

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Well a very Happy New Year to you all – welcome to 2019 and I hope that you all had a good Christmas break and were able to rest, recover, relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. In this edition of The Greenfield Gossip, I wanted to draw to your attention to two on-line resources which will really support key skills in the core subjects throughout 2019 here at Greenfield.

Firstly, we have signed up to Mathletics for all children from Y3-Y6; an on-line maths resource primarily for use at home (although we will use it in school when appropriate). Mathletics is a fantastic tool to support core skills in maths; the tasks and challenges have engaged all the children who have started using this resource and the games are terrific for supporting things like learning and consolidating times table and division facts.

Also, look out for our new 'Accelerated Reading' programme which will really take off across the school this term. Again, this is an on-line resource which matches every child's reading age to a wide range of suitable reading books within school. There are then comprehension and vocabulary based quizzes for the children to do in school in order to test and measure their understanding of what they have read. These resources are designed to challenge and engage our children as independent learners and both will be crucial resources over the coming years at Greenfield to further develop key skills and enhance the learning experience.

We do know of course how busy you all are ... but please find the time to talk to your children about both of these opportunities – the aim is to really inspire our children on their own learning journey. I will of course update you all on the impact of these initiatives towards the end of 2019.

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



Greenfield's Fun with Photography and Art!

To get the spring term off to a great start, Mrs Turner booked Mr Dean Leivers, a professional photographer who lives in Countesthorpe, to visit Greenfield and begin a photography project.

Dean worked with a variety of children to create seemingly 'impossible' pictures. These included people floating; people with body parts missing and people doing impossible things. The children involved in this project had to learn various skills to be successful, such as: learning how to use an SLR Digital Camera, working together to create their scenes that they would later photograph and using their imagination!



After the project, Dean commented, "The children at Greenfield are extremely cooperative and creative; they were a pleasure to work with!"

Alongside organising the photography project, Mrs Turner also worked with two new groups of specially-selected children to work with her on another project. This included using mini-figures alongside everyday objects, like a watch, a cheese grater or even a Crunchie bar! The very delicate models (miniscule figures used by artists to create railway scenes) were used to form miniature scenes. By the end of the sessions, everybody produced phenomenal scenes and really enjoyed themselves!

If you would like to see these pieces of artwork, then either check out Greenfield's Facebook page where they will all be posted soon, or you can visit the corridor outside Mrs J's office where photos of the photography and miniature scenes will be put up on display!



Article by Isabel, Alessia and Matilda



Star of the Month
December 2018



YR Adam Parsons



Y1 Masie Brown



Y2 Isla Kelsey



Y3 Joey Hall



Y4 Emma Smith

Y5 Hollie Hartmann

Y6 Joseph Rice

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Mrs Heggs spills the beans...

Q: Did you have a good Christmas and what was your favourite present this year?

Mrs Heggs: I had a really lovely Christmas with my family – we had 11 people for dinner on Christmas Day! My favourite present this year was a wonderful rose gold Pandora bracelet from my husband – a lovely surprise! I do love Christmas and I really enjoying sharing some special time with my family.

Q: How long have you worked at Greenfield now and did you always want to work in a school?

Mrs Heggs: I have worked at Greenfield for sixteen years! I started helping out in the Foundation Stage when my daughter was here and then I started to work as a teaching assistant some time after ... I've worked in every year group in the school apart from Y6! I have certainly always wanted to help children to be the best that they can be.

Q: We know that your children came to Greenfield many years ago ... what are they doing now?

Mrs Heggs: Well I have two girls – Rachel is 23 and Charlotte is 20 now! Charlotte is off at Sheffield University and Rachel works for Teaching Personnel and lives with us at home. Rachel is also a sailing instructor and teaches children at a very high level every weekend, while Charlotte works at Sheffield Arena and gets to go to pop concerts when she's there!

Q: If you could live in another country, where would you choose and why?

Mrs Heggs: I would have to go somewhere hot as I love the sun and good weather! South Africa would be amazing – the heat, the culture and all the incredible wildlife ... I'd love to see elephants and lions in the wild.

Q: We know that you like to laugh a lot! What makes you really laugh out loud the most?

Mrs Heggs: (Mrs Heggs laughed a lot when she heard this question!) People do say that they can hear me before they see me!!! Something that really made me laugh recently was when I came to school wearing odd shoes – I realised myself and just started laughing uncontrollably in the Foundation Stage. Both shoes were blue but not a pair ... so I just wore odd shoes for the day. I laughed a lot every time I told people that story!

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

Mrs Heggs: I have started running recently, so I suppose my aim for 2019 is to become fitter and healthier. I've started the 'couch to 5K' programme. In week one, I couldn't even run for a minute and a half without stopping ... now I'm in week eight and I can run for 28 minutes without stopping! I've had my Fitbit for a year now and I average about 17,000 steps a day – I walk everywhere!



Photo: Mrs Heggs still smiling after sixteen years!

Interview by Azie and Newton

Happy New Year

Welcome back to Greenfield, where a new year means a new start! Although everybody is drowsy from a spectacular Christmas, there are lots of tasks to be completed this term.

All around the world people celebrate New Year in their own unique ways, a few examples include: in Spain they may fill their cheeks with twelve grapes in the last moments of the previous year, (one grape for each chime of the clock). In south USA another tradition is to eat black eyed peas (not the band) and pork; to bring good fortune for the new year. Many different parts of the UK have local traditions like "first-footing", but the most common tradition is probably singing "Auld Lang Syne" and, just like Christmas, having a family get together with a big meal!

At the turn of the calendar many people make New Year resolutions - a promise to do something better in the next year, but how many people keep them? If your are eating more healthily or giving up smoking—good luck!

The traditional Chinese calendar has years and months based on the position of the moon (the lunar calendar) and this year, starting on February 5th, is the year of the pig. "Kung hei fat choi." The years repeat on a 12-year cycle.

What's coming up in 2019?

Safer Internet Day, Super Bowl LIII, Red Nose Day, Y2 at Beaumanor, Brexit, Cricket World Cup, Y4 to Edale, World Book Day, FIFA Women's World Cup, The Ashes, Y6 finish Greenfield, Teachers' Yorkshire Three Peaks for MIND, Wear It Pink, Rugby World Cup, Christmas (again!), New Year 2020!!

Article by Poppy and Azie

2008 Rat - Charming, picky, ambitious & bright. Adventurous & deep thinking.

2009 Ox - Patient, hardworking & dependable. Trustworthy & like to follow rules.

2010 Tiger - Powerful, aggressive & courageous. Rebellious, unpredictable but protective & sympathetic.

2011 Rabbit - The luckiest of the Chinese Zodiac animals. Affectionate, virtuous & kind. Sensitive to beauty, peacemaker.

2012 Dragon - Strength & energy, always on the go. Powerful, wealthy & wise.

2013 Snake - Determined, wise, intense but vain.

2014 Horse - Popular & attractive. Talkative & sometimes impatient.

2015 Sheep - Creative & elegant. Tender & sympathetic, sometimes shy.

2016 Monkey - charming & intelligent, inventive but at times deceitful.

2017 Rooster - Proud, eccentric & a little too sure of yourself. Good learner & worker.

2018 Dog - Loyal & sincere. You like things to be fair & work well with others.

2019 Pig - Brave, noble & chivalrous. You make lifelong friendships

What's Happening?

Wed 30th January
Y2 Parents Meeting
(For Beaumanor) 6pm

w/b 4th February
Parents Evening Week

Mon18th-Fri 22nd February
Half Term Holiday

Mon11th-Fri 15th March
Science Week

Fri 15th March
Comic Relief

Mon 25th-Tues 26th March
Y2 Beaumanor Trip

Tues 9th April
Y1 to St Andrew's Church

Thurs 11th April
Music Show 2pm/7pm

Fri 12th April
End of Spring Term

Mon 29th April
Start of Summer Term

Wed 12th-Fri 14th June
Y4 Edale Trip

