

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Firstly, can I begin by thanking all the children for their quite beautiful, amazing and wonderful entries to our World War 1 competition; we have been quite overwhelmed by the thought and care that has gone into so many of the poems, diaries, paintings and pieces of art. The eight winners are shown on the back of this edition of The Gossip ... but many entries will be displayed at the end of the Y2 corridor as we prepare to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1.

The First World War battlefields of the Western Front are located in a long line of approximately 450 miles from the Belgian coast, through the southern Belgian province of West Flanders and regions of northern and eastern France. As a fourteen year-old student on a history battlefield trip in preparation for my history GCSE, I remember being taken aback by the sheer amount of crosses in the ground at one of the many sites – rows and rows in every direction for as long as the eye could see. I can also never forget how moving it was to hear the 'Last Post' played at The Menin Gate in Ypres in Belgium – which still takes place every single day at 8 p.m.

Learning about the wars remains so important for our children and many of our families still have older members who have memories of the Second World War – memories and stories that we all must hear while that generation are still alive to share them first hand with us all. After 100 years, we can no longer hear, first hand, what it was like to fight in WW1 – we can certainly never really understand what people went through, but we can teach and educate our children about our history and the fact that so many of you entered our competition and showed such empathy, makes us very proud indeed.

For any of our parents with older children, I would urge you to try and find the time to watch Peter Jackson's new film – 'They Shall Not Grow Old' – a moving documentary which has added colour and sound to the black and white clips that we are so used to seeing of young men signing up for the First World War. At one hour and 40 minutes, it is a long film, but perhaps one of the best history lessons we could give our children about WW1 – it will be screened in cinemas on and around Armistice Day and will also be on the BBC.

**They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.**

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



The Importance Of Mental Health

Everybody has mental health but around 26% of adults suffer with mental health issues and one in five children struggle with mental health issues during their time at primary school - if you feel like you're the only one suffering with mental health problems, you are not alone! Although mental health can affect the way you act, it never makes you a bad person. Common types of mental health issues include: anxiety, depression and general worries in our everyday



life. Anxiety is found in most school children at some time, but can easily be sorted by communicating with other people – this may sound easy, but people who suffer with anxiety find it more difficult. If you ever feel like this, we have many ways to help at Greenfield...



Miss Hart, Miss Herriot and Mrs Watkins are great people to help you learn how to manage your emotions but you can also trust your parents, teachers or good friends. In class, we also learn about the meaning of mental health so we know whether our own mental health is fit or not. There's a Worry Box in school to send a message to Mrs Hart, which can be used at any time. Reach out – there's lots of ways that different people can help!

By Matilda Carter, Isabel Harwood and Azie Lilley

Star of the Month
September 2018

- ★ Y1 Sophie Malyon
- ★ Y2 Harry Booth
- ★ Y3 Morgan Copson
- ★ Y4 Samuel French
- ★ Y5 Isla Palmer
- ★ Y6 Alfie Ball

Star of the Month
October 2018

- ★ YR Roman Jeffery
- ★ Y1 Charlize Henry
- ★ Y2 Phoebe Neal
- ★ Y3 Olivia Howarth
- ★ Y4 Jack Clarke
- ★ Y5 Cody Cox
- ★ Y6 Anton Wright



Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha
1957 - 2018

At this very sad time, the thoughts of everyone at Greenfield are with the families of the five people who died tragically last Saturday. We are also thinking about everyone in Thailand as well as the city of Leicester, who have lost one of their heroes. Thank you Chairman.

Mrs Watkins spills the beans...

Q: What were you like as a child?

Mrs Watkins: I was very chatty, very bossy and very lively – at home and at school! I have always told people what to do ... I used to help my mum a lot and look after my brother who is seven years younger than me. All of my school reports said that I talked a lot! I wasn't very bright at school and I had lots of problems learning to read and spell ... but I got there in the end!

Q: Did you always want to be a teacher? What do you enjoy most now about your new role at Greenfield?

Mrs Watkins: Right from when I was a little girl, everyone said that I would be a teacher ... so I was adamant that I wasn't going to be a teacher! I started training to be a social worker, but in the end, I was advised to train as a teacher, and I did my PGCE at Leicester University. I absolutely love my new job as SENCO at Greenfield – every day is exciting, and very different, but I love helping people for so many different reasons and things.

Q: What is your favourite holiday destination or type of holiday?

Mrs Watkins: I really love city breaks and my new favourite destination is Prague, which I visited during half term. I love Paris, Rome, Venice, Florence, Budapest ... I enjoy learning about the history, looking at the architecture and going to different types of bars and restaurants in the evenings!

Q: What is the most daring/exciting thing that you have ever done in your whole life?

Mrs Watkins: I really am not very brave at all – I'm not a bungee jumping sort of person and I hate going fast! I once went tobogganing with Mrs Howard and someone pushed me down the slope and I just cried a lot!

Q: If you could be stuck in a lift with three people/celebrities, who would you choose?

Mrs Watkins: First of all I would choose Emmeline Pankhurst – she did so much to make people aware of women needing equality and having the same rights as men! I would definitely pick Jamie Vardy – he is such a legend and has led an amazing life up to now. And lastly, I would go for Johnny Cash – he led an exciting life, took a lot of risks and I love his music. If I could choose a fourth, it would have to be David Bowie!



Photo: Mrs Watkins just loves doing paperwork!

What's Happening?

Thur 1st November

School Discos

Y1/2/3 5pm to 6pm

Y4/5/6 6.15pm to 7.30pm

Tues 6th or Fri 9th Nov

3KL/3JB New Walk Museum

3LS New Walk Museum

Thurs 8th Nov

Women of WW1 Workshop

Mon 12th Nov

Y1 Cinema Trip Peter Rabbit

Fri 16th Nov

Children In Need

(wear something spotty!)

Fri 30th Nov

Non-Uniform Day

"Chocolate Tombola"

Tues 4th Dec

FS/KS1 Christmas Crafts

Thurs 6th Dec

XMAS FAYRE 6.00 to 8.00 pm

Fri 7th Dec

Village Spectacular

Sat 8th Dec

Musicians at Methodist

Church Tree Festival

Friday 14th December

School Christmas Dinner

Week Begin Mon 17th Dec

Year Group Christmas parties!

Wed 19th Dec

Y5 and Y6 Peter Pan at

DeMonfort Hall

Thurs 20th December

KS2 Talent Show

Thurs 20th December

Last Day Of Term, break up for

Christmas. Restart on

Tues 8th January 2019



Interview by Poppy Birt and Alessia Stokoe



The standard of competition entry was magnificent. Artwork, models, sculpture, writing and poems are all now on display in the Y2 corridor.

Winners: Orla 3LS, Molly 4LL & Erin 5AH

Runners-Up: Jude 2LS, Ed 2NT, Gabriella 5AH,

Harry 6BE & Imogen 6SD



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