

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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As I write, I am listening to the sound of some very talented Y5 children playing the steel pans in our hall with enthusiasm and heart and it reminds me that Greenfield is such an exciting and vibrant place to learn, explore and experiment in so many ways.

Music plays such an important part in all of our lives – favourite songs, theme tunes ... reminding us of special times – music enriches all our lives and is also a wonderful vehicle in the school curriculum to really promote listening skills, focus and concentration for our children. The 'Arts' have a special place here at Greenfield and we are lucky to have our very own talented musicians, artists and drama teachers on the staff who are dedicated to giving the children of Greenfield opportunities to discover their own love of art, music, drama and design.

We are only seven weeks into the academic year and already ... so many exciting opportunities both in and outside school to mention. Thirty lucky Y6 children took part in a very special film project last week ... writing, acting, filming and directing as part of our commitment to the Arts Award. A big thank you to the samba band for taking our music into the community of Countesthorpe and celebrating at the scout gala as well as the Active Arts concert during September. And also a huge 'well done' to our talented Y3 dancers who have worked so hard preparing for the dance festival this week with a wonderful performance based on Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Finally, thank you to all our parents who support their children with music and the 'Arts' ... encouraging our children to practise, rehearse, design, improve and perform ... and there are so many of you! In this edition of 'The Gossip', Mrs Turner spills some musical beans ... so please read on ... and play on!

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner; we all love trick or treating but are we doing it safely? Here are some ways to make sure we are:

- Don't go anywhere with strangers (in cars and houses)
- Make sure you look when you cross the road as it will be dark
- Don't go around areas you don't know
- It is always best to go trick or treating with an adult or trustworthy friend in case something happens or you get lost
- Nothing is better than sweets, but make sure you don't eat anything that doesn't have a wrapper on it
- Make sure that someone in your group has a phone in case of emergencies and tell your parents exactly where you are going

Dressing up is all part of the fun so here are some cool and easy costumes to try! You can dress in a traditional costume such as a witch, zombie or devil or you could jazz it up by dressing up as a character from Harry Potter or Star Wars.

How to make your own Halloween costume

A ghost: First of all, you need to find an old bed sheet. Next, cut out two eye holes. You could cut the bottom of the sheet in a jagged pattern to make it look even more effective.

A cat: To be a witch's cat, it is very simple. You can wear black leggings, a black top and makeup to try on whiskers and a black nose. You could even add a cat-ear headband. This is mostly for girls!

Now that you have some safety tips and costume ideas, you're all set for a scary 31st of October!

Happy Halloween!

Feature Article by Libby Sturgess & Ruby Moore

Last month's competition results: Thank you for writing about your teachers so positively and thoughtfully.

Joint 1st Place - Thomas Berry 1HD & Isaac Griffiths-Brown 2RW

2nd Place - Hannah Oldham 5AH

3rd Place - Samuel French 2EN

Sophia Howarth 3DG correctly answered last month's riddle, the answer was 'What'!



Star of the Month for September 2016:

★ Y1 Edison Mitchell

Y2 Isaac Howard ★

★ Y3 Ellie Thompson

Y4 Azie Lilley

★ Y5 James Trott ★

Y6 Poppy Isaac



Photo: Mrs Turner playing drums at after-school Djembe Club

Mrs Turner spills the beans. . . .

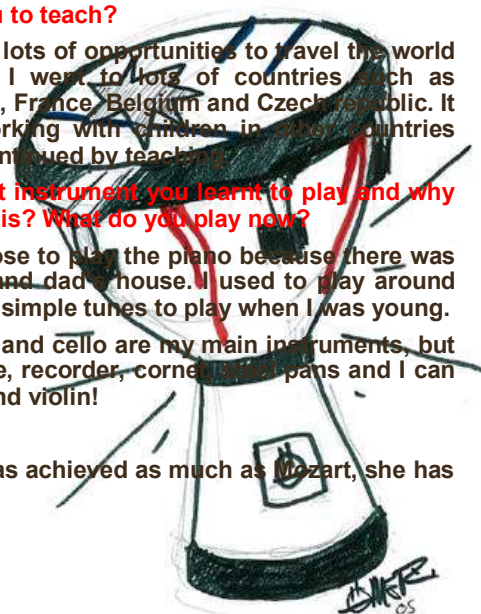
What inspired you to teach?

Mrs Turner: I had lots of opportunities to travel the world and play music. I went to lots of countries such as Germany, Canada, France, Belgium and Czech Republic. It was inspiring working with children in other countries and therefore I continued by teaching.

What was the first instrument you learnt to play and why did you choose this? What do you play now?

Mrs Turner: I chose to play the piano because there was one in my mum and dad's house. I used to play around on it and pick out simple tunes to play when I was young.

Nowadays, piano and cello are my main instruments, but I also play djembe, recorder, cornet, steel pans and I can get by on guitar and violin!



Who is your favourite music artist?

Mrs Turner: I am particularly inspired by Alma Deutscher. At the age of 11 she has achieved as much as Mozart, she has completely mastered the piano and violin and composes as easily as Mozart did.

What are your hopes for taking music further at Greenfield?

Mrs Turner: I'd like to work with KS1 more and maybe start a digital music club.

If you could have any other job in the world, what would it be?

Mrs Turner: I'd choose medical science research because I almost did that instead of teaching.

What would you say to somebody who wanted to learn an instrument but lacked confidence?

Mrs Turner: They should try out djembe or choir first; they are free and lots of fun.

Interview by Katy Copley and Danny-Ray Murdey



Q: What is a vampire's favourite fruit?

A: Neck-tarines.

STAYING SAFE!

Lots of children like to walk to school on their own as they get older, even younger children like to rush ahead of their parents. But keeping safe is a priority and there are some things you need to consider.

Firstly, never talk to strangers, even if they want to talk to you. You shouldn't trust anybody that you don't know, even if they say that they know who you are.

Next, keep your parents informed if you are going to go anywhere apart from home. They will worry if you don't get home on time.

Stick to the routes that you are used to, even if it looks like a shortcut. Shortcuts may be quicker but they aren't always safe.

Cross roads safely, despite the fact that you might be with an adult. Make sure you aren't rushing ahead.

If you have been given a time to be home, don't turn up late; your parents will worry about where you are.

It would be safer to walk home with your parents, but if you can't, make sure you are walking with a group of friends rather than by yourself.

It may be a good idea to carry a mobile phone with you if you do walk alone, so that you can contact your parents if necessary. If you do this, make sure it is handed in to a member of staff to look after.

Article by Joe Glover and Ava Hall

What's Happening?

Fri 14th October
Macmillan Non-Uniform Day

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Oct
HALF TERM

Week Beg. Mon 24th Oct
Parents' Evenings
Readathon Week!

Thurs 3rd November
PTFA Disco

Fri 4th November
Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thurs 24th November
Non-Uniform Day (bring
some chocolate)

Tues 29th November
FS/KS1 Christmas Craft Day

Thurs 1st December
Christmas Fayre 6-8p.m.

Week of Mon 5th December
FS/Y1/Y2 Christmas Shows

Friday 9th December
Christmas Dinner

Friday 16th December
Last day of term!

Thursday 5th January 2017
New Term Starts



Competition time:

Design and illustrate a carved pumpkin! Submit your sketches and designs to Miss Speight (6ES). **Closing date: Friday 28th October.** Judged by the "Greenfield Gossipers", the winner will get to create the real thing during school on All Hallows' Eve (or Halloween), Monday 31st October.