

# THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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*It feels like November has become the month of the year that we ask an awful lot of the parents, families and children of Greenfield Primary School. Not just in terms of helping with homework and supporting learning – we hope that that continues all year round. But more in terms of sharing and giving and supporting those people, in the UK and around the world, who are less fortunate than us ... it really is a month to remember and consider others.*

*Firstly, thank you for your shoeboxes ... three hundred children will now have something to open on Christmas day thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness. The shoebox appeal has become a really important tradition in our annual calendar and we really appreciate the time and care that goes into every shoebox that you prepare at home.*

*Armistice Day was marked with special assemblies and we also arranged for a WW2 veteran to come into school and talk to our younger children about what Remembrance Day is really all about. As always, the children were respectful and thoughtful – in terms of the questions asked and the discussions that took place in classrooms throughout the week. Again, the children were so generous with their purchasing of poppies, badges and slapbands and we hope to have raised a significant sum of money for the British Legion.*

*And of course, November is not November now without the whole country getting behind 'Children in Need' – here at Greenfield, everyone has gone very spotty and potty for raising even more money. Our children demonstrate a huge generosity of spirit all year round ... but never more so than in November ... they are active citizens who enjoy talking about what is happening around the world and they want to do their bit to help. So thank you parents and friends of the school for making sure that the children of Countesthorpe understand that even in our busy lives ... it is so important to think of others and share and give what we can.*

Mr N Quinn

Head of School

## Greenfield Girls are Great at Football!

At the end of October, Greenfield 'A' girls football squad won the Danone Cup ... beating Stokes 'A' 1-0 in the final (Ella Jarowicki scored the winning goal!)



Greenfield "A": Sienna, Sofia, Erin, Scarlett, Josslyn, Ava, Ella, Sophie, Erin, Lauren.

We went on to represent Blaby District at the County Championships at Judgemeadow School on 10.11.16. After winning all our group matches, we made it to the county final where we finally lost to Desford on penalties! We were all heart-broken and gutted at the time but the next day we felt more positive and proud of our achievements... runners-up in the whole of Leicestershire!

The girls captain, Sophie Chapman said "We went out there and gave it our best...I am so proud of the whole team." Our manager, Mr Quinn, still thinks we are the best school team in Leicestershire and he had this to say ... "Penalties stink!"

We hope that our Y5/6 girls can inspire more of our younger girls in the school to play football as a hobby. It is a great way to keep fit and it is fun to be part of a team. There are lots of good local 'girls only' clubs to join and practise your skills ... like Oadby and Wigston or Cosby! If you are interested in joining a girls football club, please see Mr. Quinn.

In the meantime, our Greenfield Girls 'A' and 'B' team will keep playing their hardest in the local league and cup!

Feature Article by Ava Hall and Katy Cobley



### Competition time:

Design and make an object or character inspired by your favourite film. You can use any method: Fimo, papier mache, Lego, fabrics, paper sculpture, etc.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. - Entries to Miss Speight by Monday 5th December.

Last month's competition had some fantastic pumpkin designs and the winner was;

**Darcie Hall 2EN**



### Star of the Month for October 2016:

FS FreddieKnott



Y1 Sophie Cramp



Y2 Keiran Gradden

Y3 Sophie Muggleton



Y4 Mason Hunt



Y5 Scarlett Hart



Y6 River Spibey





Photo: Has Mrs Brailsford really got her bag packed already?

## Mrs Brailsford spills the beans. . . .

Our lovely Mrs Brailsford will be retiring at Christmas this year ... and after 29 years at the school ... she finally spills the beans ...

**Q: How long have you been working at Greenfield Primary?**

Mrs Brailsford: I started work at Beechwood Infants on November 16th 1987 so I worked for fourteen years at Beechwood and I have been at Greenfield ever since the beginning ... another fifteen years! I will really miss all the staff and children when I leave at Christmas ...

**Q: What's been the highlight of your time here?**

Mrs Brailsford: I don't have one particular highlight ... I always enjoyed the whole of Beechwood going on trips – we even took the whole school to the Silverstone Kingdom once which took a lot of organising. I love Christmas at the school ... and in the office of course! I just love Christmas!

school every year ... the school is always buzzing ... I enjoy the concerts and the decoration around the school ... and in the office of course! I just love Christmas!

**Q: What was your dream job as a child and how would you encourage a child with a dream to follow their ambitions?**

Mrs Brailsford: I never particularly had a dream job ... I just wanted to work with people and be happy. My advice for any child with a dream is to work hard ... and go for it!


**Q: If you could be any celebrity, who would it be and why?**

Mrs Brailsford: I wouldn't want to be a celebrity – I am very happy with my own friends and family and simply being who I am! I do love sport though and I admire athletes and professional sports men and women ... I enjoy going to the test matches at Trent Bridge and watching the Leeds Rhinos play rugby league matches!

**Q: What do you see yourself doing in the next ten years?**

Mrs Brailsford: We will probably be moving further north ... closer to family. I might do some work for a charity ... and I'm sure that I will be having more lunches out with Mrs Hurst in the next few years!

*Interview by Joe Glover and Danny-Ray Murdey*



**Q: Why did Professor Snape stand in the middle of the road?**  
*A: So you'll never know which side he's on.*

**Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?**  
*A: It gets toad away.*

**Q: What do you call a fake noodle?**  
*A: An impasta!*

**Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?**  
*A: A towel.*

## Generation Greenfield

Anti-social behaviour can happen anywhere, at any time. Here at Greenfield, we believe in showing Countesthorpe what great behaviour looks like.

It is important to respect adults in and out of school. In school, adults are there to help you learn and grow, and you wouldn't dream of doing something to stop that from happening. This is just as important out of school, so keep representing Greenfield out of school and show everybody what friendly, polite, fantastic children we are.

Unfortunately, sometimes this doesn't always happen and children can make mistakes. Everybody has their own property; careless actions can damage or break these items. This is called vandalism. Vandalism is a criminal offence, so it is important that you try not to get involved. What can you do if you see something like this going on? Remove yourself from the situation and tell an adult!

It is also important to make sure that other children feel included when you are playing out of school. Nobody wants to feel left out of a group; it can also be dangerous if you get left on your own. Be kind and caring to all people around you, as you wouldn't want people thinking you are not a very nice person.

Think... would you do it at Greenfield? If not, then don't do it out of school.

*Article by Libby Sturgess and Ruby Moore*

## What's Happening?

**Tues 29th November**  
**FS/KS1 Christmas Craft Day**

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

**Friday 2nd December**  
**Village Spectacular 6.30p.m.**

**Week of Mon 5th December**  
**Christmas Shows**

**FS Wed@2.30, Thurs@9.30**

**Y1 Tues@6.00, Wed@9.15**

**Y2 Thus@6.00, Fri@9.15**

**Thursday 8th December**  
**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**Christmas Dinner**

**Saturday 10th December**  
**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**C'thorpe Methodist Church**  
**Musicians/Choir**

**Sunday 11th December**  
**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**Foston Church**  
**Musicians/Choir**

**Friday 16th December**  
**Last day of term!**

**Thursday 5th January 2017**  
**New Term Starts**