



Greenvale School

Newsletter: July 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the many achievements that have made this year a great one for our school community.

We saw the successful introduction of our new *Evidence for Learning (EFL)* assessment platform, which has transformed the way we capture, celebrate and support each learner's progress. The platform has empowered all staff to share in the personalised learning journeys of our pupils, and we are excited to build on this foundation in the new academic year.

One of the highlights of the year was our residential school journey—a wonderful experience that allowed our students to grow in independence, build confidence, and enjoy new adventures together. It was truly heart-warming to see the joy and sense of achievement on every face.

We have also continued to develop and enhance our curriculum, with particularly exciting work taking place in maths and history. The arts have played a vibrant role in our school life this year. We were proud to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, where our students brought *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to life with their unique creativity and passion. In addition, our collaboration with Blackheath Halls Community Opera offered pupils a truly inclusive and inspirational opportunity to perform alongside professional musicians and singers.

We also celebrated the impact of our MOVE Programme, which continues to support our pupils in developing functional mobility and independence. The determination and progress demonstrated by our students in this area has been wonderful to see and capture on EFL.

Improvements to our learning and physical environments have further enriched the day-to-day experiences of both pupils and staff. From refreshed learning spaces to new equipment and sensory resources, these enhancements reflect our commitment to creating the best possible environment for everyone in our school community.

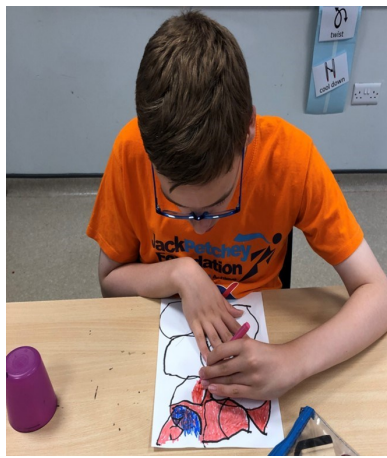
As always, none of this would be possible without the dedication, creativity and hard work of our incredible staff team, the unwavering support of our families, and the brilliance and resilience of our students. We say goodbye to our Year 14s and 2 of our Year 13s as they move on to local colleges. We wish them all the best in their onward journey and life beyond Greenvale.

I wish you all a restful, safe and happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of learning, laughter and opportunity.

With warmest regards,

Katie Denton
Headteacher

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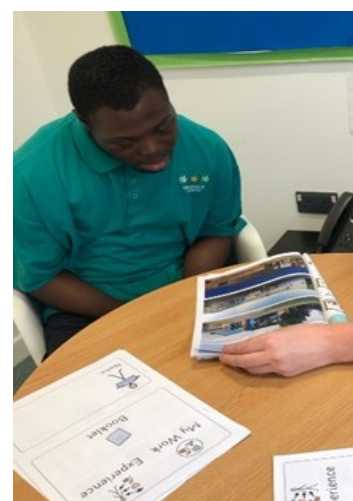
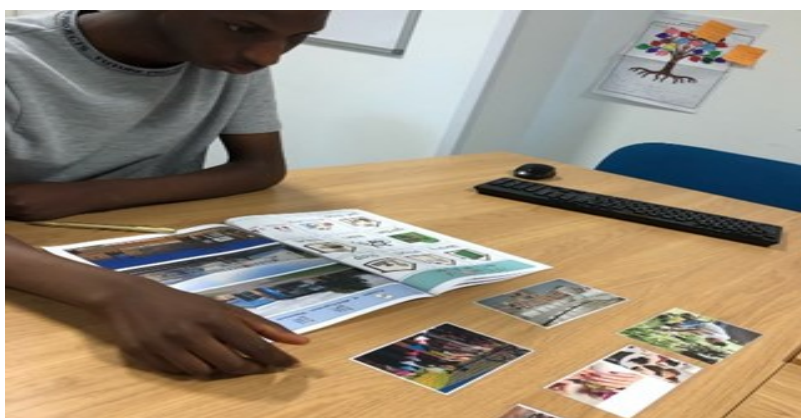


Greenvale school Rights Respecting steering group (MW WE R1) attended Lewisham first Youth summit put on by the Young Mayor of Lewisham. They had a wonderful time participating in various workshops such as climate control, business skills and youth services. They had lots of fun and got to make friends with other young people from other Lewisham schools. Most importantly, their voices were heard and got to make a positive contribution to their local area.



Careers and Work Experience

This term, our Year 13 students took part in interviews for their Work Experience placements for 2025/2026. During the interviews, they completed a work experience booklet that helped them identify their skills, values, and interests, as well as their preferred offsite workplaces. All students performed exceptionally well, confidently expressing their preferences and demonstrating great enthusiasm for their future op-



Hazel class have been busy. Some students have been regularly going to the local supermarket to purchase ingredients for cooking lessons, and it has been a good way to build independence and learn life skills. We have regularly been working on our food preparation skills in weekly sessions, making health snacks such as guacamole. We have been practicing our handwriting and early writing skills too. Students enjoyed sessions with the sensory Occupational Therapist from Whole Child Therapy and explored different textures such as cocoa, chia seeds and even edible bubbles!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Coffee Mornings, we will continue with them in September.

Open bouquet flower arranging coffee morning, 9th July



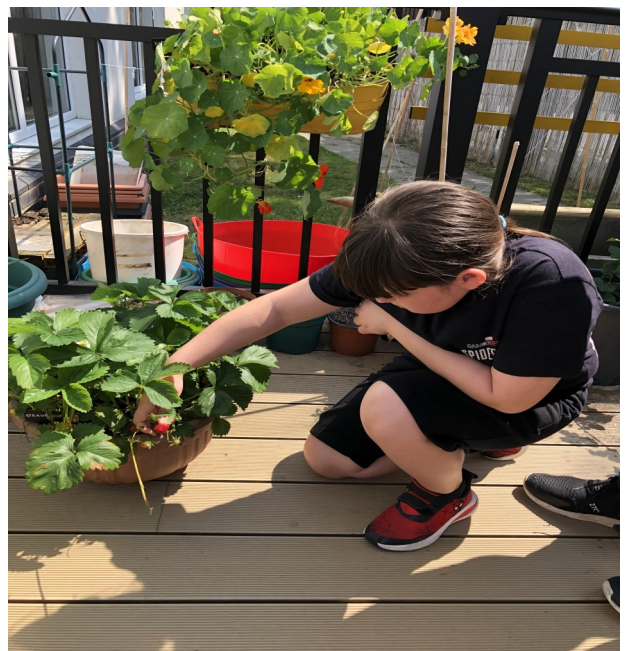
KS4 PARK TRIP

KS4 students enjoyed a group trip to the local park to celebrate the end of a great year. They shared snacks, played football, used the gym equipment, had a picnic, and relaxed in the quiet gardens. It was a fun and memorable way to wrap up the school year, and everyone had a great



Glade students have been engaging in physical education (PE) and Science sessions in Mayow Park as part of their learning outside the classroom (LOTG) programme. These sessions have been shown to have positive impact on their well-being, confidence and independence



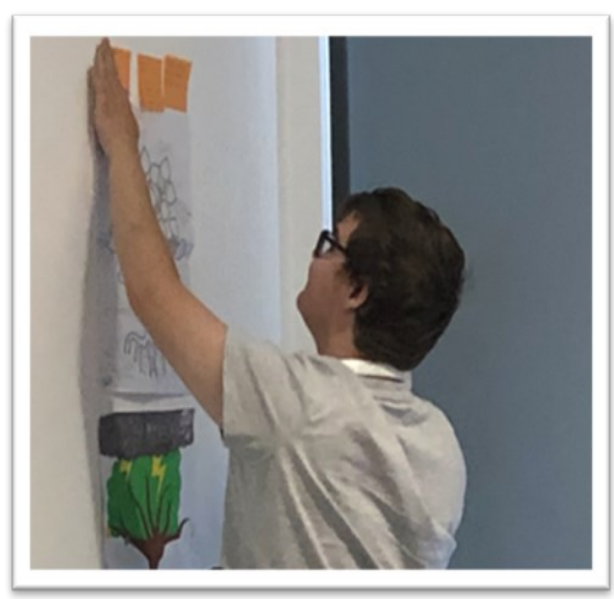


This term we have been busy growing, Fruits, vegetables, herbs and sunflowers in the Greenvale Garden. Students have planted seeds for the many different fruits and vegetables including Tomatoes, Courgettes, Squash, Cucumber, Carrots, Potatoes and Beetroots. The students have enjoyed watering the plants and looking after the garden throughout all the hot weather we have had. They have especially enjoyed tasting the strawberries and smelling the mint and lemon balm herbs. Students have also constructed some new raised beds for the Waters road garden. Alfie and Jam helped to cut the wood and screw them together to make the structure ready for planting.



Learning Mentor sessions:

Students in Key Stage 5 have been participating in "Tree of Life" sessions with their Learning Mentor. The group is using the metaphor of a tree to explore and celebrate their personal histories, cultural backgrounds, and roots, thereby strengthening their sense of identity and voice.



We wish our leavers the very best as they embark on their new adventures. We are so proud of everything they have achieved during their time at Greenvale. We want to thank the parents/carers of our leavers for their contributions and support over the years. We hope they will remember their time here fondly and keep in touch.



On 7th July, students who have been working hard in the horticulture group celebrated their success with a school trip to RHS Wisley Gardens, Surrey. They enjoyed seeing a wide range of impressive flora as well as taking part in a workshop and enjoying a picnic in the gardens. Congratulations to all



Elm class were thrilled to welcome the visiting circus: Circo Rum Ba Ba, to Greenvale this month, bringing a burst of colour, laughter, and excitement to all. The performers introduced a variety of circus skills, including juggling, stilt walking, plate spinning, unicycling, and hula hooping. Everyone eagerly participated, trying their hands at each activity with enthusiasm and joy. The experience not only provided fun but also helped develop coordination, balance, and confidence. It was a truly memorable day that left everyone smiling and inspired.



Holiday activities:

Holiday Clubs over the Summer Period

Below, you will find a link to the Lewisham website where there is a list of holiday clubs and programmes available to young people in Lewisham.

[Lewisham Council - Holiday programme food and fun](#)

Safeguarding Update:



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and are looking forward to the summer break.

I have included a couple of links that you might find useful in keeping young people safe when online. The first is a useful booklet with lots of information on parental controls and filters. Please look it over and keep the link for future reference.

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Parental-Controls-booklet-2025.pdf>

On a similar topic, the next link discusses algorithms and social media. Social media is an important driving force of the online space. Children and young people are among the core users of these platforms, but what drives the content they see? This all-seeing eye present in social media software, is the algorithm. What your children see on their device's is wholly directed by what these algorithms deem interesting to them.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

Lastly, We have a page dedicated to E-Safety on our website and the link is below, alongside others that may be of interest.

[Greenvale School - Keeping Safe Online](#) – Our web page with general information and links to other organisations.

[Greenvale School - Home](#) – At the bottom of this page you will find links to past E-safety newsletters.

As you know, the Summer Holidays are almost here, and the school will be closed over the holidays. If you need urgent support, then please contact Children with Disabilities Lewisham. The link to their web page is below.

[Lewisham Council - Children with disabilities and complex needs](#)



Lewisham Disability
Sports Network presents:

Lewisham Inclusive

**Register
Now!**

Sports Summer Activity

A free activity, accessible to all abilities, for disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25!

Register below or scan the QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/LewishamInclusiveSummer25>

23rd July- 29th August
2025

10 am to 12 pm



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