

Greenway Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we draw to the end of our first half term since the 'new normal', we would like to thank all our community for the commitment and energy shown. It has been wonderful to see normal things happening again in Primary Schools such as children sitting in groups together in the classroom and it has been lovely to hear singing in our school once more. A big well done to our new Year 3 pupils who have settled in extremely well.

Teachers have been busy planning the curriculum for next term. Information about our topics will be sent out in the first week back and will also be placed on our school website.

Go Kart Competition

In April 2021, 12 Year 6 children started building two electric Go Karts from kits after school with Mr McCurrach and Mr Ayling. The karts were finished, tested and transported to Kent for a race day on Saturday 9th October.



The children met us there with their families. All the children were then able to race in one of the go karts against go karts from other schools. A great day was had by all with a mixture of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places over the course of the day from our go karts. Engineering support was provided by John Palmer, a parent and bodywork construction and race day support by Miss Wright. We look forward to starting the club again in January with the current Year 6.

Art Awe and Wonder day

Last Friday the whole school worked alongside our artist to create some wonderful art related to our core values. The children and staff really enjoyed the opportunity to come together as a school community. Here are a few examples of the work created:



Leadership Award
Horsham District

Harvest Festival



A big well done to all of our Year 4 pupils who sensitively spoke about the importance of sharing. Thank you to all of our families who have donated food to Horsham Matters over the last few weeks. Your food donations have been collected and will go to people in need.

Sporting Events

A reminder that running club takes place on Tuesday mornings at 8 am on the school field. The club is led by Miss Neale and Mrs Keeling. Later in the year, Greenway will participate in the annual Cross-Country competition which takes place at Christs Hospital. In addition, Greenway is entered for Athletics competitions in the Spring Term.

Congratulations to Nathan in Year 6 who has made it through to the Sussex Under 11 boys football trials final. We wish you the best of luck Nathan!

Swimming

After half term, we will be in touch with details about Year 6 swimming assessments and lessons.

To catch up after the easing of Covid restrictions, we have plans for each year group to have swimming assessments / lessons over the academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Drum Lessons

We welcome Mr Will Romain to the peripatetic music team here at Greenway. Mr Romain teaches the drums at Tanbridge and we have managed to secure him to teach here too. Current drum pupils will transfer their lessons to Mr Romain, with lessons starting on Tuesday 9th November.

Music Lessons

We still have space in flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin and cello. Please see details on the attached letter if you would like lessons.

School Council

The classes have now all voted for their nominated school council representative and the Council have already met a few times with Mrs Martin. Current topics of conversation is gaining pupil feedback on Learning to Learn week and feedback about playtimes. The Leadership Team will then meet with the Council informing them how we will action their voice.

Safeguarding Council

Representatives from each class have started working with Mrs Parkin on a child-friendly version of our anti-bullying policy. It has been great listening to their good ideas around why it is important to report bullying.

Attendance

School attendance remains strong at Greenway and this week, Mrs Parkin and Mrs Boulton handed out several certificates across the school for classes achieving a weekly attendance of 97% or more. A big well done to 5M for achieving 100% attendance last week.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, there will be an additional bank holiday during the Summer half term (Friday 3rd June 2022). Please be advised that this additional holiday will be carried over to Friday 22nd July 2022. Therefore, the 2021-2022 school academic year will end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Amanda Parkin
Head of Lower School

Natasha Boulton
Head of Upper School

Key dates:

Thursday 21st October: PTA Halloween Disco – 3.30pm to 5pm

Friday 22nd October: Last day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November: Inset day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd November: Inset day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 3rd November: First day of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 3rd November: Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Thursday 4th November: Parent Information Evening (Lower School) 5.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 4th November: Parent Information Evening (Upper School) 6.15pm to 6.45pm

Friday 5th November: Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 9th November: Pupil Learning Conferences – 3.45pm to 8pm

Monday 15th November: Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 17th November Pupil Learning Conferences -3.45pm to 8pm

Friday 19th November: Children in Need

Monday 22nd November to Friday 26th November: Road Safety Week