



GREENVALE  
SCHOOL

# Greenvale School Newsletter

## October 2020



### NOTABLE DATES 2020—2021

**Friday 23 October**  
**Break up for half term**

**Monday 2nd November**  
**Students return to school**

**Monday 23rd November**  
**Staff Development day**

**Friday 18th December**  
**Break up for Christmas**

**Monday 4th January**  
**Students return to school**

### Heads Message

Dear Parents,

It has been really wonderful to be back together this term. Greenvale is so much better and more fun when all of our young people are with us! And of course our amazing staff have worked really hard to ensure we have rigorous routines of sanitising and cleaning to make sure we keep all germs at bay.

Thank you to all families who have been so supportive of all of our measures to keep everybody safe. It is never easy to keep students at home and it is not easy for us to ask, but currently we cannot risk any chance of the virus. We really appreciate your cooperation! Thank you all.

The students and staff have been enjoying a recovery curriculum every afternoon and we have done lots of activities as a school without physically joining together.

I hope that you all have a safe, healthy and restful half-term.

Lynne.

**Remember if your son / daughter has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home ;**

- **A persistent cough.**
- **A high temperature**
- **A loss of taste or smell.**

**Thank you.**



# The Recovery Curriculum.

## Thankful Tree school Activity.

Being thankful for the positives is a means to focus our attention on the good things especially following all the stresses of Covid and the lockdown. We took a moment to think of one (or two!) things for which we are thankful and capture them on a label. We placed them all on our thankful tree.



## Super Powers!

This week we have spent time looking at Super Heroes. Finding out what their super powers are and celebrating other staff and student super powers across the school. Our school is full of Super Heroes!



## Mood Jars.

In week 4 all students created a mood jar to express themselves or for mindfulness by choosing colours and glitter.



## Keeping creative project

Arthur, our amazing talented music teacher has supported classes to take part in a "Feeling Good" project taking inspiration from Nina Simone's 'Feeling Good' to create sounds and movements that express how we are feeling.

It has been a real success!

## Happiness Boxes.

In week 2 we made happiness boxes. The Happiness Box is a visible and tangible way of creating, before the student's eyes, what inner strength may actually look like; it enables them to practice and rehearse strategies that help them cope with their emotions.

The joy of a Happiness Box is that it can be totally personalised to the young person; they put in the box things that make them happy. It might be a piece of music; it might be a printed representation of a favourite show, a book, or an item that brings comfort.

We loved making our boxes!





## Recovery Curriculum - **‘Place2Be’**



During the third week of the term the students in Rowan class were working on ‘Place2Be: Looking Back – Looking Forward’. They have taken part in creating hope stone path. Each student has chosen and painted a pebble. A special message has been added to it later, such as love, hope and happiness. After a coat of varnish, the stones were placed in the sensory garden



## Jack Petchey Winner

Falashia has matured into a really lovely young man. He has made so much progress at Greenvale School. Falashia moved to the High Needs classes in year 8 as he was struggling with his emotions, interacting with people and transitions. Since then, he has matured and developed and can now use his words to express his feelings and needs without displaying challenging behaviour. Falashia is now kind and gentle to his teachers and peers and is always looking to socialise and have a chat with new people.

Falashia has improved his behaviour so much that it has had a big impact in his academic achievements. He is one of our advanced learners and has amazing Numeracy skills. He is now more confident in his learning and loves adding and taking away activities. His new achievement is using phonics techniques to develop his reading even further.

## Tennis.

Hi everyone, it's Chris tennis coach. Just a reminder that we are restarting our Inclusive Disability tennis session tomorrow

Wednesday 7th October at the

Ladywell Centre sports hall @ 5.45-6.45pm. Ali will continue to be the lead coach. The first session is FREE and subsequent sessions are £4. We are unfortunately unable to do pay as you go with the current restrictions so all places need to be booked in advance.

We only have 8 places available each week. If anyone is interested in joining over the next few weeks please email me at

[chris@southeastlondon.tennis.com](mailto:chris@southeastlondon.tennis.com)

We'll add your details to the register and will then forward you details of how to book once you've had your free session. Best wishes

Chris

## A Very Warm Greenvale Welcome!

This year we have had nearly 30 new students join us at school. They have come to us from at least 6 different schools. It has been so lovely getting to know them all and we are so delighted that they have settled so well. We also welcome all of their families as a part of our school community. We hope that we will have a successful time together celebrating all that our young people achieve!

**Welcome!**

Uniform—changes to prices, please see attached.





## GREENVALE SCHOOL

### Uniform Price List & Order Form

Item	Size Available	Price
Green Fleece Jacket	XS/S/M/L/ XL/ XXL	£17.00
Grey Sweatshirt	32" 34" XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL	£12.00
Polo shirt White/Jade/Grey	32" 34" XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL	£10.50
Sweatcardi	34" XS/S/M	£13.00
PE T-Shirt	S/M/L/XL	£7.00
PE Shorts	26/28" 30/32" 34/36"	£4.50
Rucksack	One Size	£10.00

Name of student .....

Item & Colour	Size	Quantity	Price
<b>Total:</b>			

Please return completed order forms to Greenvale school office with full payment enclosed. Payments can be made by cash or cheque.

Cheques are to be made payable to Greenvale School.

I enclose cheque/cash for the following amount £.....

