

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Welcome back one and all to a new year at Greenfield and the start of a new and exciting adventure. A special welcome to all our new children who have started in Foundation Stage as well as our new pre-school of course; it is lovely that you have joined the Greenfield family and we look forward to getting to know our new children and families over the next few years.

'Every journey begins with a small step ...' is the opening line of one of our songs that we sing in KS2; the Y6 children used the song and sang to the whole school recently as they shared their wonderful memories of their residential trip to Condover Hall. Our Foundation Stage children have taken their first steps in their seven year Greenfield journey and within that time, there will of course be smaller personal journeys that we have to navigate. The start of a new academic year is a new start for all of us and over the next year, every one of us will celebrate achievements as well as face challenges ... but the journey for adults and children alike ... is much easier if we talk and communicate with each other.

Parents evening week is already nearly here and is a fantastic opportunity to open lines of communication between home and a new teacher and focus on the learning journey ahead. We have welcomed several new teachers to Greenfield this year and all of them have introduced themselves in this edition of The Gossip!

So the 2017-18 journey has begun ... the children have settled in quickly to new routines and a new way of doing things. The bar of expectation is high these days in schools ... but children continue to amaze me in the fearless way that so many of them approach that bar ... and jump straight over it!

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



Roald Dahl Day

Roald Dahl is one of the most popular children's authors of all time; he wrote the most wonderful books and stories for over thirty years. His top five best sellers have been: The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, George's Marvellous Medicine, Matilda and James and the Giant Peach, all of which have been made into a film or a theatre production!



The Dahlicious Dress up Day



To celebrate Roald Dahl and his brilliant stories, we here at Greenfield held a Roald Dahl day, where all of the teachers and children dressed up in creative and interesting costumes. Many children came as a member of the Twits family, as well as Charlie Bucket, Willy Wonka or one of his oompa loompas. The children had a fantastic day and raised lots of money to buy exciting things for the school.

Luckily for the Year 2 children, they study the brilliant George's Marvellous Medicine and absolutely love it. If you haven't experienced one of Roald Dahl's stories yet, then visit the school library and have fun choosing which one to read first!

Article by Alex McPeak, Layla Bosely & Emma Broadhead



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The Year 6 residential to Condover Hall ... great weather, fabulous activities, terrific food and very well behaved children ... a superb time was had by all!



Star of the Month
September 2017



FS Theo Paragreen



Y1 Evan Griffiths Brown



Y2 Shay Carroll



Y3 Isabelle Howland



Y4 Gracie Buck

Y5 Niamh Brooks



Y6 Erin Brown





Miss Lee 4LL

Miss Lee: This is my first teaching job and I am really enjoying getting to know all of the children and staff at Greenfield. I love singing, dancing and reading and I go to a dance class once a week. In my spare time I take part in musicals and I love going to London to see shows. I don't have a favourite subject, but at the minute I am enjoying teaching English and reading David Walliam's book, Mr Stink. I am super excited about the Year 4 trip to Edale and am looking forward to learning lots of new things about the children in my class this year.



Miss Turner 2NT

Miss Turner: I am really excited to start my first teaching job at Greenfield Primary School. I enjoy working creatively, reading and swimming. I am looking forward to working in Year 2 and being able to go on exciting trips such as the theatre and of course ... to Caythorpe Court!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS



Mrs Kent 3ZK

Mrs Kent: I am really excited about joining Greenfield. This is my fourth school and I can honestly say already that it is my favourite! I love spending time with my husband and two children, playing with my two new kittens, Tinkerbelle and Scribbles, and reading. My hobbies include amateur dramatics and football - I am a big Leicester City fan. (There is no other team to support!) I am currently rehearsing for a pantomime, which I shall be performing in January. I am playing a forgetful sea admiral. It is lots of fun! I like teaching all subjects, but I particularly enjoy history. I read lots of historical fiction and enjoy the combination of fact and fiction.

Miss Harrison: I have been teaching for one year in Birmingham and am really happy to be back in the countryside. I am a big adventure fan and missed the outdoors massively. Two years ago I ticked one off my bucket list by trekking to Everest Base Camp and I wonder what exciting things the future brings? I am already excited by the topics we have in Year 4 and cannot wait to get started!

New Class Names:

- 1HY - Mrs Desjardin is now Miss Yates, but still teaching in Year 1.
- 5BE - Miss Elliott has her own class this year.
- 5BP - Mrs Brown and Mrs Palmer are sharing a class in Year 5.

Keeping in touch with life at Greenfield Primary School



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Miss Harrison 4BH

Roald Dahl said, "If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

Did you know? - Ten percent of all Roald Dahl income is donated to charity

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." from *The Minpins*.

Did you know? - Roald Dahl wrote the screenplay for the 007 movie "You Only Live Twice" (1967)

"A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men." from *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*.

The *Minpins* was published in 1991, a few months after Dahl's death. The book has been recently republished under the title "Billy and the Minpins" with new illustrations by Quentin Blake.



Roald Dahl Art Competition:

Please draw or paint your favourite Roald Dahl character ... You could even design a new front cover for one of your favourite Roald Dahl tales! Prizes for the winners ... as well as lots of team points!!

Artwork to Mr. Quinn by Monday 23rd October

What's Happening?



Thu 28th Sept
Team Photo Day

Fri 29th Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning
(PTFA) 9.00-10.30 Infant Hall

Mon-Wed 2nd/3rd/4th October
Parents' Evenings

Fri 27th October
PTFA Quiz Night (Adults)

Mon 16th - Fri 20th Oct
HALF TERM

Thur 2nd November
School Discos
Y1/2/3 5pm-6pm
Y4/5/6 6.15pm to 7.30pm

Fri 3rd November
Christmas Shoebox Appeal