



Greenvale School Newsletter

October 2019

Football

NOTABLE DATES 2019—2020

**Friday 18th October
Break up for half term**

**Monday 28th October
Return to school**

**Monday 2nd December
Staff Inset Day**

**Thursday 19th December
Break up for Christmas**

**Monday 6th January
Return to school**

Nine students from KS3 and KS4 participated in The Panathlon Football Cup on Wednesday 9th October at Eltham Goals, for 5-a-side under 13's mixed gender & 5-a-side under 16's mixed gender.

The students have had a great time, competing with Conisbough college as part of a Lewisham team. The team came second and all students were issued with medals. Well done Greenvale.



Jack Petchey

We are excited to share that our winner of the Jack Petchey award this half term was Nathan! Here is why he won:

Nathan has had an excellent start of the year he has settled in and has responded well to his new class team. Nathan is a much valued member of his class and helps with important jobs and also shows himself to be an excellent example to his peers. He is enthusiastic in all he does and is working very hard and consistently makes good choices around his conduct. Well done Nathan!



The annual staff award was won by Shelly Connell. Well done Shelly.



Police Visit

Two Police Constables asked if they could come and visit us here at Greenvale school. They commented that for many years they have passed the school and always wanted to visit the young people inside. They enjoyed their tour of the school and brought along their car. Many of the students were excited to come and see and have a go at sitting in the car. They have been invited back to talk to our careers.



Heads Message

This term brought the arrival of 19 new students. We welcomed them into Ash, Elm, Juniper and Maple Classes. They have all settled in really well and have quickly become a part of our school community. They came to us from Watergate, Elfrida, Rushey Green, Drumbeat, Our Lady of Grace and Brent Knoll schools. We hope that they and their families feel as proud of the way that they have settled in as we do.

Welcome to Alexia, Isse, Samir, Stelian, Nigel, Matilda, Michael, Ryan, Leila, Kwesi, David, Leo, Kudiywa, Olushola, Israel, Bolero, David, Maritsa, Sharifa and Bridget.

We had a very successful parents evening and information fair on Wednesday 2nd October. It was a great opportunity for families to meet new class teachers and share their IEPs. There was also an opportunity to meet many other professionals who work with our young people. In addition, we shared the details of our planned new site for our Key Stage 5 and Glade Pathway students. The evening was a great success. Thank you for your support. This term we had an excellent parent's information workshop by Emily on E-Safety. This is an extremely important subject and we take this very seriously at school. It is included in our IT curriculum. It is a really important part of keeping our young people safe. Please check that your son / daughter is safe on line at home!

In October all students will once again be able to visit the polling booths in the Learning Mentors Base to vote for the Young Mayor. The vote is supervised by external staff and will be open all day. Students have previously been able to choose candidates from their statements in the election manifestos. This is, once again, an important opportunity for students to understand the process of voting and understand their contribution to the community.

We have lots of extra activities going on at Greenvale including; Adult education art class, swimming groups, music activities including strings, drums and brass tuition, Step into Dance, dance classes, gardening club, coding club, voluntary work at the Food Bank and lots more! This term we have started music therapy sessions in rotation too.

Just to let you know that we are once again selling poppies, pin badges and wrist bands at school. You can send money to school clearly marked poppy appeal and we will send poppies home.

Don't forget to check whether you are entitled to free school meals—the school gets extra money for pupil premium if you are! Check the London Borough of Lewisham website to find out.

Also please remember to call Ruth or Sharna if your son / daughter cannot come to school. If you cannot get through you can leave a message!

Lastly we have been sent some information on Inclusive tennis sessions, Wills and Pensions and Supported Work Placements from the Lewisham Parents and Carers Forum. This will be available via our Website and can be found in Parents, Communication & Partners section in Outreach, Help and Support and Clubs and Extra Curriculum. If you would like a printed copy please do not hesitate to contact the office to request this.

I hope everyone has a great half term break.



Changes to Inset days

A new pink Greenvale Holiday dates 2019—2020 has been sent home with new Inset days included on it. The inset days are now:-

Monday 2nd December 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Tuesday 21st July 2020

Please amend these dates in you diaries.

