



NEWSLETTER

Green Lane Primary & Nursery School,
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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERLEMONT....

I am sure that when you read this latest newsletter you will be struck by the number of different ways our community of pupils, parents and staff have shared their skills, time and money to make a difference to others. I want to extend my gratitude to you all – as a school we really reap the benefits of our strong local community.

Last week I had the opportunity to hear fantastic speakers such as Professor Damian Hughes and Andy Hind talk about building on our strengths. As a team of staff and pupils we have been reflecting on our strengths and we would encourage you to chat about this at home with your family and friends.

"Play to your strengths."

"I haven't got any," said Harry, before he could stop himself.

"Excuse me," growled Moody, "you've got strengths if I say you've got them. Think now. What are you best at?"

— **J.K. Rowling**, red team 'Captain' and author of **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**



SPRING CONCERT – RHYME TIME

Please come and support our pupils in a nostalgic performance with a twist – soloists, groups (including our School Orchestra), dancers and sketches. This takes place on Thursday, 15th March at 2.00 p.m. Tickets are FREE – now available from the School Box Office, or just drop in on the day. Refreshments included.



BALLET SUCCESS



At the Spring Concert you'll have the opportunity to see Katie D in Year 5 perform a short ballet dance. She has recently passed an audition, and will be joining the English Youth Ballet in their production of Swan Lake at the New Wimbledon Theatre in August this year! Many congratulations!

UNIFORM UPDATE

Book bags and P.E. bags are now in stock in the Trutex shop in Worcester Park High Street. We are pleased that all Green Lane



items with our school logo are now available from one source.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Birch Class in Year 2 who achieved the best attendance so far this Spring term, with 97.7%.



The whole school attendance (Years Rec-6) for the same period was 95.7%

Please help us to build on this by coming in to school, every day, when you are fit and well.

ATTENDANCE FACT – DID YOU KNOW....

If you take a two week holiday in term time, your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%, and this is without sickness!

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

A big 'Thank You' to all the families - and staff - who made it into school as usual during the recent snow. Lots of fun was had on the school field!

WORLD BOOK DAY

A big thank you for all those fantastic costumes which took us into so many books. We had a wonderful assembly at the end of the day, which really brought everything together. The event also raised approximately £3,000 from the sponsored read – so congratulations to all the bookworms, and thanks to all their sponsors. Book vouchers will be distributed to all 161 pupils who took part.



NO DOGS INSIDE SCHOOL PLEASE

A reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the premises - including the playgrounds - when bringing or collecting your child from school, or left unattended outside. Thank you.



We make an exception for 'Spot', our delightful official 'Bark to Read' dog who listens to some of our young readers!

RBK VACANCY

The Sustainable Transport Team is recruiting new Cycle Instructors to meet the increasing demand of Bikeability courses for Years 5 and 6. This job is suitable for parents, as the majority of courses are run during school time.

A trained instructor could expect to earn up to £190.88 to deliver a standard 10-hour Bikeability course. If you are a regular cyclist with good road sense, are a good communicator and enjoy working outdoors, they would like to hear from you!

The role is advertised on the job section of the Kingston and Sutton Websites.

For an informal chat or to discuss the role, contact Eric Chasseray of the Sustainable Transport Team:

Tel: 020 8547 5826 | 07824 496 284 (No texts)

Email: eric.chasseray@kingston.gov.uk

The 2018 Easter Bikeability Programme for pupil cycle training is also attached for your information!



ALLOTMENTS!

Each year group is being awarded its own allotment to maintain, and a gardening club is being introduced. Are you green-fingered and able to help us at all? If so, please contact us via the school office.



EARRINGS IN SCHOOL

Children are permitted to wear stud ear-rings to school. However, our policy is that any earrings should be removed for all sports and PE sessions. If your child has pierced ears, and does not remove them, this is at your own risk. Please sign a written disclaimer if you wish your child to keep their ear-rings in during sports/PE. Thank you.



SPORTS UPDATE

Already this half-term, Green Lane students have brilliantly represented our school at a Borough Netball Competition and an Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Festival. Well done to all the participants.

PENCILS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are all very pleased to see that the pencils outside school have now been straightened back to their original state. They will continue to keep our pupils safe.



YEAR 6 SPONSORED WALK

Year 6 has raised £600 for St. Anthony's Nursery in Malawi through their sponsored walk/run through Joseph Hood Park. This was a student initiated endeavour and goes to show – one small idea can make a huge difference. Many thanks to Oak and Chestnut classes and to all our generous contributors.

ARE YOU SPORTY?

Are you passionate about a sport e.g. rounders, cricket, rugby, ultimate frisbee, aerobics – you name it? I would like to run taster sport sessions in the week running up to Sports Day and I am looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested or have an idea for this week please send me an email: Mrs. Jonsson oak@glp.rbksch.org

FOREST LEARNING



The children have been busy making bird feeders, and have set up a wildlife camera to track local creatures. They also made hot chocolate to keep themselves warm in the snow.

FRIENDS DISCO

A huge thank you to the Friends and all the helpers who made this event possible. Of course, the children had a wonderful time, and in the process raised £1,000 for our school.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs. Crask on the safe arrival of her second daughter. We've had a visit already, and both are very well!



LITTER PICK & SPRING TIDY

A big Thank You to the Friends and Mr. Johnson for clearing bagfuls of litter from around the school. There is another opportunity to help improve our environment on Saturday, 24th March 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. when we will be taming the brambles, clearing the pond, pruning trees etc. Please let the school office know if you can help, so that we know how many cakes to buy!

P.S. (PUPIL SLOT)

What have the sewing club been up to recently?



"The first thing I made was a book mark, and then a small teddy bear which was fun" Amelie

"They show you how to sew, and we made puppets" Laila

"If we get it wrong, they can talk us through it" Morgan

"You can learn different things – including basic things like how to thread a needle and how to tie a knot" Julianna

"I like making bears, turtles and puppets" Frankie

"You can try different kinds of stitches, and different types of patterns" Mia

All from Year 3, although other years attend as well!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

March

13th Gymnastics event for those invited

14th Years 5/6 mixed football event for those invited

15th Spring Concert – free event, all welcome

16th Choir event Years 4-6, at RPHS

21st Sports Relief Mile

21st Year 5 at Coombe Boys School for return by 4.50 p.m. If you would like your child dismissed from Coombe Boys', or if you wish to meet your child there, please let us know in writing. Any children due to be collected by parents, but still with teachers at 4.25 p.m., will be brought back to Green Lane Primary School with the others.

22nd Friends Quiz Night

24th Outdoor Spring Clean 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

27th Year 6 SATs meeting at 6.00 p.m.

29th End of term. School closes 1.30 p.m. (12.00 noon for Nursery)