



Greenvale School Newsletter

February 2022



NOTABLE DATES 2022—2023

**Friday 11th February
Break up for half term**

**Monday 14th—Friday 18th
February
Half term**

**Monday 21st February
Students return to school**

**Friday 1st April
Break up for Easter holidays**

**Tuesday 19th April
Students return to school**

Heads Message

This has been the strangest half term! The school has been overwhelmed by positive cases of Covid 19. Since Christmas we have had 60+ cases with high staff absence levels. However, we appreciate how important school is to our young people and so our staff shared a real determination to keep the school running. The staff were amazing being flexible and so resilient. Every class has remained open, some outdoor trips have still gone ahead and the atmosphere in school has been one of calm, purposeful education despite all the challenges. All of our community deserve a restful, relaxing half term.

Thank you also to all of our parents who have helped us to reduce the number of infections in school. We have asked you all to keep students at home if at all unwell and you have really supported us with this and picking up any young people who have become unwell. We asked you to all test your sons and daughters and we saw a rise in student cases which told us again you are supporting us. Thank you!

Our young people have also been remarkably resilient – adjusting to activities like Step into Dance and Assemblies switching back to online. They have really been wonderful and made our work here so much easier! Throughout the term there have been so many wonderful things taking place.

Our trip to the velodrome in Croydon has been a great hit this term. Each week a class goes and all the students have opportunities to try out the adapted bikes. Every class will have an opportunity to go or use the bikes on the day when they come to us.

The students loved our New Year Bake off, there have been some wonderful art projects, Mousetrap theatre has visited and the school has continued to be a place where our young people learn and thrive together.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to returning back to school and resuming some of our regular activities.

Lynne





Cycling at the Velodrome

Cycling sessions have still been able to take place —

Here are some Hazel students at Croydon Velodrome.



Parent Engage CIC

Parent Engage run workshops on Friday mornings and can offer workshops via zoom, or, from March 2022, in-person workshops with a light breakfast. We can offer two 2-hour workshops from 10.00am until noon, or one 3-hour workshop from 9.30am until 12.30pm. If we run two workshops, the first workshop covers the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and offers coping strategies to manage stress and anxiety, which parents can teach their children. The second workshop covers 10 Ways to Build Resilience and Mindful Listening. Alternatively, we cover both topics in one 3-hour workshop.

The workshops are run by Lewisham parents for Lewisham parents. The workshops are free. If you would like to learn more, please email info@parent-engage-cic.org. You can also visit our website to learn more about us: www.parent-engage-cic.org. Our Wellbeing & Resilience Workshops Programme is supported by Lewisham Council and the Council's Mental Health Support Team.

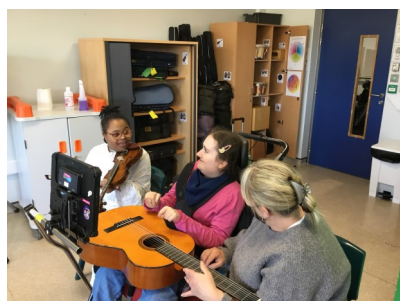
Safeguarding and Attendance

The welfare and safety of all our students is important to us. We will follow up on all issues or concerns as per our safeguarding policy. Please remember to notify the school office of the reason for any absences. We will contact you after 10am if we have not heard from you.

Congratulations to the following students who all achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term: Caitlin, Bartek, Alfie, Ryan, David, Peniel, Harish, Massie, Aniyah, Jacques, Ben, Charlie, Lewis, Sharifa, Adam, Rachidis

Music Therapy

It has been the first time Isobel has taken part in music therapy with a small group of students and they are both (Isobel and Nicole) proud of their achievements in these sessions.



Apply for a grant

If you're raising a disabled or seriously ill child, we might be able to help. There are three things to consider when applying to Family Fund:

1. **Are your family eligible?** We help families living in the UK on low incomes. Check our [eligibility criteria](#) to find out if this could be you.
2. **If you have applied to us before, check when you can you apply again.**
3. **Is your child eligible?** We use our own criteria to assess your child or young person's additional support needs. Look at our [child and young person eligibility criteria](#) to see if we might be able to help.
4. **Get an application form.** If you've read the information and think you would be eligible, [you can get started right now](#) and [register to apply online](#), [download an application pack](#) or [we can send a pack to you](#).
5. **We cannot provide an additional grant for a further child within the same family** until 12 months have been reached since a previous grant was applied for. Please note that the time frame of an application for grants are family specific and not child specific.
(For example if you apply for a grant on 13/12/2021 for child 1, you cannot make another grant for any other child within the same family until 13/12/2022)

Applying for the first time? You can now [register and apply online](#).

Do you need help filling out our application form? Take a look at our [application guidance document](#) or watch our video on how to apply.

REMINDER 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 holidays.

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.

