

# THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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The end of the summer term in any primary school is busy and exciting as well as often being a time for reflection; every year it marks the end of a chapter in the lives of a group of children as well as some adults.

Our current Y6 children have been a joy to teach throughout their time here – they have been excellent role models in Y6 and we will of course miss them as they prepare for the next steps in their lifelong journey. We thank them for their hard work, commitment to music and sport and their contributions to the wider life of Greenfield Primary School and we wish them well as they move up to High School.

We will also be saying 'goodbye and good luck' to several members of our staff. Mrs Hurst, Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Wilson are all retiring and we thank them all for their dedication to teaching as well as the academic, personal and social development of so many children over the years. Due to other reasons such as promotion and re-location, we will also be losing Mrs Bodman, Mr. Goldberg, Miss Gelsthorpe, Miss Poole and Mr. Moran ... they are all fabulous teachers who have brought energy, passion and life to our school and we wish all of them the very best as they embark on new challenges and adventures.

Our September newsletter will introduce you to Greenfield's next generation of great teachers who will continue to work hard to ensure that Greenfield remains a happy, creative, exciting and successful school. We wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer and look forward to the next chapter in all our lives which will start on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



## 'Every Child Needs a Mentor'!

Since April, all the Y5 children at Greenfield Primary School have been involved with the 'Every Child Needs a Mentor' programme. The man who came up with the idea, Herman Stewart, talks to us every week; every child has an adult mentor at school who they meet up with regularly. We also have a book to write in where we set ourselves goals and targets and we reflect on ourselves and what we are good at. Our mentors and parents write nice things about us as well.

It has been a really good programme because it helps us think about what we are good at and what types of careers would suit us and it also makes us think about what we want to do with our lives. Herman gets us to reflect and think about ourselves; we have our own keys to our success – we hold the keys that can open the doors in our life so that we can achieve what we want to achieve.



Photo: Herman has been to see us lots of times

Some of the main things that we have learned so far are:

- Relationships are important – people make us happy.
- Everybody is special – there is only one 'you' in the whole universe and everyone has a purpose in their life.
- Practise and hard work are the main keys to achieving things.
- Anybody can do and be what they want but you have to believe in yourself.
- Teamwork is essential – if you play your part in a team, you can achieve something special.

Feature Article by The Greenfield Gossipers



### Winners:

Thank you so much for all your Leicester City entries last month, we had so many amazing drawings, paintings and models. The winners were chosen by The Greenfield Gossipers and were as follows:

**1st Place - Erin Briggs 5SP - LCFC football**

**2nd Place - Michael Josiah 2HR - Filbert Fox teddy**

**3rd Place - Emma Smith 1LS - LCFC water bottle**



Photo: Mrs Hurst and her pointing stick!

## Mrs Hurst spills the beans. . . .

### Q: What are your plans for retirement?

**Mrs Hurst:** Well I am really looking forward to doing a lot of travelling! India is booked already and I will be going to see the Taj Mahal, watching tigers in their own habitats and taking the 'Toy Train' into the mountains!

### Q: How do schools compare now with when you were at primary school?

**Mrs Hurst:** The school day is about the same length ... but I had a very different experience of school life compared with our younger children. There were no reading books until you were seven years old for a start! I did lots of cooking and went home for my lunch every day. After dinner we would

take out the camp beds and have a sleep at school for half an hour!

### Q: As a teacher what have been your favourite topics and subjects to teach?

**Mrs Hurst:** I love teaching maths and P.E. and my favourite topic in Y3 has always been The Ancient Egyptians! They are such an interesting civilisation and the children always love learning about the Gods and the tombs and the mummies! When I taught in Y1, I really enjoyed our topic work on 'Homes' and 'Toys!'

### Q: What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you at Greenfield?

**Mrs Hurst:** I once dressed up as Tess Daly for one of our Christmas talent shows and I changed my dress twelve times!

### Q: Apart from being a teacher, what would be your dream job?

**Mrs Hurst:** I have always been inspired by the famous film director – Ridley Scott. My dream job would be to direct a big show or opera in the West End of London ... Les Miserables or Carmen perhaps!

### Q: What do you think is the best invention of all time?

**Mrs Hurst:** The aeroplane is an incredible invention and has made the world so small and accessible! I didn't go on an aeroplane until I was 18 ... but since then I have travelled to some amazing places and visited people all over the world. Before computers and technology were so widespread ... I had to write all my end of year reports by hand ... so Tipp-Ex was a very useful and important invention in those days!

### Q: What are your favourite memories of Greenfield Primary School?

**Mrs Hurst:** I have always loved the Christmas nativities and Sports Days! I will of course miss all the children and the teachers who have become good friends of mine ... I have really enjoyed the twenty three years that I have been here at Greenfield Primary School and Beechwood Infants as it used to be called!

*Interview by Libby Sturgess, Ruby Moore and Ava Hall*

## WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

Greenfield Primary School loves a drama and a performance! There are always opportunities here to act, sing, dance and perform on stage. Earlier this year, Miss Stone's show 'When I Grow Up' was absolutely brilliant! Well done to the ninety children who took part and a massive thank you to Miss Stone for writing the show in the first place. The DVD of 'When I Grow Up' is still available for £3, see Miss Stone.

Here are the thoughts of two of the main characters ... Millie Morris who played Ebony said "The show was a total success ... I really enjoyed having a main part but I was a bit nervous!" Leah Cooper who played Leah added, "The production was fantastic – really fun and I would do it all over and over again!" The director, Miss Stone, also enjoyed it ... "Wow – what a show! I'm so proud of each and every child that took part in 'When I Grow Up!' Keep performing and watch this space for next year's show!"

Our Y6 production will also be ready soon and the Greenfield Gossipers went undercover to find out three things to look forward to in their show which is called 'Shakespeare Rocks!' Miss Dhinsa told us to look out for:

- Spectacular dances – especially from Romeo and Juliet!
- Hilarious comedy – there are lots of jokes about William's bald head!
- Creative costumes – there are boys dressed as girls and girls dressed as boys; also look out for inflatable hammers and sorcerers!

The Y6 production is going to be amazing and we are all looking forward to watching it!

*Drama Report by Danny-Ray Murdey, Joe Glover and Katy Cobley*

## What's Happening?

**Mon 4th July**  
2pm Foundation Sports Day

**Tue 5th July**  
9.30am Y1 Sports Day  
10.30am Y2 Sports Day  
1.30pm KS2 Sports Day

**Wed 6th July**  
Transition Day  
Y6 at Leysland  
Meet Your New Teacher (pm)

**Mon 11th July**  
Team Winners Treat! (pm)

**Thu 14th July**  
7pm Y6 Leavers Production/  
BBQ

**Fri 15th July**  
Last Day of Term

**Tue 30th August**  
1st Day Of New Term!

**Tue 30th Aug - Fri 2nd Sept**  
Y6 to Conover Hall



## Competition time:

Write a poem based on the theme of 'leaving' or 'saying goodbye'. The winner will read their poem out in our special last day of term assembly as we say goodbye to our Y6 children and some of our teachers.