

May 2021



**NOTABLE DATES
2020—2021**

**Friday 28th May 2021
Break up for half term**

**31st May—4th June
Half term**

**22nd July 2021—
Last day for students—
break up for summer holi-**

**23rd July 2021
Staff Inset Day**

Greenvale Bake Off

Classes have been taking part in a bake off—Here is the entry for Rowan class



Elm class were so excited to win the Bake Off competition on Friday 14th May with our amazing Gingerbread Greenvale School ... we had students, friends holding hands, a Greenvale School covered in sweets and even a wheel-chair! We had so much fun rolling out and cutting the gingerbread and then the next day decorating our creations!



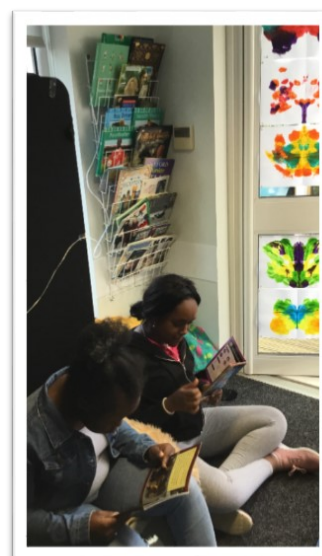
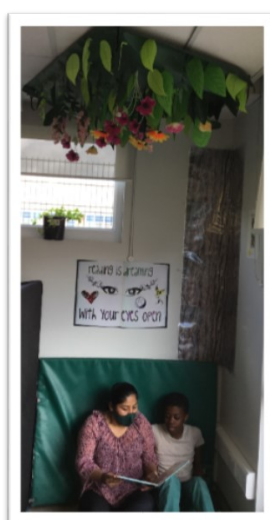
Reading Project- Greenvale School:

Greenvale School is working towards developing further outstanding practice in supporting students' reading. Our vision is for all our students to have the reading skills necessary to reach their full potential. We aim to ensure a balanced mix of approaches, to standardise reading strategies and school routines and to increase staff training. Michaela Wood and Lina Avila will be leading the reading project. Our INSET day on 4th of May had a focus on teaching reading to all.



Reading at Greenvale School:

Through our differentiated Pathways all students have opportunities to enjoy reading at their own level. For some this will be through Specialist software, the reading scheme, sensory stories, Makaton signs, cued articulation, communicate in print stories and for others it will be through developing knowledge of phonics. The reading scheme includes a wider range of fiction and non-fiction texts with a higher interest level but at the required reading level for the needs of our students.



Jack Petchey

On the evening of the 20th of May, we had our Jack Petchey awards evening. This year, it was different. It was online and we, with our families watched from our homes. This was different to the usual format. However, it was still great fun and enjoyable. To hear the achievements made by our students was amazing.

All of our students do amazing things every day and we are proud of every single one! But, on this occasion a huge well done to the following students:

Bidemi Alogba
Ryan Martin
Akira Pennant
Alfie Mellish
Rommai Farnell
Emma - Louise Bailey
Stelian Boboc



Each year, we nominate a member of staff for our leader award. We nominated Barbara Speirs and she was also presented her award. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Barbara for all she does, has done and continues to do for all of us and most importantly, our young people.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A group of students from KS5 have started their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Some students are volunteering at a local community garden in Downham managed by Grow Lewisham. They have thoroughly enjoyed helping to build the garden; placing border tiles around the beds, weeding, sowing and watering. They have also been practicing their road safety and route planning skills when walking to the plot.



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.

