



# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. BERLEMONT....

We are officially into the Christmas season and I am sure there are lots of excited children (and adults) already! We have many lovely activities for the children to take part in and I want to particularly thank Mrs Reed for her hard work in organising our Winter Wonderland, Mr Fairclough for building us a lovely new Christmas card post box and the Friends for the time and energy put into the Christmas shop. Each week I take a number of prospective parents on a tour of our school and it is such a pleasure to see all your children so enthusiastically engaged in their learning. It's no surprise to me that the most frequently asked question is 'how likely are we to get in?' If you are applying for a Reception place for your child for September 2019, don't forget the deadline for applications is January 15th. Finally, despite being an avid reader I typically rely on Richard and Judy for my reading recommendations! I have recently started reading books recommended by the children and it has been a real joy to delve into a whole new world of literature. I'm currently reading 'Beetle Boy' as recommended by Year 6 and thoroughly enjoying it.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that our school uniform remains the same, even in the cold weather. Trousers and sensible black school shoes should be worn in school – leggings and boots are not part of the school uniform. If your child needs to wear boots or warmer outer clothes for their journey, please make sure that they have uniform items to change into when they arrive. Thank you for your continued support.



## BOARD GAMES

If you are having a clear out before Christmas, please can we have any unwanted board games which we can distribute to the classes for wet playtimes. As long as these are complete and age appropriate, all donations will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance!

## CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please note that the old class addresses e.g. [oak@glp.rbksch.org](mailto:oak@glp.rbksch.org) are NOT being forwarded to the new addresses. Please address any queries to [enquiries@greenlane.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@greenlane.org.uk), or the new class addresses e.g. [oak@greenlane.org.uk](mailto:oak@greenlane.org.uk). Thank you.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

In response to parental feedback, we have decided to change the timings for our parent consultations with effect from September 2019. Rather than closing at 1.30 p.m., we will close at the usual time and consultations will run from 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. one afternoon, and 5.00 – 8.00 p.m. on a subsequent evening.

## AMAZON SHOPPING

If you're doing a spot of shopping on Amazon and fancy treating our Green Lane children to a few bits and pieces, we now have an Amazon wish list which you can find by searching for Green Lane Primary and Nursery School. Of course there is no obligation but just in case.....

## BUDDING CARPENTERS

Are you a carpenter, and do you have any off-cuts of soft wood e.g. balsa, pine etc (but NOT mdf please) that we could use? If so, we would love them for our Nursery woodwork area. Please bring them to the school office or direct to the Nursery class. Thank you in advance!



## STAFFING UPDATES

Congratulations to Ms Verge who has accepted a position as Assistant Headteacher in a school in Dorking. Ms Verge will be leaving Green Lane at Christmas and we wish her the very best. Larch class will be taught by Miss Zaher and Mrs Bradley and Elm class will be taught by Mrs Hughes and Mrs Gahangir.

We're delighted to announce that Mrs Shrives is expecting a baby! She hopes to begin her maternity leave at Easter.

## SPORTS NEWS

Last month Mrs Jonsson and Mr Fairclough took 22 children by train to the Kingston Borough Indoor Athletics Competition at Chessington College. They competed against five other schools, taking part in track events including relays, an obstacle race, and 'over and under' which took them over jumps and through tunnels! There were also field events such as standing long jump, javelin throwing, and speed bounce.

All of the children were a credit to the school, both in their behaviour and in their teamwork as they encouraged and supported each other throughout the event.

At the end of the event, all of the scores were added together and we were pleased to come a respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Well done to all of the children who participated in the event.

Thanks to Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Shittu for coming with us to help look after the team.



## AVIVA AWARD

Many thanks to the parent from Birch class in Year 2 for their fantastic efforts in raising £1,000 through Aviva. This will be used in the school library, so that we can continue to promote reading for pleasure.

## FOREST LEARNING

All year groups are enjoying watching the seasons change.



Nursery and Reception classes have had a fine time making and decorating their very own Christmas trees!

## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to those who bought a poppy from the Pupil Ambassadors. The Royal British Legion have confirmed that we raised £121 this year.



## BAG2SCHOOL

A big Thank You to those who filled their bags with recycling – we raised £144 which will benefit our pupils.

## THANK YOU LITTER-PICKERS!

A big thank you to James, Johnny and Oscar who have been using their playtime to collect litter from the front of the school. We're very impressed with their dedication to keeping our environment tidy.



## ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance so far this term is Elm Class in Year 4 with 98.5%, Well done! The whole school attendance (Years Rec-6) for the same period is 97.3%.

Please help us to build on this excellent attendance 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, over the year your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%, and this is without sickness!

**Remember that if you have problem with getting your child into school, let us know and we will help you - contact Mrs. Pinch (Attendance Assistant) in the school office.**



## CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS

We continue to include a science experiment in each newsletter to enthuse all of our budding scientists!

### See the Rainbow **Warning – you will need an adult!**

You will need: skittle sweets, plate, kettle, jug

- Make a shape on a plate using the skittles (circle, square etc).
- You might make a pattern of colours or vary the colours on each side of the shape.
- Boil the kettle and then carefully pour some boiled water into a jug and let it cool slightly. **Warning – ask an adult to do this for you!**
- Once you have done that, slowly pour the water onto the plate and observe what happens.

Do different shapes make different rainbows?

How does changing the pattern of the skittles alter your rainbow?

Why do you think this reaction happens?

## P.S. (PUPIL SLOT)

Each year group (Years 1 – 6) has two Pupil Ambassadors. What do they enjoy about this role, and what can they tell us about the Children in Need appeal?

"You go to lots of meetings and do hard work and thinking about things to do. We raised money to give to people that don't have much money, children in need" Daisy Y1

"I like making things about the school better, like the lockers" Zac Y1



"We tell the Headteacher about stuff which is happening and she tells the children in assembly. For Children in Need, we had a pyjama and onesie day and you could wear slippers and bring a teddy" Freya Y2

"I like helping people out and helping with situations in their lives. We came up with the idea for Children in Need because of a previous Muffin Day, and we wanted to have this again" James Y5

"Every meeting we add new things to make the school better, like the timings of school lunches / packed lunches. I liked planning Children in Need and the donations" Ethan Y6

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



### December

A separate letter has been distributed with all the festive dates, and we hope to see you soon at one of the events.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – school closes at 1.30 p.m. (12.00 noon for Nursery).

### January

7<sup>th</sup> INSET day – no children in school

8<sup>th</sup> Children return to school