

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Well – the Autumn Term here at Greenfield is drawing to a close in an explosion of glitter and festive fun! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our stakeholders – staff, children and parents for keeping their energy levels going for such a long term ... everybody deserves a good rest this Christmas and an extra sprinkling of magic!

2018 has been an amazing and interesting year around the world. It will be remembered for many reasons ... one of the hottest and driest years on record; we enjoyed a quite remarkable and long summer here in the UK and for the majority of Europe. There was of course some success at The World Cup as England turned to youth and kept the nation gripped; reaching the semi-finals for the first time in several generations. Theresa May continues to negotiate an extremely complex Brexit – the road still looks very long on that front and the implications for our future as a nation are yet to become clear ... 2019 will be an important year for Britain. And there are still images around the world that sadden us – the pictures of so many migrants continuing to make perilous boat journeys across oceans and seas are heart-breaking and make us think about the dreadful conditions of life that they must be trying to escape from.

These pictures and these realities, like many others, place our own lives in context. Julia Donaldson is our Y1 author and she has written many wonderful books, but my favourite has always been 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. The story is based around an old lady who is unhappy with the size of her house, until a wise old man fills it with crazy animals. By the time they all leave, the old lady has realised that she is thrilled with exactly what she had in the first place – she just didn't appreciate what she had.

This Christmas, I hope you are all able to enjoy what you have – what is in front of you every day – the people, the food, the freedom, the warmth and the love – family and friends and the communities that surround us. We all have a great deal to be thankful for ... and on that note, I wish you all, on behalf of everyone at Greenfield, a very merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year – on Tuesday 8th January.

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



How to keep busy at Christmas!

Are you bored of watching television and looking at screens? Do you need some ideas for Christmas craft activities or cooking with your children this Christmas? If the answer is yes then you are in luck as in this Christmas edition of The Greenfield Gossip, we have some ideas to banish boredom this year:

Making Snowman biscuits:

Ingredients:

White icing and coloured icing (in a tube)

White marshmallows

Biscuits (Rich-tea)

Multi-coloured sprinkles



Method: Mix the white icing

sugar with water until it's runny but not too watery. Pour the mixture on your biscuits and add a marshmallow on top. Pipe your coloured icing onto the marshmallows and biscuits to make them look like snowmen. Let the icing set before eating and enjoy!



Making candy cane reindeers:

What you need: candy canes, brown pipe cleaners, googly eyes and red pom-poms. Method: Curl the pipe cleaners on your finger and wrap one around a candy cane to look like antlers. Use glue to stick a pom-pom onto the end of the candy cane and then stick the eyes onto the cane just above the pom-pom ... simple!!!



Making felt ornaments for the Christmas tree:

What you need: different coloured felt; ribbon and lollipop sticks.

Method: Twist the felt so it forms a circle and repeat with all the different colours of felt (on top of each other). Glue the sticks to the twisted felt and tie the ribbon in a bow around the stick. Hang on your Christmas tree and admire!

Have a go at one of these ideas or try something else ... but we hope that you make something together this Christmas – it's fun!

By Newton Milner, Alessia Stokoe and Isabel Harwood



Star of the Month
November 2018



YR Alfie Jacques



Y1 Yumi Vega

Y2 James Freeman



Y3 Lottie Jackson

Y4 Maximus Green



Y5 Darwin Mitchell

Y6 Hope Peake



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Photo: Miss Snow is looking forward to a family Christmas

Miss Snow spills the beans...

Q: With a name like Miss Snow ... we are thinking that your favourite season is winter ...?

Miss Snow: Funnily enough, winter is my favourite season! I love going on long winter walks and wrapping up warm! Of course I love the build up to Christmas – the music and the lights and going Christmas shopping! I also love the snow – building the biggest snowman possible and having snowball fights!

Q: We know that you lead science at Greenfield. What do you enjoy most about teaching science?

Miss Snow: Science is definitely one of my favourite subjects to teach. I like getting the children to ask questions, do experiments and find things out for themselves. In Y2 this term, we have done a great experiment looking at what type of habitat a wood louse prefers. We collected some woodlice from the woodland area and set up four different habitats for them to explore ... they definitely preferred cold, damp conditions with wood and rocks as home comforts!

Q: What are your top 3 presents on your own Christmas list this year?

Miss Snow: Well that is a difficult question – as you get older, you just don't want or need so much, but I would love some perfume, a new handbag and some new trainers for my workout classes and for running!

Q: What is your all time favourite Christmas song?

Miss Snow: It's just got to be Mariah Carey's 'All I want for Christmas is You' ... it's such a great, feel-good Christmas tune and it just makes me feel happy. I love singing it in the car!

Q: When you are not teaching or reading science books, how do you like to spend your free time?

Miss Snow: I really enjoy being outdoors. On a Sunday, I love having a good walk – somewhere like Bradgate Park, and then treating yourself to a nice roast dinner afterwards. I enjoy day trips out as well – I recently went to the outdoor Christmas markets in Birmingham which was absolutely fabulous!

Q: How will you be spending Christmas Day this year?

Miss Snow: The Snow family will be meeting at my parents house on Christmas Day. My older sister Emma is a chef, so she will be cooking Christmas dinner for us all. Our family dog Henry (a labradoodle) will also enjoy Christmas Day with us all – he will have his own presents and will be wearing a little Christmas outfit!

Q: Do you have any New Year's resolutions for 2019?

Miss Snow: I don't normally make New Year's resolutions, but in 2019, I would like to do some more travelling. I want to visit some European cities that I have never been to ... Berlin, Prague and Venice would be a great start!

Interview by Matilda Carter and Farley Bruce

Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha – Our Chairman 'Forever in our hearts ...'

After the tragic helicopter accident that happened in October this year, we have all started to realise how inspirational Khun Vichai really was. He is known now all over the world for his legendary work with Leicester City Football Club. He was also a billionaire businessman from Thailand who treated everyone as equal and he liked to treat people ... he donated a lot of money to Leicester Royal infirmary and also gave the supporters refreshments and gifts before some of their home matches.

After the helicopter accident outside The King Power stadium, thousands of people laid down flowers, scarves, shirts, candles and other items as a way of paying their respects. It was a terrible time for supporters of Leicester City, but also for supporters of football around the world.

We have spoken to some of our season tickets holders at Greenfield Primary School and they have told us what The Chairman meant to them. Lucas Fenton (5EC) told us how he felt: 'He was the most generous chairman that any football club could have wished for. He helped the city out as well as donating lots of money to charities. 'Imogen Norman (3KL) agreed with Lucas – 'I was the Leicester City mascot for the Cardiff match after the accident. The Chairman was kind to everybody.' Jack Matthews (5AH) has been a Leicester City supporter for his whole life and he said 'He didn't just care about some of the supporters ... he cared about all of us.' Mrs Knight is one of our dining supervisors and she has been watching Leicester City for 25 years ... she told us that 'Our chairman was a very generous man and he gave us our dream ... winning the Premier League in 2016.'

We both went down to The King Power Stadium with our families to pay our respects to Khun Vichai and sign the book of condolence. I (Azie Lilley) also left a poem for him that I had written. This is not the end of his legacy and he will forever be in our hearts.

By Poppy Birt and Azie Lilley



What's Happening?

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

£1/£2 to Gem106 "Mission Christmas"



School Christmas Dinner

Y3 Christmas Party

Mon 17th Dec

FS & Y6 Christmas Parties

Tues 18th Dec

Y1 & Y5 Christmas Parties



Wed 19th Dec

Y5 & Y6: Peter Pan at DMH

Y2 & Y4 Christmas Parties

Thurs 20th December

Last Day Of Term

Pre-School Party

KS2 Talent Show



Tues 8th January 2019

New Term Starts

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd February

Half Term Holiday

Mon 25th-Tues 26th March

Y2 Beaumanor Trip

Wed 12th-Fri 14th June

Y4 Edale Trip