



# Greenvale School Newsletter

## December 2022



### NOTABLE DATES 2022—2023

**Friday 16th December**  
**Last day of Term**

**Monday 19th December -**  
**Monday 2nd January**  
**Christmas Holidays**

**Tuesday 3rd January**  
**Student Return to school**

**Friday 10th February**  
**Break up for half term**

**Monday 13th February—**  
**Friday 17th February**  
**Half term**

**Monday 20th February**  
**Student Return to school**

**Friday 31st March**  
**Break up for Easter**

### Heads Message

Once again it has been a busy half term with all of our enrichment activities. It is fantastic to see how well our new students are doing and how mature our Key stage 5 students have become. The new building on Mayow Road really has a college type atmosphere and is so adult – it's great. We are having all sorts of additional works there including outdoor gyms, shelters and developing our interactive room.

On Waters Road the three portacabins are moving over Christmas and we hope to develop that area into a garden type area. We will share photographs of all of these areas in our next newsletters.

We had a visit from our local MP Janet Daby on 2<sup>nd</sup> December to see the Special Schools Eye Service in action. She loved the school and was so impressed by our young people. She had a tour of the school and saw first-hand how amazing our young people are!

I would just like to say a few thank you's at the end of term. Thank you to all parents who have attended annual reviews, meetings, medicals, concerts, discos and any other school events. We very much appreciate your support and help in providing the best possible education for our young people. Your support is much appreciated and valued. It has been so lovely seeing so many of you after the distance created by the pandemic. It is great to welcome so many new parents to our school community.

Also thank you to all of our amazing staff who give so much to our young people and thank you also to our students for working so hard and doing their best.

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Please do not forget that if your circumstances change you can check online whether you are eligible for free school meals.

If you have a spare moment over Christmas then why not find the parent view link on the OFSTED page of our website and rate the school. It will help us to see what you feel we are doing well and also where we can improve. Thank you again for your support.

I would like to wish every member of our school community a restful and peaceful Christmas. See you in 2023!

Lynne  
Lynne Haines  
Headteacher.

## Jack Petchey Winners



### Everton

We would like to nominate Everton for Jack Petchey Award. Everton has settled in well and he has become a popular member of Hazel Class. Everton works hard in all subjects making progress towards achieving his potential. Everton is always kind and helpful to his peers and staff and he is always willing to fulfil his class duties. Everton shows excellent manners and behaviour by always saying thank you, waiting for his turn, asking permission to go to out of class and he requests for help whenever he needs it. He is always very proactive by tidying up and cleaning the classroom. Everton has adapted well with his new hearing aid equipment which he wears them regularly. Everton uses his Grip Player with more confidence to communicate with staff and peers and to interact during the lessons. Everton follows instructions and he always shows good listening to staff. Everton is an asset to Greenvale School.

### Alfie H

We feel Alfie deserves the Jack Petchey award. Since joining Cedar Class this year, Alfie has consistently modelled to other students how to make good choices and try their best, he is empathetic and patient. He is the first one to offer help when it's needed and adapts the way he helps young people according to their understanding and needs. He is a shining star in Cedar Class and due to the busy nature of the classroom, I think it is often overlooked how hard he tries on a daily basis. Winning the Jack Petchey award would go some way to showing our appreciation, I have no doubt that he would spend the money thoughtfully. It would be great to have some resources that are of interest to him.



## SeeAbility Special Care Eye Service



Janet Daby MP @JanetDaby · Dec 3

Yesterday, I was delighted to be invited by @SeeAbility to visit the wonderful students at Greenvale School 😊

They are leading the way on providing eye tests for children with learning disabilities. It was great to see this in action!

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Janet Daby MP @JanetDaby · Dec 3

Children with learning disabilities are more likely to have sight problems.

That's why @NHSEngland promised to rollout eye tests in special schools in 2019. But now this may not happen.

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Janet Daby MP @JanetDaby · Dec 3

👉 I'm supporting calls to have opticians in every special school.

This allows children to get the support they need and teachers to know how to better meet their needs.

Let's take action on this now!

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## **A Poem from Oak Class**

Oak class wrote a poem about things that are important to them and their future. The topics were poverty, recycling, violence and equality , respect , our environment, hope and peace etc. We have won a place in The young writer's association poetry book to be published soon . The winner hasn't been announced yet so let's hope.

The Poem is as follows

**GOTTA SEE SOME CHANGES ROUND HERE NOW  
RESPECT AND RECYCLE OUR RESOURCES  
EQUALITY FOR ALL  
ENVIRONMENT OF OUR PLANET MATTERS  
NO MORE POVERTY OF HOMELESSNESS  
VIOLENCE MUST STOP  
ALL RIGHTS RESPECTED  
LOVE IS BEING KIND TO EVERYONE  
EVERYONE MATTERS**

**BY OAK CLASS**

## **Iris Parent Mail**

Greenvale is moving towards being a cashless school. Payments for lunches etc. can be made via IrisParentmail. Please contact the school office for more details.

Please check on Lewisham Council website to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

