

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term – a half term that is traditionally an extremely busy one for all primary schools. We have so much to look forward to here at Greenfield, including discos, our very special shoe box assembly, a new drumming project, a visiting artist as well as all the Christmas events – parties, nativities, church visits and the much anticipated KS2 talent show!

It is wonderful to be busy ... and we are an extremely busy nation; filling our time with activities, events, work, sport, music, clubs, societies and so on! As a parent of young children, I know that term time can feel like you are running on a treadmill that just keeps moving ... dropping off, picking up, cooking, Brownies, Beavers, standing on windswept touchlines, homework, reading ... just busy lives!

But it is also important to make time in our busy lives for the simple things – simple pleasures that in the end form the most special and treasured memories. As we enter this magical time of year and Autumn sets in, try to make time to pull on your wellies and go for a walk and a talk; kicking through the autumn leaves and enjoying the incredible colours that our beautiful country side shows off at this time of year. Making time to do not very much at all is sometimes the most important thing we do during the course of the week ... and sharing that time with your children is precious and valuable and wonderful.

Human Planet – a series shown on the BBC a couple of years ago was a fascinating insight into the lives of people all over the world ... the suggestion seemed to be that the communities that were the least 'busy' were amongst the happiest ... making the time to tell and share stories and pass on key life skills to the younger generation.

As John Lennon famously once said 'Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans ...!' Planning to just live in the present ... and to enjoy the special things and people around us ... is easier said than done.

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



CRASH BANG BOOM It's Bonfire Night!

What appears in your mind when you think of bonfire night? Fireworks? Sparklers? Smokey skies? Yes ... you get the idea ... but do you know a bit about the history of bonfire night?

In 1605, Guy Fawkes and twelve other young men came up with a plot to kill the king of England – James 1, because he was persecuting British Catholics. The crafty criminals disagreed with everything the king stood for, so they decided to try and make him pay the price! One dark night – the 5th November 1605, Guy Fawkes was caught guarding barrels of gunpowder in the cellar under the House of Lords ... so before the explosives could blow up, Guy Fawkes was discovered and arrested!

Guy Fawkes was a Spanish explosive expert and even though he has become the most famous of this sneaky, sly group ... the man who masterminded this criminal catastrophe in the first place was actually Robert Catesby.

We celebrate bonfire night every year as a way of remembering this failed plot against the king ... it is a great fun evening, but do you know how to stay safe?

To start with, remember that fire is dangerous so keep this in mind when you are handling sparklers and certainly don't stand too close to any bonfires. If you are going to a big event, remember to stay close to your parents or a trusted adult as it will be very busy.

WARNING: Although we love seeing fireworks explode, many animals get scared at this time of year, so keep dogs and pets locked in somewhere safe as the noise can affect their behaviour.



So this year:

Remember, remember the 5th of November
Gunpowder, treason and plot,
Make sure you stay safe ...And have lots of fun.
And remember this villainous lot!

by Lara Monk, Emma Broadhead & Layla Bosely



Roald Dahl Art Competition Winners:

A huge thank you to the 67 kiddles who entered our Roald Dahl art competition. It was very tricky to judge because the standard was so jumpsquiffingly high and they were all so diddly. There was nothing vermicious at all, but in the end we picked six winners:
Joint 1st Erin Campbell 4BH & Grace Campbell 4DC
Joint 2nd Aurelia Bates 6SD & Hannah Parsons 2RK
Joint 3rd Archie Moore 4LL & William Dickinson 1EN

Grace's gloriumptious Fantastic Mr Fox



Erin's whoopsy-splunking BFG

Star of the Month

October 2017

FS Izzie Fasulo

Y1 Orestis Georgakis

Y2 Lola Whymont

Y3 Chloe Fretter-Hall

Y4 Lucas Booth

Y5 Theo Tyers

Y6 Emily Howett

Mrs Keown spills the beans ...and the custard ...and the gravy!

Q: What do you like to do when you're not cooking?

Mrs Keown: I really enjoy cooking, but when I'm not ... I do love researching my family tree! I was born in a small town called Workington near Carlisle; so far I have traced back to 1736 – most of my family were involved in the steelworks, but I find history fascinating and I plan to keep researching and go back even further. I also love walking our dogs; we have two beagles called Freya and Enya!

Q: Did you cook at home when you were a child?

Mrs Keown: Yes I did ... I remember cooking with my grandmother; she taught me how to bake and I always remember making rock cakes with her. She lived in a big, old Victorian house which I loved and I enjoyed hearing the steam trains go past while we baked together!

Q: What is your favourite meal to cook at Greenfield and why?

Mrs Keown: My favourite meal has got to be Christmas dinner. I like the Christmas music playing and it's just such a lovely atmosphere. The children are happy and I have always loved Christmas ... the glitter, the tree and being with lots of people!

Q: Have you had any cooking disasters at school that you have kept secret ... until now?

Mrs Keown: I did drop a huge tray of lasagne a few years ago! I also once put lots of bread flour in my large mixer, but hadn't noticed that the speed was on high ... when I switched it on, the flour flew everywhere – all over me, all over the floor and all over the kitchen surfaces. But I never told Mr Bowpitt or Mr Quinn ... until now!

Q: Do you prefer Halloween or Bonfire Night?

Mrs Keown: Definitely Bonfire Night – it has always been a time to get together as a family and set off fireworks in the garden and eat jacket potatoes, mushy peas ... and lots of nice cakes!

Q: What do you enjoy watching on television?

Mrs Keown: Well as you know ... I love history so I really enjoy period dramas like Downton Abbey! I also enjoy any nature programmes, especially if they are presented by David Attenborough ... and of course, I like watching 'The Great British Bake Off!'

Q: Have you got any dreams or ambitions that you would still like to fulfil?

Mrs Keown: I really would love to learn to play the piano! I am starting to learn soon and I hope that my family will get me a piano for Christmas ... and I just can't wait to start playing! In terms of travel, I would love to go to Canada and have a train ride through The Rocky Mountains ... I love trains as well!

Interview by Alex McPeak & Seb Pope



What's Happening?

Thur 2nd November

School Discos

Y1/2/3 5pm-6pm

Y4/5/6 6.15pm to 7.30pm

Fri 3rd November

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Fri 17th November

'Children In Need' Day

Mon 4th December

Flu Vaccinations

Tue 5th December

FS/KS1 Christmas Craft Day

Thur 7th December

Y5/6 Panto Trip - Aladdin

Thur 7th December

Greenfield Christmas Fayre

Sat 9th December

**Choir / Musicians at
Christmas Tree Festival**

Thur 14th December

KS2 Visit to

St. Andrew's Church

Thur 14th December

School Christmas Dinner

Wed 20th December

KS2 Talent Show

Wed 20th December

LAST DAY OF TERM



Greenfield Boys Year 5/6 Football Team - October 2017

A Rice Bowl to remember ...?

Greenfield have been competing in the famous Leicestershire 'Rice Bowl' tournament for the last sixteen years. The school has coached and encouraged many incredible players over the years, including Harvey Barnes who is now a Leicester player, on loan at Barnsley. The Rice Bowl final is played every year at The King Power stadium and Greenfield has been in the final

three times in the last ten years. In 2009, we drew a tense game with Kibworth 2-2 and both teams shared the trophy! Unfortunately, we lost against Richmond in the 2014 final and again to Badgerbrook in 2015!

The Rice Bowl was donated to Leicestershire Schools FA in March 1934; the presentation was made by the 'Rice' family who owned a local shoe factory in Syston. The first recorded final was in the 1934/35 season and it was won by Clarendon Park School, which is now called St Johns Primary School. When the 50th anniversary came around, the match was hosted by Leicester City FC at Filbert Street ... Braunstone Frith beat Ravenhurst 2-1!

Greenfield has a great current squad ... made up of courageous keepers, a brick wall of rock-solid defenders, some magical midfielders and goal poaching strikers. On Tuesday 24th October, our fantastic football team travelled to Burbage to play Sketchley Hill in the first round of the Rice Bowl. Thankfully, we won 5 – 0, thanks to our 'captain fantastic' Howie Marshall, a hat-trick from Charlie Hornbuckle, a great goal from Josh Antil and a sensational volley from Harry Buck as well as the rest of our brilliant boys! We have high hopes of making the final in May 2018!

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