to India to see the Taj Mahal and experience such a different country ... as well as visit New Zealand for all the incredible scenery.

Q: If you could go back in time, would you still want to be a primary school teacher?

Mrs Gee: I do love the teaching part of the job ... but there is just so much paperwork! I always wanted to be a teacher (I quite fancied being a librarian as well!) and my thirty seven years in primary teaching has gone very quickly so I must have enjoyed it!

Q: Do you think children have changed in the last thirty years?

Mrs Gee: Children have always been enthusiastic and they want to learn if you grab their interest. I do think children are more outspoken now ... they are far more ready to give their opinions, which is a good thing ... well, most of the time!!

Q: You worked at Linden Juniors before it amalgamated with Beechwood Infants to become Greenfield. Which school did you like the best – Linden Juniors or Greenfield Primary?

Mrs Gee: Now that is a really hard question! I've enjoyed working at both schools ... Linden was of course considerably smaller so you got to know all the children in the school much better – everyone always used to say what a lovely, friendly school Linden was! Greenfield is the same – very friendly – the children have so many amazing opportunities here in music and sport and it is such a good school for the Arts. I feel proud that I have been part of that process (not blowing my own trumpet of course!) and I have also enjoyed leading and teaching French in the school. It has been great to act as a judge in the talent shows over the last few years ... especially when I dressed up as Queen Elizabeth 1!

Q: Which has been your favourite year group to teach and why?

Mrs Gee: I have taught from Y3 to Y6 during my time here and I have enjoyed teaching all of the year groups in KS2! If pushed I might go for Y4 as you get to go on the Edale trip! Y4 children are usually quite independent but they also retain that great enthusiasm for learning ... so I'll say Y4!

Q: Describe your perfect evening ...

Mrs Gee: Well ... Gareth Malone would arrive at my front door, pick me up and take me to my choir concert where I was performing. After that, Johnny Depp would fly me in his private plane to a restaurant in Paris where I would enjoy a dinner with him – 'Steak Diane' and a nice glass of champagne!

Interview by Lara Monk, Seb Pope and Emma Broadhead

What's Happening?

Wednesday 12th July at 2pm

Thursday 13th July at 7pm

Y6 Leavers Production To Parents

**Tues/Wed 22/23 Aug
TEACHER DAYS**

**Thursday 24th August
START OF TERM**

**Tues 29th Aug - Fri 1st Sept
Y6 Trip to Condover**

**Friday 1st Sept
Pre-School Open Day**

**Monday 4th Sept
Pre-School OPENS!**