



Greenvale School Newsletter

July 2021



**NOTABLE DATES
2020—2021**

**22nd July 2021—
Last day for students—**

**23rd July 2021
Staff Inset Day**

**1st September 2021
Staff Inset day**

**2nd & 3rd September
New year 7s Only**

**Monday 6th September
All students return to school**

Heads Message

Well, this year has been a very strange one with so much to navigate with us all yet so much achieved.

Our young people have, as always, been so amazing! They have flourished with on-line choir and dance and over the past few weeks have loved the variety of our sports and music festivals and Greenvale Bake offs and talent shows. Our staff have worked so hard to ensure there are no missed opportunities whilst also ensuring our environment is as safe as can be. It has been lovely to have visitors back in school and to see our young people enjoying the workshops (whilst also sticking to their bubbles!)

The school has looked wonderful with all the whole school displays that have linked our classes together when they couldn't meet in person. Our lovely teachers organised on-line Countdown and Bingo sessions along side our weekly Bake-off and a one off talent show.

The most important thing for us this term has been to keep as many young people safely in school as possible as Greenvale is just not the same without our amazing young people.

We are already planning for September,. You should have received your letter confirming classes for next year and we are all excited about meeting our 33 new Year 7, 3 new year 12 students joining us. We have to say goodbye and good luck to our Leavers, John, Justin, Rahma, Jessica, Tolu, Busi, Ieuan, Jermaine, Daniel Falashia and Abdi. They are all moving on to college. We will miss them, and wish them all the best. We are having an on-line leavers assembly later this week.

In September we are hopeful that the isolations will have ended for all double vaccinated staff and any students under 18 and 4 months. We will continue to carry out all the procedures and processes that have kept us safe over the last year in an effort to keep everyone healthy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and parents for your on-going support and cooperation during such difficult times. We really appreciate you and your families.

In September please remember not to send your son / daughter to school if they have any of the Covid symptoms. Have a peaceful and healthy summer.

Kindest Regards,

Lynne



Greenvalebury Festival Week

This term Sycamore class has been preparing some costumes for Greenvalebury festival which will be celebrated in the school. We really enjoyed making dry tie dye t-shirts, a festival windsock, festival glasses etc.



Greenvale Festival 12th - 16th July

We have had an amazing week of different art and craft activities such as tie dying t-shirts, making flags and bunting, as well as a wide range of visiting artists in school including felt making workshops, and interactive workshops and performances from a diverse range of musicians including opera, jazz, Indian and a brass band. We also had Pixie, a labradoodle from Canine Assisted Learning visit too.

Jali - Live Music Now

On Tues 15th June we had our first visiting musician in over a year and a half. We were delighted to have Jali visit from Live Music Now. Jali is a kora player who played 3 concerts, one for each key stage. Students were all in class bubbles in their own event shelter outside, and enjoyed listening to the music, as well as playing instruments and dancing.

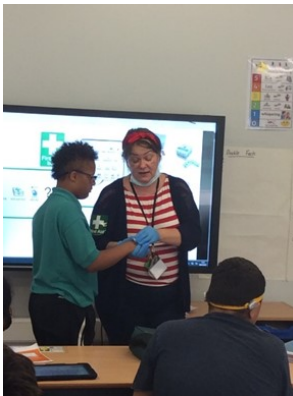
Wellbeing Award for Schools

Greenvale achieved the Wellbeing Award for School in May 2021. This is a fantastic achievement for our school community, and special thanks go out to all those involved on the Wellbeing committee and Strategic Committee to support our wellbeing journey.



Careers day

On 7th, 8th and 9th of July students from KS3, KS4, KS5 and High Needs participated in Careers Day whose topic was choices and careers. Students from KS3, KS4 and High Needs were able to identify and recognize different jobs in the community such as a doctor, a nurse, a dentist, a cleaner, a hairdresser, a chef, a shop assistant, a lollipop man and a mechanic by dressing up in costumes and role-playing in class. After recognizing jobs and careers in the community, students had the First Aid workshop to be able to understand the importance of first aid in school and who they should ask for help in case they need it. At the end of the workshop, students received a certificate.



KS5 students worked on the same topic but they preferred to open a business. They opened a coffee shop! Students were able to set up the tables, setting the price for food, taking orders, working with money, cleaning and at the end they enjoyed eating a variety of ingredients like scones with clotted cream and jam, satsumas, bananas, raisins, juice, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Students loved the idea of working in a coffee shop.

Well done to all students and teachers who contributed for this event to happen!



Duke of Edinburg Award

Students in KS5 have been volunteering this term at the Lewisham Foodbank as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Last Friday we helped with a community food collection at Tesco in Elmers End which was a huge success!



New School Meals Contract.

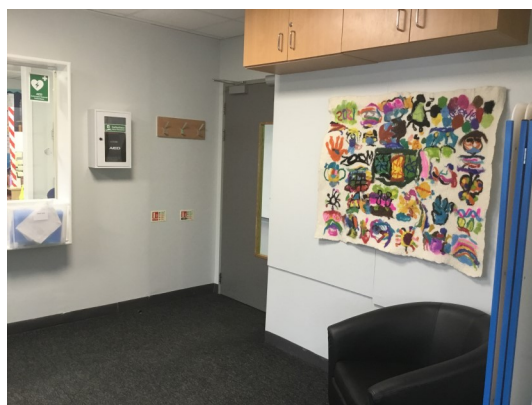
Next term we will start a new school meals contract with Caterlink. We hope that this will mark a real improvement on what is on offer to our young people at meal times. There will be increased choices and healthy options but luckily we will be keeping our usual lovely kitchen staff. Meals will increase in price to £2.49. This can be most easily paid by using Parentmail. You will have received details on how to do this. (Copy letter attached).



Felt Workshop

Last week, as part of the Festival week, students from every class took part in a felt workshop run by a felt artist Heidi Street-Ward to make a banner for the wall in the reception entrance. Everyone who took part really enjoyed it and had great fun too.

Students submitted designs based on their experiences and reflections of this extra ordinary year. The pictures mark a time in history for Greenvale. I hope you agree it's a lovely piece of work that brightens up this area in school.



Expansion to our Mayow Road Site.

Next Easter time we are still hoping that our second building will be open. It is going to be a lovely bespoke new building for all of our Key Stage 5 and Glade students. It is on Mayow Road Sydenham and you can see it growing if you pass by.

Aaron will become our second deputy head in September and he will be leading us on this new site.

Here is a picture of how it will look. Next term we will be holding parent workshops and meetings to tell you more.



Jack Petchey Winners



Enzo moved from our Glade pathway and joined Cedar class part way through the year and has adapted to the change amazingly well. During what could have been a very difficult time for him, he has absolutely thrived. Enzo is now listening to and following instructions really well and his communication via Makaton and symbols has been improving. When he is feeling anxious he is communicating his need to go outside or play with a ball. The biggest achievement for Enzo is that he is now able to travel around the school sensibly, and is now even being encouraged to do jobs such as deliver letters, collect the hoist or sheets from the printer with a staff member. He is now also trialling joining his peers in the main KS3/4 playground. Being able to travel around the school sensibly, we feel is a massive achievement for Enzo, and a change that brings him more independence and opportunities to continue to mature and improve. Well done Enzo!

John has matured into a very caring and thoughtful student who always wants to make sure everyone is keeping well and that fellow students are on task. John has a good sense of humour which cheers up the class and is always willing to take part in class activities when asked. He will often volunteer to take a turn first and commands everybody's attention when it's his time to shine. John brings a sense of energy to Greenvale School and has only been absent when attending college. On these very rare occasions, everyone comments on how much they miss John's presence.

Cycling

Please see attached a flyer concerning cycling with Wheels for Wellbeing. The Sunday children's sessions are free but every session has to be booked via bookings@wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk

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Nathan Maguire lucky charm/mascot competition.

Here are Maple classes entries for the Nathan Maguire lucky charm/mascot competition.



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!

Iris ParentMail

Please see attached letter about IRIS ParentMail, our new payment system.

