

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Well – the spring term is flying past ... and we certainly have been busy here at Greenfield since our last issue of The Gossip came out at the start of this term. We enjoyed a most wonderful afternoon with Sir Tony Robinson just before half term ... he entertained us with stories from his past as well as tales from history. It was a real pleasure to meet such an engaging, thoughtful and interesting man and he took time out to talk to every child who queued up to have their book signed. We were on the East Midlands news of course as well, talking about the importance of reading and how it is very much at the heart of our curriculum here at Greenfield.

The month of March has also been extremely busy – the children continue to 'Beat the Streets' of Blaby and Countesthorpe in a quest to improve fitness and of course win some prizes for the school. Our accelerated reading programme has really accelerated the progress of many children across the school who are reading for pleasure more and more as well as improving their comprehension and inference skills by regularly testing and quizzing on their chosen books. Comic Relief was a huge success a couple of weeks ago – the school raised a staggering £1,820 – some of the money raised will of course go to 'Mind' ... and we thank all of you for your generosity and kindness as we continue to think of others who need our support and friendship.

And finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to eight new Y5 writers for the Greenfield Gossip. Erin and Grace Campbell, Sophia Howarth, Cameron White, Mia Kyser, Alex Toon, Caleb Barford and Joe Priestley have all been chosen, not only because they are talented writers, but also because they contribute so positively to the life of Greenfield Primary School, and we look forward to reading their thoughts, articles and opinions over the next eighteen months.

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



Beat the Street!

This term Greenfield have been on their feet, as Beat the Street appears across Blaby District. Many schools have been getting active (and sore feet) to be crowned the most athletic school. Walking over 6,068 miles (see below: far enough to get to Japan!), is already a great achievement although our competitors are doing their best to catch up! Even if we don't win, lots of people have all tried their best and maybe got a bit more active and a bit more healthy, so keep it up!



There are amazing prizes to be won, such as a £300 gift card for

first place, £200 and £100 for second and third! You might also win some snazzy wristbands, a cute hedgehog or a skipping rope. Join in, help our school, win

cool prizes and make sure you are beating the street as much as you can... GET ACTIVE!

"Beat the street, Use your feet, Let's meet, That'll be sweet!" - Miss Dhinsa

"Beat the street is amazing! It's fun to bleep your tag and exercise" - Y6 pupil

Beat the Street is a real life walking, cycling and running game for a whole community, which is running until Wednesday 10 April. Score points and win prizes by walking, cycling or running from point to point and tapping a registered Beat the Street card or fob on sensors (Beat Boxes) which are placed on lamp posts across Blaby District. Scan the QRcode to see the leaderboard and find out how you can join in!



Article by Azie, Cameron Erin and Grace

Competition Time

One of this year's big sporting events will be the Rugby World Cup which takes place in Japan in September, but how much do you know about the country of Japan? It's a long way away! It would take about 16 hours to fly there, it's around six thousand miles! Japan is nearly twice as big as the UK and is home to over 126 million people! Your task is to produce something informative and exciting about Japan - you might want to do some artwork, a map, a piece of research, a poem or write about an aspect of Japanese culture or history ... make it colourful, make it special, make it amazing!

All entries in to Mr. Quinn by Wednesday 1st May, so you have a whole month including the Easter Holiday if needed!
Exciting range of prizes for the winners!
Entries will be put on display in school



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Miss Herriot spills the beans...

Q: What were you like as a child? Did you have a favourite toy or belonging?

Miss Herriot: I was really shy as a child - not at all like I am now! I loved reading and could hide away behind a book reading a good story. I had one favourite Thomas the tank engine story I would read over and over again!

Q: What do you enjoy when you are not at work?

Miss Herriot: Before being pregnant I loved walking and I love visits to Beacon Hill. I'm not sure if this counts as a hobby, but I love cleaning!

Q: What is your favourite animal and if you could be an animal just for a day, what would you be?

Miss Herriot: My favourite animal is that gentle giant, the elephant, but if I was going to be an animal just for a day I might chose a cat and spend most of the day warm & cosy & asleep!

Q: If you didn't work in a school, what job would you love to do?

Miss Herriot: So many wonderful things - maybe an elephant doctor, or a crisp taster or a Disney princess; is there a job where I can do all these things at the same time?

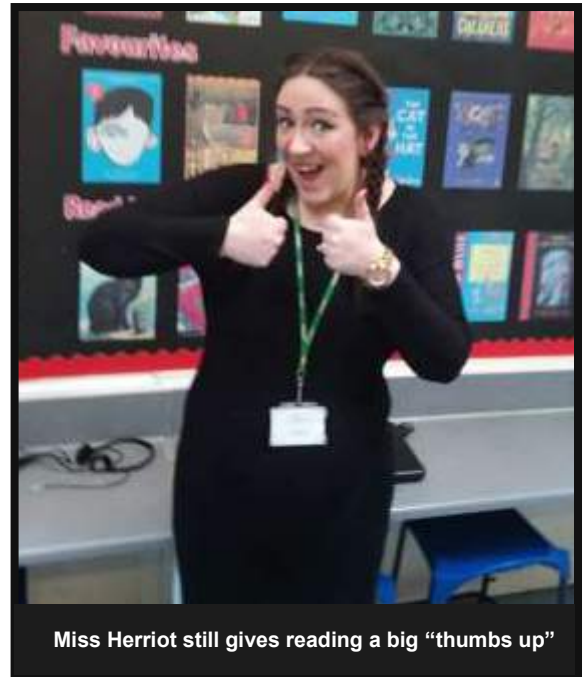
Q: Your baby is due at the end of April ... what are you most looking forward to?

Miss Herriot: Well, apart from not being so big and waddling like a duck, I'm so looking forward to lots of baby cuddles, because they are the best!

Q: What are your plans for the summer as a family of four?

Miss Herriot: After the baby is born (it's going to be a little boy), we are all going on holiday to Weymouth in the summer. After that, we would just like some nice weather so that we can have some nice days out together - like going back to Beacon Hill again!

Interview by Caleb, Mia and Sophia



Miss Herriot still gives reading a big "thumbs up"

What's Happening?

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

Mon 6th May
BANK HOLIDAY

w/b 13th May
SATS Week (Year 6)

Mon 20th & Wed 22nd May
"The Big Show"



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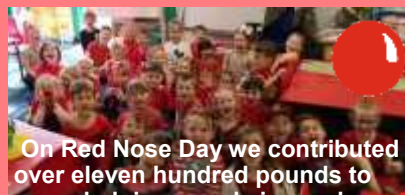
Fri 24th May and
Mon 27th to Fri 30th May
Staff Training / Half Term

Wed 12th-Fri 14th June
Y4 Edale Trip



Dressing Up £839

Congratulations Everyone!



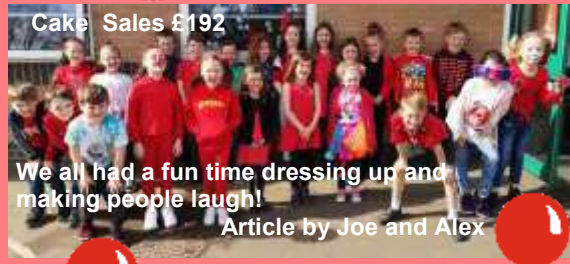
On Red Nose Day we contributed over eleven hundred pounds to helping people in need both in the UK and abroad.

Comedy Show £83



Red Nose Sales £700

Cake Sales £192



We all had a fun time dressing up and making people laugh!

Article by Joe and Alex

Star of the Month
January 2019



YR Holly Fish



Y1 Harlow Scriven

Y2 Izzy Riley



Y3 Emarnie-Rae Sperry

Y4 Kazam Ozer



Y5 Frankie Natzel

Y6 Ben Mason



Star of the Month
February 2019



YR Piper Sparrow



Y1 Penelope Wright

Y2 Evie Cursley



Y3 Hannah Parsons

Y4 Sofia Vega



Y5 Olivia Daly

Y6 Yasmin Ozer



Star of the Month
March 2019



YR Isabel Watson



Y1 Ethan Simpson

Y2 Harry Butler



Y3 Isabella Sparks

Y4 Harrison Weston



Y5 Joe Priestley

Y6 Harriet Seager

