

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

SPORTS SPECIAL

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

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This March, there is a sporty feel to 'The Greenfield Gossip'; mainly because so many of us enjoyed watching The Winter Olympics during February and of course, Sport Relief will mark the end of the spring term for us here at Greenfield.

Sport and exercise remains such a crucial part of not only our curriculum, but of our daily lives. Keeping fit and healthy is not only good for our bodies ... it is so good for our minds and our well-being. Whether it is through our science curriculum when we look at the human body, or through the PSHE curriculum when we stress the importance of healthy minds and healthy lives or just through assemblies and class discussions, we take every opportunity to encourage the children to enjoy P.E and sport and to join clubs and organisations in order to be active on a regular basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every parent who facilitates regular opportunities for their children to enjoy sport and exercise. It can be a thankless task at times – standing on touchlines, watching the swimming lessons, endless lifts to gymnastics, netball, horse riding, football, cross country events and so many others ... but sport brings us together and the social elements of teamwork, friendship and achieving goals and targets as part of a group has so many other benefits, which can often be life-long.

Talking of parents, can I also wish Steve Fenton the very best of luck as he is aiming to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy by running the London Marathon this year. Keep the morning of April 10th free in your diaries if you can and come down to the school and run with your child and Steve for just a mile or so as we will be supporting him every step of the way ... in his training and through sponsorship.

So as they say on 'Strictly' ... 'Keep dancing!' ... or running or jumping or swimming or whatever it is that gets you active and feeling alive. The legacy of London 2012 was always aiming to inspire the next generation ... and it remains all of our job to do so.

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



Sports Special

Winter Olympics

A few weeks ago now, the Winter Olympics took place in Pyeongchang, South Korea. There was over 20 sports in these Winter Olympic Games including 2 man bobsleigh, luge, snowboard halfpipe, ice hockey, figure skating and curling. Great Britain had the best Winter Olympics games they've ever had! GB won five medals with Laura Deas and Dom Parsons (Skeleton), Izzy Atkin (Ski Slopestyle) and Billy Miller (Snowboard Big Air) all winning bronze. The biggest story for TeamGB was Lizzy Yarnold, who successfully defended her Olympic title in skeleton. On the downside of these games for GB was that Elise Christie crashed out of her speed skating races after being tripped up three times and in the curling, where GB have won medals before, neither women's or men's teams won a medal, as they came 4th and 7th.



Let's have look how the rest of the world did! It was a good games for clean athletes after Russia was banned for drugs-cheating. You may know already that Norway won the most medals in total, beating all of the other teams who took part. Altogether they won 14 Gold, 14 silver and 11 bronze. Wow, that's a lot of medals! Germany were second in the medals table, their ice hockey team were massive underdogs, but won a silver medal. Ester Ledecka, the Czech athlete, became the first person to win both a snowboarding and skiing gold! Hosts South Korea had a great games, they won 17 medals, including a silver in the women's curling which nobody expected! Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan won back-to-back golds in figure skating. 15 year-old Alina Zagitova won figure skating gold, beating her fellow OAR athlete Evgenia Medvedeva in a really close contest. Pita Taufatofuo of Tonga was cheered on even though he came second-last in the skiing – this was the guy who only learnt to ski three months ago and has now represented his country at both Rio and Pyeongchang Olympics – you may remember him from the opening ceremony!



Article by Layla Boseley, Tilly Carter, Newton Milner and Alex McPeak



Gold (again!) for Lizzy Yarnold



Despite the temperature, Pita Taufatofuo leads the athletes from Tonga wearing traditional costume!



Izzy Atkin in action!

A warm welcome and a well done to seven Y5 writers who have been asked to join the Greenfield Gossip writing team ... Farley Bruce, Matilda Carter, Azie Lilley, Newton Milner, Alessia Stokoe, Poppy Birt and Isabel Harwood. We look forward to their input over the next eighteen months!



Competition Time - 100 Word Challenge!

In recognition of sport and Sport Relief: our competition this month challenges you to write 100 words exactly on any sports star of your choice! This could be a current sports star or any sporting legend over the years...! Bring the writing to life by including a picture or photo of the person you are writing about ... but the prizes will go to those who have written a great summary of their sports star in 100 words.

Entries to Mr. Quinn by Friday 23rd March please.

School Sports Update - School Sports Update - School Sports Update - School Sports Update

What a year it has been so far for Greenfield when it comes to school sports! The school has been competitive and successful - in equal measure - across a whole range of sporting activities, including:

- Year 5 & 6, Girls and Boys Football
- Year 6 Boys Football in local and regional competitions (Good luck in the Rice Bowl semi-final vs Montrose next week!)
- Year 4, 5 & 6 Basketball competitions
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Benchball
- KS2 Cross Country
- PE classes trying indoor curling or even biathlon (which parents will be glad to hear was running and throwing, not skiing and shooting!)



Sports Leader Miss Hoult praised all the children who have taken part in any sport this year; the class teachers and sports coaches are very proud of them. Like many school activities, the sports training and fixtures don't fit into a normal school day, so it's often extra tasks for mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and a long list of other people to support the athletes with organisation, transport, encouragement and washing all that sports kit! Greenfield and the children thank all those extra helpers!

Spring Term is nearly at an end and summer is just around the corner. There is lots to look forward to in the new term after Easter. There will be new sports to look out for as well as continuing some of your favourites. Some children might start a sport for the very first time - come and have a go! There will be outdoor and "adventure" sports for Year 2 and for Year 4 on their residential trips to Caythorpe and to Edale; time to try climbing or canoeing, hiking or aeroball! Plans are underway for Wasps Netball to visit school and for school netballers to visit Wasps at the Ricoh Arena.



Mr Fenton is running the London Marathon on 22nd April, hoping to raise a lot of money for "Archie's Army" - Greenfield children have been joining in his Tuesday training runs.



Fundraising for Sport Relief

March 17th to 23rd is Sport Relief 2018, which has been raising money for Comic Relief every alternate year since 2002. Comic Relief gives grants and donations to fantastic causes, both small local charities here in the UK and global causes, mostly in poor and war-torn areas. In 2016, Sport Relief raised over £55million, but are aiming to beat that this year. Put on your running shoes and get active!

In recent years, Sport Relief has treated over 900,000 people across Africa with anti-malarial drugs. The world has made incredible progress in the fight against Malaria (a horrible disease), however, it is still a major killer, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa. For the first time in history, Sport Relief are helping to give people the tools, resources and knowledge to end this devastating disease. In the UK, around one in four people will experience a mental health problem and thanks to fund-raising, Sport Relief can support projects that increase public awareness, reduce the stigma and truly recognise the importance of good mental health.

Many celebrities that you might have heard of are enjoying the action including: the fabulous Robbie Savage, who is holding a 5-a-side football match and Zoe Ball who has cycled over 350 miles. Also on TV there is celebrity boxing, "Famously Unfit" and "The Mother Of All Challenges" with Alex Jones.

Everybody can get involved with events in school, by joining in local events or even nation events - it's not too late to join the National Billion Steps Challenge! Taking part in a challenge might even be good for you if it helps to keep fit and healthy, but don't forget to phone in with your donation or put some money in the collection boxes to help raise lots of money. In School there will be some fundraising events, including "sweets in a jar" and maybe a run as well!

In conclusion, sport relief is a brilliant charity that definitely deserves our support, so what are you doing to help?

Article by Emma Broadhead, Farley Bruce and Azie Lilley



What's Happening?

Fri 23th March

END OF SPRING TERM

Mon 9th April

SUMMER TERM STARTS

Y6 Visit "Warning Zone"

Wed-Fri 2nd-4th May

Y4 Edale Trip

Mon 7th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Thur-Fri 10th-11th May

Y2 Caythorpe Trip

W/B Monday 14th May

Y6 SATs Week

25th May-3rd June

HALF TERM

Fri 13th July

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

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