

Greenvale School Newsletter

May 2019



The Big Pedal

Greenvale school took part in the Big Pedal challenge again this year. Our finishing position is 11th out of 55 schools in the Secondary Schools 5-day challenge category. Well done Greenvale.

The challenge is to get students on cycles and out of cars/buses where possible, which we achieved by using the static cycles and cross-trainers in school. This also helps in our School Travel Plan, to keep gold status.

NOTABLE DATES 2018—2019

Friday 24th May Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June Students return to school

> Friday 19th July Last day of term





Jack Petchey

On Thursday 14th March Greenvale's Jack Petchey award winners attended a presentation evening at Lewisham Theatre. It was a wonderful evening for students and their guests with a mixture of awards, speeches, music and dance. The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme, recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex and Greenvale has been part of this fantastic scheme for a number of years.

We were very proud to see students Daniel, Morgan, Millie-May, Lucy, Emmanuel T and Kirk receive their awards in front of a packed theatre. Also, receiving a leader award was Learning Support Assistant, Gideon who was nominated by his colleagues at Greenvale.

Our latest Jack Petchey winner is Akira! As ever, we had lots of nominations to choose from and this is because we have amazing students that achieve amazing things day in-day out at Greenvale School. This half term, Akira shone though. Here is why:

"Akira has made an impressive transition into Key Stage 5 and has made new friends and relationships with staff very quickly. Her greatest achievement is her progress in communication – speaking and listening. She uses the grid player in a skilled way to relate to staff and peers and shares her thoughts, ideas and learning. She fully engages with an extensive range of activities and has a wicked sense of humour! Well done Akira!"

We are very proud of her and look forward to hearing what she has chosen to buy.



Stratford Circus Arts Centre

On Thursday 16th May, Daniel, Mahad, Brandon, Jacques and Billy went to the Stratford Circus Arts Centre. We watched a fantastic performance of 2 artists. We were then invited on stage to join the artists in 'painting' famous works of art, including Kandinsky's circles. At the end, we were able to lay down as Van Gogh's Starry Starry Night was projected above for us to see. An amazing time was had by all!









Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that at Greenvale we pride ourselves on making Safeguarding our young people our highest priority.

This means that we will always follow up any unexplained bumps or injuries or anything that your young person might tell us. We appreciate that this can be worrying as a parent but it is our responsibility to act upon anything that might be a cause for concern.

In addition, please remember that if you do not call in to report your son/daughters absence we will continue to call you or your named contact until we have reached you. If we do not hear within 24 hours we will visit you at home and /or call the police. This is a safeguarding requirement for all vulnerable young people.

We hope that with such an open honest approach we can keep our young people safe.

You can help us by keeping us informed of any changes or injuries from home and by ensuring that you report all absences to the school as early as possible.

Lastly please ensure that we have <u>two</u> different up-to-date contact numbers on file. This will reduce the likelihood of a visit following absence.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a lovely Spring break.

Lynne

Reminders

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please check your eligibility on the London Borough of Lewisham website, searching for Free school meals.

