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# Greenvale School Newsletter

## July 2018

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### Mindfulness at Greenvale

Some students from Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 have had the opportunity to learn about mindfulness. They have participated in specially designed workshops which were focusing on developing more understanding of their mind and feelings. The students have been presented with some strategies which can be used to gain more control over their own emotional states. They have taken part in a few practical exercises to learn some of mindfulness techniques and have received a folder with mindfulness colouring suggestions and tasks to use in their spare time. For more information and tips you are welcome to contact Anna.

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#### **NOTABLE DATES 2018**

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**Thursday 19th July  
Students break up**

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**Friday 20th July  
Staff Inset day**

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**Monday 3rd September  
Staff Inset Day**

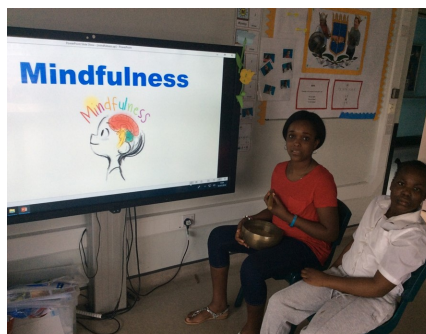
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**Tuesday 4th September  
New year 7 students only**

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**Wednesday 5th September  
All students return to  
school**

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## Jack Petchey Winners

This Term Millie-May Cashman was our Jack Petchey Award winner. Her award read

“Millie-May always tries very hard in her school work and is working very hard in her advanced learners classes. She has lots of friends and is always very kind to them, finding out what they enjoy doing and helping them with that. Millie may has also joined in more with outside sports and really encourages her peers.

She has been poorly but has approached everything in a positive manner and with determination and a happy smile”

She spent her award money on a Karaoke machine – we look forward to hearing her singing!

Well done Millie.



## London Youth Games

Three of our students have taken part in the London Youth games, as part of the Lewisham team on the 27th June 2018 at Mile End Sports Centre. They had a fantastic time and they got a bronze medal for long-standing jump and two gold medals for 200mts racing and relay.

Well done to our students!



## Museum of London

As part of the History curriculum, students took part in two History workshops provided by the Museum of London.

The first was a workshop called Fire! Fire! on 5th June, here at Greenvale. An interactive sensory based storytelling about the Fire of London. Students from Ash class and a group of PMLD students from KS3/KS4 attended the storytelling.

The second was a trip to the Museum of London Docklands on 28th June with a group of students from KS4. The students got to learn about Wartime in Docklands and the Blitz, exploring how children and people lived during the Blitz.



## Science

In science we have been looking at life cycles. The life cycle of a butterfly. The students really enjoyed watching them grow and feeding them. Then we released them into their natural habitat to start the cycle again.



## **Ofsted News**

The week before May half term we had a one day Ofsted inspection. All parents and members of our school community will have received a copy of our report and it is also on the website. We were inspected by two inspectors for the day and they observed teaching right across the school in addition to meeting with staff and students. As a result we were confirmed to be Outstanding again. We are really delighted about this and especially about some of the comments in the report.

Here are a few highlights.

“The leadership team and governors have maintained the outstanding quality of education in the school since the last inspection.”

“Across all three key stages, teaching is effective, as it takes into account the pupils’ individual needs alongside multi-therapy and specialist intervention support. Learning sessions cater for individual needs”

“The atmosphere across the school is welcoming, calm and purposeful.”

“Across the school pupils are happy and secure.”

“Parents are happy with how well their children are encouraged to achieve, both in learning and in life skills.”

“Governors are clear about their strategic responsibilities to ensure that the school moves forward and continues to sustain its outstanding provision”

“Pupils feel safe and are happy at school.”

“Over the course of the inspection day, through learning walks, discussion with the leadership team and other school staff, pupils and governors, it was energetically apparent that your school is a caring, supportive and purposeful learning environment.”

It is fantastic that everyone received praise and recognition of their efforts and this reflects how our whole school community works so effectively together.

Lynne.



## Heads Message

We have had a very successful Summer term.

So many of our young people have achieved amazing results in accredited courses, travel training, behaviour, music, Arts and so many other achievements. As always our staff work so hard to support them and at this time of year we reflect proudly on the progress young people have made during the past year! Together we create an environment for our young people to grow in confidence, maturity and learning and we are always truly grateful for the support of parents and carers.

We have a large group of 11 students moving on to college this summer. So we say goodbye to Kyeu, Eden, Timi, Jamie, Karshan, Cydney-Rae, Alseddik, Lisa, Kirsty, Morgan and Suaibu. They are all very unique young people who we have so many fond memories of and we will really miss them. However, we wish them all every success and happiness as they move on to college. We had a leavers presentation assembly on Tuesday for them.

We also have had an exciting time meeting our 13 new students this half term. They are coming from Watlington, Baring, Charlton Park, Drumbeat, Coopers Lane and overseas. They are all delightful and we are looking forward to them joining us in September.

Sadly, as you will be aware Felicia is leaving Greenvale after 18 years here. However, she did first come to Greenvale in 1980 when she was newly qualified. She has been a really amazing teacher and colleague and has touched the lives of so many students and families. We all wish her a long and happy retirement and will miss her very much.

Also Victoria Sharman is leaving to have another baby. We will really miss her in LSB and wish her all the best.

This term so much has taken place. The St Johns group have achieved their Arts Award and visited the Tate Modern. We have a group of young people performing in the Blackheath opera at the Albany Theatre and students have attended lunch time concerts. We have had a very full enrichment week with workshops, Domes, dance, music, afternoon teas and climbing walls. We also have won many sports medals at the London Youth Games. As always our students amaze and impress us and are a credit to us all.

However all of this would not happen without the commitment and hard work of our fantastic staff. So at the end of such a busy year I want to thank each and every one of them for doing an amazing job and always going that extra mile.

We wish all of our leavers, staff and students, every success and much happiness.

Have a lovely summer!

Lynne.

