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A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERLEMONT....

We are coming to the end of what has been a very unusual school year; one that has posed many challenges for families and schools alike. We are all very excited to welcome all the children back in September - we have missed them very much.



Despite the obvious difficulties, there have been some positives to take from this situation and we will be supporting our pupils in identifying, and retaining, the good habits they adopted during lockdown. Many of us have found new ways to communicate with our loved ones - whether it be via video call or through a window. Never before have the key workers in society been given the recognition they deserve for all the work that goes into keeping us all healthy and well fed. We have had to learn to love our natural hair colour, cook more creatively when the shelves are cleared of food and the importance of keeping a decent supply of toilet roll. Perhaps most importantly, we have got to know the people who share our space - including our children - on a different, and deeper, level.

Thank you very much for all you have been doing to support your children through this; for teaching them, for spending time with them, for protecting them. I wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC.....



The year got off to a fantastic start, and the orchestra and choir were able to show their talents at Christmas performances.

We had to forgo our annual Spring Concert this year - this has been the highlight of musical years since 2008 and all the performers (orchestra, soloists, choir and dancers) were as disappointed as we were. However, we hope to revive all the acts, as and when we are able to.

The Kingston Music Service (KMS) has been innovative in its provision of individual lessons, and tutoring has continued online - check out www.kingston.gov.uk/music for more information.

Keep practising!
Mrs. J. Gagen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREEN LANE!

On Saturday, 15th July 1950, Green Lane County Primary School was officially opened by Alderman S.H. Marshall, J.P., M.P. (Sutton and Cheam).



This means that our school is now officially 70 years old!

Miss Sycamore was the Headteacher - how wonderful that she now has a class named after her. She had a staff of just four.



The programme of the formal opening ceremony shows that there was an assembly with a hymn (The Lord's my Shepherd), after which parents of pupils were invited to inspect the school.

Here's to the next 70 years!

WOODY'S WORLD

Are you having a 'staycation' this summer? Whether you are here, elsewhere in Britain, or going abroad - stay safe and have a fun time! I'm looking forward to spending more time with my humans, just 'chilling out'.





OUTDOOR LEARNING

So much has been happening in our outdoor area since lockdown began, so we thought we'd take some photos to show those at home!



As you will know, our Outdoor Classroom has been completed and we have planted new hedgerow around it which, over time, will provide us with a natural divider. Each bubble has been allocated time to come and use the classroom.

The pond and environmental area has been partly cleared of the brambles and nettles. Wildflower seed which was planted has started to come through and this will attract butterflies, bees and other insects to come and enjoy the area too. We have found some newts in the pond and appear to have a local slow worm who occasionally makes a visit.



We also have a new learning circle with chalkboard to allow the opportunity for more teaching outside.

The woodland itself grows from strength to strength - the trees are growing well and there are various grasses and wild plants coming through to add even more interest to the area.



Needless to say, this has been a very popular area in the hot weather as it provides lots of shade too!

We have installed a new pathway by the chickens so that the area doesn't become muddy and allows the children to enjoy the chickens in all seasons.

Enjoy your summer, exploring outdoors when you can!

Mr. G. Fairclough



STAFF PROFILES

We continue to give you some background on the staff...

Mrs. Bradley, Teacher

Why teaching? After completing a degree in Psychology, I travelled before working for a TV company. I decided to teach and have never looked back! I love my job, particularly seeing children's confidence grow and grow and feeling part of that.

Alternative career? I've always enjoyed helping people so I think I would have become a psychologist or nurse, although a travel writer would have been a great way to see the world!

An interesting fact? I once completed a charity skydive by myself - pretty scary as I don't like heights! I didn't land very well at all, but no broken bones!

Interests: I love discovering new places and trying different foods. During lockdown I'm trying lots of new dishes. My youngest son does the cooking and I do the eating! [This was Joel, an ex-pupil who was on Junior Masterchef on TV! Editor]

Favourite sweet treat: I absolutely love chocolate fondant and get very disappointed if it's not just right - the centre has to be perfectly runny and gooey.....

Mrs. Dore, Teaching Assistant (and from September – Teacher!)

My childhood dream? When I was young my happy place was on a tennis court and I dreamed of becoming a professional player.

Alternative career? I was a Management Accountant for McLaren and, even though the job came with many perks, my heart was not in it. Since making the change to education I have never looked back!

Fascinating fact? I have conquered the highest bungee in the world and recently stood up on a surfboard for the first time.

SPORTS PAGE

A review of 2019-2020

When reflecting back on our school sporting accomplishments for this year (all six months of it!), I can see that it has definitely been a game of two halves...

From the very first fixture on Tuesday, 17th September (Girls' Year 6 Football at Chessington) until the final whistle being called halfway through our EFL Semi Final in Reading on Friday, 13th March, it has been an exciting, fast paced rollercoaster of a ride.

We've had highs...

- Reaching (and playing half of) the Semi Finals of the EFL Kids Cup at the Reading Madejski Training ground, after a monumental win at Fulham Football Club the month before.
- Reaching the semis of the Kingston District Cup (first time we entered) with the resilient Year 6 Girls' Football team.
- Performing so amazingly at the Primary Gym competition at Chessington School in March, with AJ (2nd, Boys' individual) and Alyssa (1st, Girls' individual) receiving medals in Key Steps 2 (Years 3/4), and having our Year 3/4 team go on to win Key Steps 2 and go through to what would have been the finals at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace this month.

And the lows...

- Seeing our Year 5/6 Boys' Football team pipped to the post during a frenzied game of football on home ground (after playing so well during the run up games).
- The Y6 Tag Rugby competition at Old Emmanuel School in October, where we were all left a little frazzled after some 'interesting' referee decisions were made.

For me it has been the best year of my time at Green Lane - I have loved every minute of it. I have learnt so much and I have loved spending time with your children, encouraging them, and watching them grow and develop. They are an inspiration.

I must take a moment to thank the Year 6 Sports Leaders for their help and support. It isn't the year I had promised them and we didn't get to do all the fun things that I had planned

for them, but I greatly appreciated their focus and motivation and will miss all the Year 6 pupils terribly. Good luck for your next chapter!

As for Sports at Green Lane next year - we will come back and finish what we started this year. Watch this space...

Mrs. E. Tapp

