

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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Welcome back to you all for another exciting academic year at Greenfield Primary School. I hope you had an enjoyable, fun and safe summer break and I thank all parents for supporting their children with any reading, writing or research based activities. I know that many children have been writing postcards, keeping diaries, making posters and reading books in different locations all over England and the world ... and we appreciate all of your support and effort at home and on holiday!

The children and new staff have settled in quickly to life at Greenfield in a new year group ... the Y6 children enjoyed a fabulous week at Condover – the weather and activities were just about perfect! Well done to the children in Y6 for their outstanding behaviour around the site ... but more importantly for facing up to some really challenging outdoor and adventurous activities; for conquering fears and for living independently, away from home with such maturity for four days.

We begin this academic year with 618 children on roll – this is the biggest that the school has ever been! With this number of children and parents arriving and leaving the school at the same time, we would like to remind you all about keeping our children and families safe on the congested roads around the school. Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags or in the access areas by the two car park gates ... and be careful not to park over local drives or block the pavements for those parents with push chairs and the children on scooters. Our local community police officers continue to monitor parking around the school ... but while the weather is good we would encourage as many people as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school safely and enjoy the fresh air and exercise! Thank you in advance for your co-operation ... the safety of our children, parents and families is our most important concern.

We look forward to working with you all during the academic year ahead, supporting your children during the next phase of their learning journey.

Mr N Quinn
Head of School



Condover Hall

During the first week of school, Year 6 went to Condover Hall, Shropshire. We stayed for 3 long nights and shared rooms with our friends. We went on this trip as a way of getting to know our new teachers and to learn new skills.

The trip was a brilliant way of promoting a number of skills including: safety skills, developing friendships and learning more about people we don't normally hang out with. With this skill, lots of new friendships were made.



Photo: This year's new Y6 at Condover Hall, Shropshire

There were lots of different activities that most of us took part in. A lot of us enjoyed body zorbing. This was probably because it involved wearing a big bubble and knocking people over (don't do this anywhere unless you are accompanied by an expert!).

The laser maze was also very popular; there was a room full of lasers and we had to crawl across it without touching them and setting them off.

The teachers were impressed that we were encouraging each other throughout the activities. Chloe, who was scared to do climbing at first, said: "I was scared at first but once I got going, I grew in confidence."



The final night was the silent disco. This was where we all had a pair of headphones to put on and we could choose out of two songs to have on.

This was a great experience for us in Year 6 and we recommend it for future Year 6 classes. Remember; don't be scared!

Written by Ava Hall, Katy Copley and
Danny-Ray Murdey

Riddle Of The Month:



Penny has five children ... one called January; one called February; one called March and one called April. What is the name of the fifth child.

The written answer to Libby Sturgess in Y6 please!

Mrs Brown: I love reading, music, dancing and spending time with my three children. I am looking forward to getting to know my class, learning together and inspiring each other!



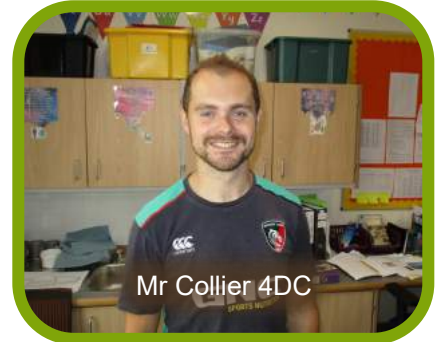
Mrs Brown 4GB



Mrs Patel 3SP

Mrs Patel: I have been teaching for nine years and most of my experience is in KS2. I have got two boys aged two and five and I enjoy travelling and reading.

Mr Collier: I taught for two years in Y5 and Y6 before going travelling for six months last year! I travelled around Asia and visited countries such as Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia and I spent a week teaching in Vietnam. I love playing, coaching and watching sport, especially rugby, football and tennis.



Mr Collier 4DC

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Interviews by Joe Glover, Libby Sturgess and Ruby Moore



Miss Hoult 5AH

Miss Hoult: : This is my third year of teaching and I enjoy playing netball for the 'Hinckley Hurricanes'! I have four brothers and two sisters and my dad is a goalkeeping coach for the Scottish national football team!



Mrs Keen 5RK

Mrs Keen: I have been teaching for nine years and I particularly love teaching art and history. I enjoy reading and my favourite author is Neil Gaiman.



Miss Zanker 3EZ

Miss Zanker: This is my first teaching job and I am really looking forward to our work on the Ancient Egyptians and going to New Walk museum. I have two lovely dogs and a younger sister who is also my best friend!



Mrs Desjardins 1HD

Mrs Desjardin: I have been teaching for three years; I have a lovely 'cavapoochon' puppy called Darcey and I enjoy sewing and walking in the countryside. I also enjoy singing, dancing and acting and I belong to a theatrical group called the Ensemble Theatre Company.



Miss Latter FGL

Miss Latter: I love teaching FS children because they are so enthusiastic about their learning; I enjoy watching them grow, change, learn and develop throughout the year. I really love dogs and I keep fit by doing 'zumba' every week!

What's Happening?

Sat 17th September
Scout Gala
Samba Band at 2pm

Sat 24th September
Samba Band Active Arts
Concert 7pm

Fri 7th October
Harvest Festival

Mon 10th - Wed 12th Oct
Y3 Dance Festival
at Countesthorpe College

Fri 14th October
Macmillan Non-Uniform Day

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Oct
HALF TERM

Week Beg. Mon 24th Oct
Parents' Evenings

Thurs 3rd November
PTFA Disco

Fri 4th November
Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Competition time:

Describe your new teacher in less than 100 words . . . you could write a poem or a paragraph . . . or produce a poster or an annotated picture!
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd entries!

All entries to Mr. Quinn by Friday 7th October