

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

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

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Unbelievably, the end of the summer term is just around the corner once again and we will soon be saying goodbye to a wonderful group of Y6 children. Our current Y6 children have been excellent role models, not only this year, but throughout their time at Greenfield Primary School. They are a caring, polite, thoughtful and intelligent cohort and they have worked tremendously hard this year; they can be proud of their many achievements and as the group goes their slightly separate ways to a wide range of high schools/colleges, we hope that they leave with fond memories of their primary years.

It seems that Greenfield Primary School is growing every year, in every possible way. The pre-school and the hugely popular before and after school club have added new dimensions to our daily life ... and even though our staff now tops one hundred people, we are only saying goodbye and good luck to two members of our team. Angie Hill is leaving the school and her role in order to fulfil her ambition of becoming a fully qualified teacher and we wish her all the best of luck on the next part of her educational journey.

Mrs Ruth Palmer, however, is calling time on her educational journey after careers in secondary as well as primary education. Ruth has been with us at Greenfield for seventeen years and we thank her for her dedication to her teaching role for all of those years ... as well as all the sport ... and laughter ... and of course revelling in any Welsh rugby victory over the English during that time! Mrs Palmer will be retiring and enjoying her new role as Ladies captain of Kibworth Golf Club.

Everybody else will be returning to school as we open our doors on Wednesday 28th August. We wish you all a happy, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



The 'Three Peaks' Challenge

Earlier this term, our most athletic and adventurous members of staff decided to embark on an adventure ... climbing 'The Three Peaks' in Yorkshire. This was no ordinary experience... Miss Hoult, Miss Harrison, Mr Collier, Mr Oldham (school governor), Miss Lee, Mr Ambrico, Mr Moore, Mrs J, Miss Stone and our business manager – Mrs Gordon - thought they would give up their time and raise money for MIND by taking on this difficult challenge. Throughout the twenty four hours, the Greenfield staff overcame their fears and learnt more about each other...

Although they had many sores and blisters, they all smiled through the pain (and sunburn) as they encouraged each other to climb to the peaks of all three mountains. Each member of staff, overcame different things. Mrs J had many fears and thoughts. She decided to share one of these with key stage two; 'I thought that I could do it, until I got to the bottom of the first nearly vertical climb. I looked up, gulped and wondered if I actually could. I thought of my dad, who always told me to have adventures... What could be more adventurous than this? After a moment, I knew every step was part of an amazing adventure and that my dad would be so excited to hear about it. I loved every step of my massive adventure!'

Miss Harrison is an experienced walker and climber ... she said 'I absolutely loved sharing this experience with such an inspirational team. Although we were desperate to achieve the challenge within 12 hours, the most important part was doing it as a team ...'

This adventure has taught all of us to be resilient, even when things seem impossible. This is exactly what all the Greenfield staff did! It just goes to show that when you put your mind to something, you can achieve anything. The staff were able to raise hundreds of pounds for MIND, our chosen school charity. These teachers have taught us to keep trying, even when things are tough...

Article by Erin, Caleb and Azaleia



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Mrs J spills the beans...

Q: Firstly, did you enjoy the 3-Peaks walk in Yorkshire?

Mrs J: I absolutely loved every single minute of it!!! I love the outdoors anyway ... walking, running or riding a bike. It was a really tough challenge, but it was nice to spend time with members of our Greenfield staff talking about something other than data ... and it was nice to have a break from driving around all weekend, dropping my girls off at football! If I gave advice to someone preparing to do that walk ... I would say that preparation ... and a comfortable pair of walking boots ... are the key to being successful!

Q We know you love reading. What is your favourite children's book of all time?

Mrs J: Roald Dahl is still my favourite author and my favourite book would have to be Matilda. I loved reading it when I was a little girl because I love the idea of children getting one over on some horrible adults. I've read the book to some of my classes over the years as well as my own children ... I just hope I am more like Miss Honey than Miss Trunchball!

Q: What were you like as a child and what are your favourite memories of your own childhood?

Mrs J: I really loved primary school ... I was good and well behaved and hard working. Miss Elsie, my Y6 teacher, really inspired me because she was just so interested in all of us as people. My family has always been very important to me – I have wonderful memories of family holidays ... mainly in Norfolk, walking along the beach, eating chips out of paper and just enjoying simple things.

Q: Did you always dream of being a teacher?

Mrs J: Absolutely ... I wanted to be a teacher from the age of 5! I colour coded all the books in my bedroom when I was little like a proper reading scheme and I used to teach all my teddy bears ... they didn't answer very much though! For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to teach ... and I still love it!

Q: What would be your perfect afternoon ... going for a long run, watching Chelsea play at Stamford Bridge ... or going shopping for shoes?

Mrs J: Now that is really hard! I do love shoes, although these days, I mostly buy trainers! I like the sound of running for a whole afternoon ... but I think I would have to choose the Chelsea match! Before I was a mum, I went to all of Chelsea's home games ... and now that Frank Lampard is taking over, I would definitely want to go down to Stamford Bridge and watch. I love the singing, the atmosphere and the general buzz around the ground.

Q: Now that you have walked The 3 Peaks ... do you have some more challenges that you would like to achieve in your life in the future?

Mrs J: Apart from marrying Frank Lampard ... I would really love to go to China and visit The Great Wall. The 3-Peak challenge has also inspired me to want to climb more mountains ... I want to climb Mount Snowden soon and I think I will go back to Yorkshire and climb one of the peaks with my daughters Ella and Alice. I would love to run a marathon one day ... but I think I better start with a half marathon first!

Interview by Grace, Farley and Joe



I'm Holding Out For A Hero ...



Looking forward the Rugby World Cup in Japan are our fabulous competition winners; Luca "Bullet Train" Esmond and joint runners-up Thomas "Samurai" Berry and Ben "Anime" Carter.

Happy's Circus brings Happiness to Greenfield!

Roll up! Roll up! Happy's sensational Circus visited Greenfield! On Thursday 4th July, Mr Happy and his captivating colleagues performed their remarkable acts in their Big Top! From jaw-dropping 'juggling' to astounding aerial acrobatics ... Happy's Circus left us flabbergasted!



A completely unexpected act brought a smile to our faces... a super-slinky outer-space creature! There were other just as impressive performances; Miss Anna, a skilled aerialist, proved to be an astonishing entertainer. Makayla – an Italian balance artist – performed her daring act that had been passed down from generations. This consisted of balancing on a bicycle high up on a ladder, with a sword balanced on a dagger in her mouth! Instead of the usual Summer Fete, Happy's Circus was warmly welcomed by everyone at Greenfield and will be if they return once more...

By Alessia, Cameron, Alex, Isabel and Matilda

Star of the Month April 2019

- ★ YR Jake Cumberlidge ★
- ★ Y1 Emilia Osario ★
- ★ Y2 Alfie Dent ★
- ★ Y3 William Morris ★
- ★ Y4 Charlotte Keen ★
- ★ Y5 Thomas Marriott ★
- ★ Y6 Louie Cook ★

Star of the Month May 2019

- ★ YR Isla Illston-Hughes ★
- ★ Y1 Max Dexter ★
- ★ Y2 Ruby Faullener ★
- ★ Y3 Orla Gorman ★
- ★ Y4 Isaac Griffiths Brown ★
- ★ Y5 Joshua Clarke ★
- ★ Y6 Sofia Pascale ★

Star of the Month June 2019

- ★ YR Oliver Fletcher ★
- ★ Y1 Elsa Wallis ★
- ★ Y2 Taiyon Henry ★
- ★ Y3 Chloe Pallett ★
- ★ Y4 Callie Fox ★
- ★ Y5 Isla Cassell ★
- ★ Y6 Hayden Farrell ★