

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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I just cannot believe it is time to say goodbye to another fantastic group of Y6 children – it seems like only a couple of months ago that we were all abseiling and climbing at Condover Hall!

Indeed, it has really been a wonderful year at Greenfield Primary School with so many highlights – winning the 'Ricebowl' tournament at The King Power Stadium, enjoying the musical shows and theatrical productions, three hugely successful residential and a whole range of trips and guests to the school to complement and enrich our vibrant and exciting curriculum. It is a pleasure to come to work every day and see so many children who enjoy their learning, are eager to take on a challenge and are so happy in their school environment. One of the hardest jobs for our teachers every few weeks is to choose the 'Star of the Month' as there are just so many deserving candidates!

As always, we will be saying goodbye to some of our staff who are taking on a host of new challenges in their own adventure in the journey of life. A huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Whitehead (dining supervisor) and Mrs Howarth (teaching assistant) as well as to three of our teachers – Mr Nethercot, Miss Speight and Miss Zanker, who are all taking on new and exciting roles in other schools. And finally, a special mention to our longest serving member of staff – Mrs Jenny Lee, who after 33 years of supporting children in classrooms and on the playground is retiring, enabling her to spend even more time following Leicester City all over the country!

As we prepare to shake the hands of our Y6 children and wave them off through the front doors on the last day of term, I would like to thank them all for working so hard and for embracing sport and music throughout their time at Greenfield. They are a great group of children and I hope that we have done our job at Greenfield and inspired them with the joy of learning during their time here.

Finally, I would like to wish all our all parents, children, friends and families of Greenfield a happy, restful and safe summer and we look forward to the annual adventure beginning again on Tuesday 28th August.

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



Dance and Music Workshops

Greenfield are fortunate enough to have unique and exciting visitors to the school every now and again. Recently, we had a group of talented dancers and singers travel all the way from Bethlehem to share their skills with us – the Palestinian dance group put on a memorable performance in our main hall.

Later in the day, they put on some workshops for some of our KS2 children; the sessions included singing, dancing and creating a musical beat using instruments. The children had a go at complex dances, played the drums (which are similar to Greenfield's djembe drums) and got to enjoy the entertainment of seeing the Palestinians in action.

It was clear to see that they were experts at what they do, managing to stick to challenging beats whilst singing and dancing; the children watching were in awe of their skills. The dedication and commitment that this group showed was amazing and they continued throughout the day to inspire the children of Greenfield with their talents and positive attitude. They even came outside and played football against some of our children. It was a good day and we learned a lot about traditional Palestinian music, dress and culture.

By Alessia Stokoe, Matilda Carter and Isabel Harwood



In Year 1 we went to Twycross Zoo,
There was lots to see and lots to do.

We made new friends,
We hoped the year would never end.

We made buggies out of a box,
They were faster than a speeding fox.

In year 2 we did our SATS,
We all so hoped that we would pass.

In year 3 we went to a local fort,
And learnt how Roman soldiers fought.
We took a trip to New Walk Museum,
We even saw a model Colosseum.

When we went into year 4,
We wanted to learn more and more.
Adventures awaited, Edale was new,
Try your best at everything you do.

Growing up now in Year 5,
Learning's into overdrive.
We do it all – Sport, music, drama, art,
As well as learning tables by heart.

Our final year brains were in a fix,
We desperately needed our Weetabix.
We really enjoyed Condover Hall,
A great Year 6, we gave it our all!

Although Greenfield always has a place in
our hearts,
The adventure will continue and we'll have a
fresh start.

By Charlie Hornbuckle, Seb Pope,
Lara Monk and Alex McPeak

Star of the Month

May 2018

- ★ FS Amelia Sturba ★
- ★ Y1 Ella Bonner ★
- ★ Y2 Imogen Norman ★
- ★ Y3 Freya Farrell ★
- ★ Y4 Blake Broadhead ★
- ★ Y5 Amélie Slusarczuk ★
- ★ Y6 Tilly Jebbut

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Photo: Mrs Lee plans to swap the school field for time with family and holidays!

Mrs Lee spills the beans...

Q: How long have you worked at our school and how many different jobs have you done?

Mrs Lee: Well ... I've been here for 33 years!!! I used to be a teaching assistant – I started working at Beechwood Infant School all those years ago and I've been a dining supervisor for the whole 33 years!

Q: How have you survived so long in one school and what will you miss when you retire?

Mrs Lee: I just really like my job which of course makes it easier to come to work every day! I enjoy the walk to school – it takes me about 20 minutes and I walk whatever the weather! I shall miss the staff, of course, and all my friends ... but mostly I will miss the children. I have always loved working with the younger children – teaching them some

basic skills and just making sure that they enjoy their lunchtime!

Q: We know you are a big Leicester City fan so here are two questions about your beloved club ... who is your favourite City player ever and what has been your best Leicester City moment of all time?

Mrs Lee: Well I've been a season ticket holder for 25 years! I started taking my son back in the Filbert Street days! I like Andy King and Jamie Vardy, but I think that Andy King has to be my all-time favourite player - he's done everything with Leicester! Of course I loved it when City won the Premier League title, but my favourite ever moment was watching the open-top bus parade from the top of London Road - that was a really special thing to see!

Q: What are your hopes for Leicester City next season?

Mrs Lee: I want them to do well of course and I would love for them to win the Premier League title again ... I just want them to really play as a team this season! Of course, I want to see Andy King playing for Leicester again this year ... and I'd be very happy to see Leicester sign Eden Hazard ready for the start of the season!!!

Q: Is there a moment or period in history that you would love to have seen or been a part of?

Mrs Lee: That's a really hard question ... I would have enjoyed being alive in Victorian times ... wearing those lovely Victorian clothes and having some servants to look after me! I would love to have met Queen Victoria as well!

Q: Do you think advances in technology are a good or bad thing?

Mrs Lee: I think there are two ways of looking at things ... technology has been incredible for curing illnesses and for all the advances in medicine for example ... but I don't like everyone being on their phones all the time – we seem to be losing the art of conversation. I also think that children just have too much access to too much information these days.

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

Mrs Lee: Well I certainly want to spend more time with my family ... and take a few more holidays. There are lots of places in the UK I would like to visit – Devon and Bath just to name two! I would also like to travel to Singapore at some point in the future ... my Dad was a prisoner of war there, so I would like to get there and see the country for myself one day!

Interview by Layla Boseley and Emma Broadhead



On behalf of all staff at Greenfield, we would like to thank the wonderful PTFA for their generous contribution towards the new Foundation Stage/ Reception Year equipment. This project would not have been possible without their funding. We would therefore like to extend our thanks to all our parents that support our school fundraising and PTFA organised events such as discos, the summer and Christmas fayres; you really do make such a positive difference to the children of Greenfield.

School + Parents (working together) = success for children!

Star of the Month
June 2018

- ★ FS Eliza Denningberg ★
- ★ Y1 Darcie Booton ★
- ★ Y2 Alex Denton-Kamuti ★
- ★ Y3 Lily-Rose York ★
- ★ Y4 Finn Lyon ★
- ★ Y5 Archie Allman ★
- ★ Y6 Ellis Castledine

What's Happening?

Friday 13th July

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday 28th August

NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTS

Tue28th– Fri31st August

Y6 Condoover Trip

Mon-Fri 15th-19th October

HALF TERM

NB: This is not the same break as
Leicester City Schools

Thursday 20th December

End of Term