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# Greenvale School Newsletter

## October 2018

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### NOTABLE DATES 2018—2019

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**Friday 19th October**  
**Break up for half term**

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**Half Term**  
**Monday 22nd—Friday 26th**  
**October**

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**Monday 29th October**  
**Students return to school**

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**Friday 21st December**  
**Break up for Christmas**  
**holidays**

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**Monday 24th December—**  
**Friday 4th**  
**Christmas Holidays**

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**Monday 7th January 2019**  
**Students return to school**



**OPEN**  
ORCHESTRAS

Greenvale School has started an Open Orchestra, run by Arthur from Lewisham Music Hub and Gary our Music Enrichment Teacher. 'Open Orchestras' is a young-persons centred orchestra which uses a mix of traditional instruments such as drums, percussion, keyboards and singing and also accessible music technology instruments such as iPads, switches and a sound beam. In the Autumn and Spring Term students will work individually and in pairs to develop their musicianship skills. In the Summer Term the 6 young musicians and our existing rock band will all come together for weekly sessions, working towards a performance in July time.

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### Miscellaneous

The annual Christmas Disco will take place on Friday 7th December. There will be a bar and a raffle.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please go to London Borough of Lewisham's website and search for Free school meals.



# Our new Logo and Website!

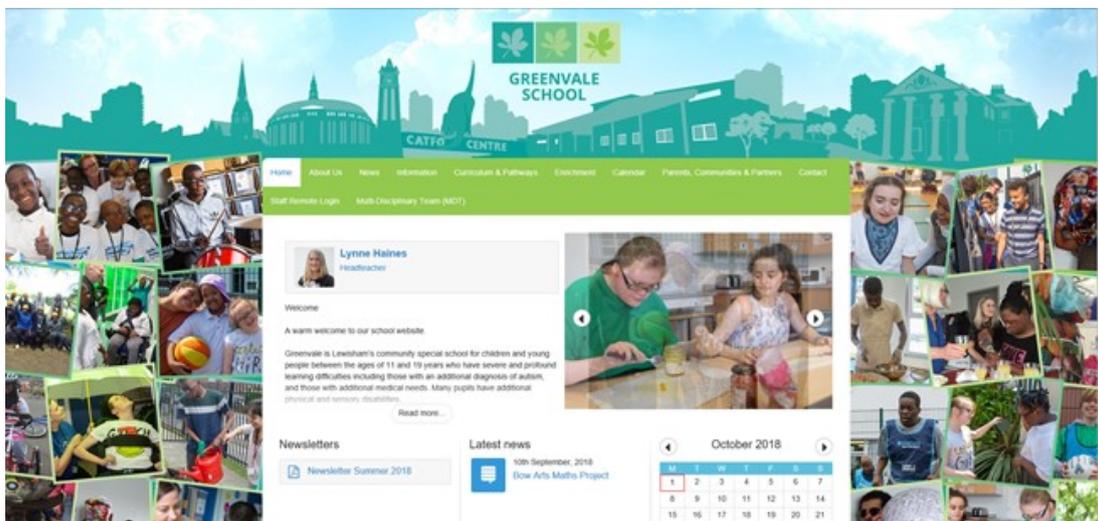
## Logo

We have been working on updating our logo and have been spending lots of time making it as eye-catching as possible. You will see it on our new letter head and also our new website!



## Website

Our new website has now been built. Whilst there are a few tweaks still to be made we hope you find it informative. You will be able to find out a huge amount of information such as MDT contact details, what your young person is up to in their learning, our policies, our latest Ofsted report and much much more!. We would encourage you to look at it and feed back to us if there is anything you would like to see added to the site as ultimately — it is for you!



Aaron Collins,  
Assistant Headteacher.



## Fourth Plinth Competition



Well done Palm Class. After seeing a chair made by Palm class for Tabitha Lewis' exhibition, Pull Up a Chair, the Mayor of Lewisham has asked if he can exhibit the chair in his parlour.

## Jack Petchey

This half term Emmanuelle Tombe won the Jack Petchey Award and has £250 to spend on his class. He will be supported to choose something he will enjoy.

He was really delighted to receive the award in assembly and he was greeted with lots of applause from everyone. Here is his nomination.

“Emmanuel is now in Year 13 and we are celebrating all his achievements so far at Greenvale. He has participated fully in school life and grown in confidence, independence and ability. He has been a member of football club, Panathlon, Rock Band, Choir, Dance club among many other activities. His personal progress has been amazing in Key Stage 5 as more recently he has worked on skills such as coping with last minute change and how to manage social and friendship problems when they arise. He is one of our most positive and friendly students and has worked so hard over the last year in homework, class work, working for the school in delivering fruit and growing in independence and organisational skills. These will help him to adult life. “



## Heads Message

The first half term of this year has passed so quickly! Our new students have settled in really well and already feel like they have always been here.

Over the summer lots of work has taken place in school including the installation of three extra rooms to the side of our site. These will allow us to expand in numbers gradually before the new sixth form site is available. The new rooms are working very well and our Key stage 5 students are enjoying being in their own area and have already planted pots of herbs and flowers for the decking veranda!

The expansion plans continue to move along. The build will start on the Mayow Road site next summer with a view to opening in September 2020. On the new site there will be provision for our post 16 students and some of our Glade Pathway students. It is a really exciting opportunity to design a new building for Key stage 5 students and the location is perfect for accessing the local community.

All of our young people are on one of our Pathways as you will have noticed in the information and reports you received last year. This is working really well and was highly praised by Ofsted. It ensures that every student receives personalised and appropriate provision. Here is a reminder of our four pathways;

### **Greenvale Pathways.**

#### **Grove Pathway**

For students with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD). Students work below P4.

#### **Forest Pathway**

For students with Learning Difficulties working within P4-P8.

#### **Woodland Pathway**

For students with Learning Difficulties working above P levels and working towards Entry Level Qualifications.

#### **Glade Pathway**

For students with Learning Difficulties and additional complex needs. Students typically work from P2ii-P7 and require a high level of structure and routine throughout the day.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Parents Evening and Information Fair in September. It is always a great opportunity to share information and also to meet other professionals.

Just a reminder to all families that we do not advise students to wear valuable or sentimental jewellery to school nor bringing other valuables because we cannot guarantee their safety. All staff do an amazing job and focus clearly on the students but cannot keep all valuables safe.

I also just want to remind parents that you need to call in and let us know if your son / daughter is not coming to school. If we have not heard from you and cannot reach you it is likely that one of us will visit your home to ensure you are safe and well. Please try to remember to call.

I hope you all have a great half term and look forward to seeing some of you next term.

