



Greenvale School Newsletter

October 2021

NOTABLE DATES 2021—2022

Friday 22nd October
Break up for half term

**Monday 25th October—
Friday 29th October**
Half Term

Monday 1st November
Students return to school

Friday 26th November
Staff Inset Day

Friday 17th December
Break up for Christmas

**Monday 20th December—
Monday 3rd January 2022**
Christmas Break

Heads Message

Dear Parents,

This half term has been a very long one! Eight weeks is the longest a half term could possibly be and we feel everyone deserves a break at half term. After a bumpy start the half term has been relatively quiet.

Our initial burst of Covid cases was over fairly quickly and our staff continue to take hygiene very seriously. Please do remember that you should not send your son/daughter to school if they have any of the three symptoms;

A new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of smell or taste.

We are all working hard to stop any spread in school testing regularly. If your son/daughter does have any of the three symptoms, please get a PCR test – they are coming back within 24 hours if you visit a testing site or 72 hours if you take a postal test.

In school it has been so lovely starting to get back to normal although very slowly! We now have half of the school joining in assemblies and lunches in the hall and lots of our groups have started.

The I base is running sessions in book club, journalism, reading, maths and strength building activities. We have Physio and hydrotherapy running at full capacity and advanced maths and English groups are up and running too. Students are enjoying educational visits to Beckenham Place Park, Downham leisure centre for trampoline sessions and to Brockley Rise every week. Key stage 5 are enjoying a return to options groups and Lunch club. It is fantastic to see our school full of life and busy again. Of course we still continue to reduce contacts across Key stages and remember to wash hands and be safe!

We also have some other exciting news – last week the Variety Club donated a brand new Sunshine coach to our school which will be a fantastic asset when we increase our enrichment activities back to full capacity. We also bought a new 9 seater car which will enable us to continue to make our visits but will not have an impact on the environment.

Lastly a quick building update. The new school is growing all the time but has slowed a little due to the difficulties of obtaining some materials. We might have to review our moving plans but at present the predicted finish date is April next year. We will be organising workshops and information sessions to tell you more about this exciting new venture as soon as we have clear information to share.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing all of our young people back on November 1st ready for our Christmas half term. We already have lots of Christmas activities planned!

Best wishes

Lynne.



Jack Petchey Winners



We are extremely excited to announce our latest Jack Petchey Award winner. Arif Ahmed thoroughly deserves the award and here is why:

Over the last year Arif has matured and is showing himself to be a model student. This is reflected in a student who is very grown up, is keen to work hard and improve his knowledge and skills. Arif has a great sense of humour. He is very friendly and we are very lucky to have him in class. The biggest improvement I have seen in Arif is how well he is managing his well-being. This has been a focus for the whole class and an area that Arif is proving to be an example for us all to follow. With the support of Learning mentors, his friends and staff, Arif has developed strategies to better manage his frustrations. As a result, Arif has built up an inner strength, which he lacked last year. With all this development Arif has lost nothing of his sense of humour. He is great company.

Greenvale Opera

Greenvale students took part in the community opera Venus and Adonis at The Blackheath Halls. The students enjoyed taking part, meeting new people and especially the singing.



Pixie

Every Wednesday Pets as Therapy visit the school. The students enjoy meeting Pixie the dog.



Cycling

Dr Bike came to service some staff cycles.
Alan did a great job. Thank you Alan



Greenvale will be supporting Save the Children
Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December



POSITIVE COVID RESULTS

As I am sure you are aware schools have to continue to support the contact tracing. Thus if your son / daughter becomes unwell and tests positive for the virus then you should notify the school even if this is during the half-term.

You can do this by

- Either by ringing the school and selecting option 2 -Reporting a Positive Covid case. You can leave a message there.
- Or you can email Schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk and inform us.

You need to let us know the following.

- * Name and Date of birth.
- * First day of symptoms.
- * Last day in school.
- * Date of test.
- * Date of conformation the test is positive.

Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you think you might be eligible and if you get certain welfare benefits, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

You could save up to £400 a year if your child gets free school meals and it will mean they get a healthy school lunch every day. Please visit the Lewisham website page regarding free school meals. There you can check whether you are eligible and also apply online. Not only do you get free meals but the school receives some additional funding. Check it out!

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale at Greenvale School after half term

