



# Greenvale School Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of what has been the longest term of the year, I would like to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community. This term has been busy and full of exciting learning opportunities for students and staff.

Throughout the term, our students have continued to impress and inspire us every day. They have shown remarkable achievement, resilience and determination, while also bringing a wonderful sense of fun and *joie de vivre* to school life. Seeing our school values lived out through their learning, friendships and personal successes has been a real privilege for all of us.

None of this would be possible without the continued support of our families and carers, and I would like to thank you for your ongoing partnership and trust. Together, we create an environment where every child is supported to flourish and be celebrated.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish you all a restful and peaceful holiday season. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends making new memories and return refreshed and ready for the term ahead in the New Year.

Wishing you all a Happy Winter Break

Kind regards,

Katie

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## Inclusion Project with Forster Park School & Create Arts

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A big congratulations to all the students who took part in the 'Create x Smart Car' project: Samuel, Malik, Musa, Daniela Calix, Ife and Chloe.

The students worked together with pupils from Forster Park Primary School to design artwork, which was then used by Smart Car for marketing. The theme of the project was to enhance well-being. You can read more about it here

<https://www.motortradenews.com/electric-vehicles/smart-and-create-design-art-car-livery-from-community-workshops/>

We welcomed special guests to the school to unveil the car, including Councillor Jacq Paschoud, Deputy Young Mayor Jimaine Lee, and Morgan Seward, Chair of the Champions of Inclusion Committee.

A big thank you also goes to our partners at the charity Create Arts, who supported us to organise and resource the project, and who provided talented artists for our students to work with.

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## Winter Market at Mayow Road

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On Thursday 4th December, the Mayow Road site hosted our Annual Winter Market. Our learners in Key Stage 5 and in the Glade Provision have been working hard since October half term to prepare gifts to sell at the market, as part of our Preparation for Adulthood Provision. They researched different winter holidays, conducted surveys of what people might like to buy and used their budgeting skills to ensure value for money. On the day, learners were fully involved in the set up and running of the market, with students on all our learning pathways welcoming our visitors, selling their gifts and offering refreshments. The market was a huge success and was well attended by parents and families from both sites. We are pleased to announce that we raised over £150 for our school! Thank you so much for supporting us. We already have plans to expand our market next year and can't wait to see you all there!



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## Winter Discos

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We held our annual discos on each site for students, families and staff. A great time was had by all with huge thanks to all the companies who donated raffle prizes to us, always an exciting highlight of the night!



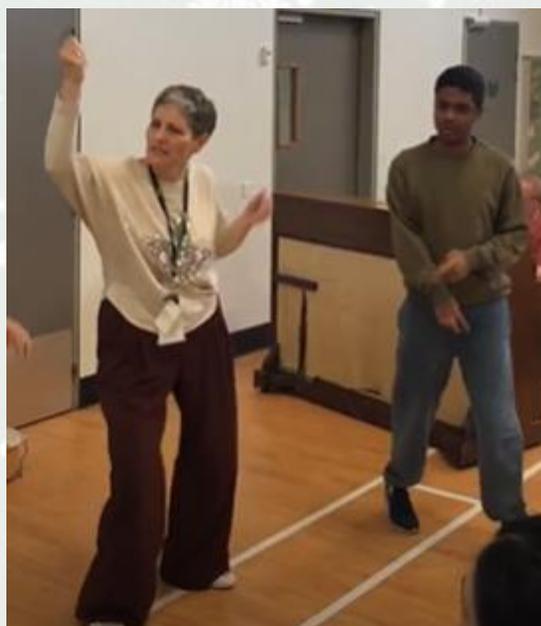
## Winter Showcase - Mayow Road

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we held our Winter Showcase at Mayow Road. There has been so much creativity across the Autumn Term and it was an wonderful opportunity to share with you all! The show was compered by Jack, Shan and Ibrahim, who did a fantastic job. Our ensembles performed the pieces they have devised together about the changing of the seasons between autumn and winter. We had two duets from Max and Abdoul, and Giana and Jonathan, showcasing what they had learned on their instruments during their lessons with Roberto. We enjoyed video montages from our Step into Dance and Glade music lessons, as well as a lively medley of 'Oliver!' songs by one of the options groups. We were lucky to have three performances from our brand new Sing and Sign choir, including the loudest and most enthusiastic performance of 'The 12 days of Christmas' to finish! Thank you so much for coming to support us; we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing!



## Winter Concert - Waters Road

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December we held our annual Winter Concert at Waters Road. It was a fantastic celebration of achievement through song and sign and musical performances from individuals and groups of students.



# Community Supporting - Fundraising for Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa

UNICEF Children's Rights Article 27 says "Every child has the right to a safe home, food, and care."

Greenvale school showed their support for those effected by Hurricane Melissa by participating in various fundraising events such as, a staff bake sale, food and essential donations and students dressed up in Jamaican colours. Greenvale school raised **£567!** The donation went to the charity UNICEF who are currently on the ground providing food, clean water, shelter, and medical assistance to those in need. Well done Greenvale!

## Palm Class



## Maple Class



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## Black History Month - October 2025 - Elm Class

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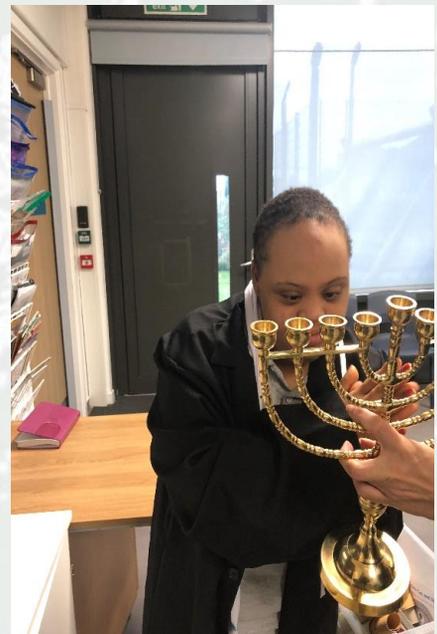


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## RE - Hannukah - Mulberry Class

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This year, the Mulberry class have been learning about the Hanukkah festival, which is very important for the Jewish community. We explored Hanukkah traditions, learned about different costumes, and discovered the Menorah, which has eight lights and is an important symbol in Judaism. We created our own Menorah artwork and talked about what it means to the Jewish community. We also learned why people light the Menorah and place it by the window, especially around the time before Christmas. It was a fun and meaningful experience, and we enjoyed learning about different cultures and celebrations together.



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## Cedar Class visit to Beckenham Winter Gardens

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Cedar Class went on a trip to Beckenham Place Park Winter Gardens, travelling together on the school bus. The students enjoyed spending time outside in the park, visiting the different stalls, and sharing the experience with their classmates. The trip was an excellent opportunity to build friendships, support one another, and feel part of the wider community. Everyone also enjoyed doughnuts and hot chocolate with churros. It was a lovely day out and a positive, memorable experience for all.



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## Shadow Puppet Making - Pine Class

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This term Pine Class have been enjoying making props and shadow puppets to perform the Korean folktale 'The sun and the moon' as part of their English curriculum. To celebrate Black History Month Pine class learnt about Rosa Parks and decorated their class door in celebration of her positive contribution for equal rights in America. Pine class students also developed their enterprise skills by starting their own snow globe company. They worked as a team to design and make snow globes to sell at the winter market. Students designed the inside of the snow globe independently then as part of a production line assembled the finished snow globes. They also worked on the winter market stall to sell their products which included Lino prints made by students in their options class.



# Learning Outside the Classroom

## Careers & Work experience

This term, KS5 students had the opportunity to visit the UK Parliament. They had access to activities specially designed for SEND groups and learned how Parliament works through a range of engaging experiences, including technology-based, craft, and sensory activities.

Students also had the chance to speak with a Member of Parliament and gain an understanding of the role and responsibilities of an MP. They took part in a guided tour of the building, including the Robing Room, where the King puts on the Imperial State Crown and ceremonial robes before making his way to the House of Lords. Students visited both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the UK Parliament



## New Scientist Exhibition Live - Excel Centre

Students from Greenvale attended the New Scientist exhibition at the London Excel. The day was filled with visits to several exhibition stalls and presentations. We saw different ways Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine positively affect our lives and the environment. New Scientists Presenters were Doctors, Researchers, Engineers, and several other professionals involved with STEM. Students enjoyed the immersive experience on Solar systems and making their own Airforce paper model planes, Sampson's plane went the distance, he won a medal.



Message from Carol - There have been quite a few parents' coffee mornings this term, including meet the therapy team, anxiety in young people, special care dentist team and music/parent wellbeing. There are many more planned for 2026, hopefully see you then, if you would like any information on these please contact Carol.



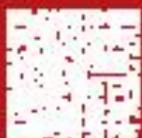
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# Free activities, fun and food over the school winter holidays

for eligible children and young people\*

- ❄ Sports
- ❄ Special trips
- ❄ Drama
- ❄ Arts and crafts
- ... and much, much more

\*Activities and lunches are free for school-aged children and young people (aged 5–16) who are eligible for and in receipt of Free School Meals.



To see what's on and how to book  
scan the QR code or visit:  
[lewisham.gov.uk/holiday-activities](https://lewisham.gov.uk/holiday-activities)



**Happy Holidays  
from  
All at Greenvale**