

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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Communication is at the heart of a good school and here at Greenfield, during the last eighteen months, we have worked really hard to extend the lines of communication to all our stakeholders – parents, governors, children and members of our community in Countesthorpe.

We read your feedback at the end of each academic year very carefully; over the last two years, many of you have complimented the school on how well we keep you informed in terms of what is going on. However, some felt that we could improve our communication and so we have taken these comments on board and tried hard to open up new lines of communication so that you all feel up to date in the busy, exciting life of Greenfield Primary School.

As well as the home-school journals, reading diaries, school website, parents evenings and meetings ... the introduction of Parentmail has been very well received and has put an end to finding scrunched up letters in book bags or discovering letters left in drawers for weeks on end! We have also had lots of positive feedback from parents about the new on-line system for booking parents evening slots, our Facebook page which is updated regularly (as is the school Twitter account) and our text messaging service which celebrates achievement across the school. Even this publication – the Greenfield Gossip – was another way to share news with you all in a different way ... written by the children; giving their take on many diverse aspects of school life!

As always, we thank for your support at home and hope that you feel involved in the life of the school as well as your child's learning. Please let us know if there are any other ways that you think we could improve home-school communication even further ... after all, as Bob Hoskins used to say in the old BT adverts ... 'it's good to talk!'

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



World Book Day

Last Wednesday and Thursday, Greenfield held World Book Day; this was to celebrate books, authors, illustrators and reading! We were all asked to dress up as our favourite book character. There were lots of different characters, such as Where's Wally, Harry Potter, Mad Hatter and many more!

On the Wednesday, we watched an amazing performance of Alice in Wonderland, which was performed by M&M Productions; it blew our minds – it was brilliant. This was the start to our fantasy themed celebrations! We then watched one of two video clips – the first was called Bubbles and the second was called Eye of the Storm. We created a range of writing and artwork based on these exciting videos.

Later that day, we had the chance to visit the Big Book Sale. Thanks to the amazing generosity of all of the children and parents who donated books, there was a huge collection of fantastic books for sale! We raised over £520, which will be spent on new books for the school library.

The final part of the day involved parents coming in and sharing part of their favourite book with us. We got to drink scrumptious hot chocolate and enjoy the stories being shared.

The two days were a huge success and we all had a terrific time.

A big thank you to all of those that contributed towards the events that took place.

By Libby Sturgess, Charlie Hornbuckle and Seb Pope.

PHOTOS: Just some of the fantastic outfits for World Book Day.

My Favourite Book Models:
"Elephant In The Garden" by Heather 5RK, "Dennis The Menace" by Dexter 1HW



Star of the Month
January 2017

FS Sophie Fox

Y1 Florence Milner

Y2 Harry York

Y3 Erin Campbell

Y4 Matilda Carter

Y5 Freddie Davis

Y6 Amy Harriman

Star of the Month
February 2017

FS Neve Taylor

Y1 Georgia Aston

Y2 Ava Blake-Ryder

Y3 Caleb Barford

Y4 Newton Milner

Y5 Layla Bosely

Y6 Seb Mitchell



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"Mr Broccoli" getting confused with drill and big hammer, but at least he's wearing his safety gloves!

Mr Blockley left Greenfield in February . . . but before he went, we made him spill the beans. . . .

Has your thirteen years at Greenfield gone quickly?

Mr Blockley: Yes – very quickly ... when I first started at Greenfield, I didn't have grey hair for a start! I can always remember my first day here because I unlocked the old wooden doors in Y1 and got the key stuck – I had to take the whole lock off the door!

What are your best memories of working at Greenfield?

Mr Blockley: My best memories ... well, cleaning the drains out and getting balls off the roof of course! I will miss all the people at Greenfield – but the kids are the best! They're always telling you something funny ... laughing and joking – they cheer me up every day. I like to see all the things going on in the classroom like making fairground rides and the kids getting clay everywhere!

What did you want to be when you were a child?

Mr Blockley: Well I loved playing sport – cricket in the summer and football in the winter so I suppose I would have enjoyed becoming a professional footballer. I thought about being a park ranger in Canada but then I met my wife in Spain and the rest ... as they say ... is history!

What did you enjoy about going to your primary school?

Mr Blockley: In those days we played marbles at school, so I always had a pocketful of marbles! I loved my primary school – I just liked being outside so of course I loved playtime! I remember having Christmas pudding one year at school and finding a sixpence in it – you couldn't do that now ... health and safety!!!

What advice for life would you give your 10 year old self?

Mr Blockley: I would say to myself – 'Remember to listen to people and take advice ... you don't know everything even though you think you do! Be happy and be nice to people – if you are good to people and respect them, you will get that back. Make mistakes in life and make sure you learn from them.'

If you could be any fictional character just for a day ... who would you be and why?

Mr Blockley: I'd have to be Superman ... then I'd be able to get on the roof to get all the balls without a ladder ... and I could fly to work!

What are your thoughts about Leicester City over the last two years?

Mr Blockley: I'm a football fan really ... Liverpool first and Leicester as well as I've lived here all my life! I don't like to see 0 - 0 draws – I enjoy seeing good goals so I loved watching Leicester score all those great goals last season. I think Leicester winning the Premier League was one of the biggest achievements in any sport ever. Claudio Ranieri put Leicester on the world map and I think it's really sad that he's gone ... but he will always be remembered for winning the Premier League with Leicester City.

Interview by Ruby Moore, Emma Broadhead and Lara Monk

1) I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I?

2) What object is king of the classroom?

1) A stamp B) The ruler

Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK, which has a vision of a world free from poverty. They work all year round to make their dream a reality, and have raised over one billion pounds since they started in 1985.

Money is raised for Comic Relief through two main events: Red Nose Day and Sport Relief. With Red Nose Day only around the corner (Friday 24th March), it's time to start thinking about how Greenfield can raise money for the cause. Or should we say Redfield...

This year, the theme is to wear something RED to show your support on Red Nose Day. This could be a top, scarf, hat, or anything red that you own. You could wear a red nose, which will be being sold in many local supermarkets.

You could also raise money for Comic Relief out of school; one boy raised money by setting up a car wash service on his driveway. Other children have baked cakes and sold them.

So it's time to get your thinking caps on and think about how you could raise money for this great cause!

By Danny-Ray Murdey, Layla Bosley and Alex McPeak



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What's Happening?

Friday 24th March

**"Red Nose Day"
Comic Relief**



**Sunday 26th March
Mothering Sunday**

**Thursday 30th March
Y1/2/3 Disco 4.30-5.30
Y4/5/6 Disco 5.45-7.00**

**Friday 7th April
Last Day of Spring Term**

**Monday 24th April
First Day of Summer Term**

**Monday 1st May
BANK HOLIDAY**

**Thurs 4th-Fri 5th May
Y2 Caythorpe Trip**

**Week Beg. Monday 8th May
Y6 SATs Week**

**Wed 17th-Fri 19th May
Y4 Edale Trip**

**Mon 29th May-Fri 2nd June
Summer Half Term Break**