



# Newsletter from the Greenside Film Factory



Issue 1:

Breaking Boundaries  
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

Date: Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

A huge 'welcome' to our families today - this is our 1st official Multimedia Newsletter of the academic year.

This means that on Friday 17th September we send you this written Newsletter with just the practical information that you need to know about what's going on at Greenside.

The exciting parts are the podcast that goes live on the same day and our extra special Instagram post that day too.

Our podcast is made by students with James Tilden on our very own radio station and it tells you about our films being studied this half term, our Stars of the Week and lots of exciting facts and info directly told by our students. You can access via an apple app and through this link: <https://linktr.ee/greensideprimaryschool>

Many of you follow us on Instagram - if you don't please sign up today!

So, here we are at the end of week 3 and we're having a ball with our 'new' classes - our Nursery & Reception cohorts feel like they have been here forever already and they have some wonderful little personalities they have brought to us.

Our New Head Girl & Boy Team were appointed this week - slightly late for the press deadlines of this edition so look out for lots of pictures and introductions from them in the coming weeks. We are terribly proud of them all and the mature way they interviewed - showing such commitment to Greenside and such kindness. The names are printed below and we'd like to add 'congratulations' to all their families too!

## **1. The Year of Going Places!**

It is the ***Year of Going Places - Journeys!*** At Greenside - each week our STAR days have a different hook to help students recall their learning and, most importantly, to link their learning across time - we have some wonderful films at the heart of the learning. Please check out our STAR day plans on our website and listen to the podcast today to hear more.

Our Film Crew Days are set firmly in History this term - do ask your daughter/ son to talk to you about their understanding of the period they began studying this year.

We have some great Friday morning Specialisms this year so please talk about these at home to help our students articulate and explain their learning - as we know, every time they tell you something it helps them recall and understand it more deeply.

## **2. Meeting update**

Thank you to those parents/ carers who joined us for our 1st in person meeting for several years! It was great to see everyone and have the 1-2-1 connections again. I am mindful that not all adults can attend meetings in the school day whether we hold them in the morning or afternoon even when they really want to do so.

I know key messages and information will have been shared between you in person/ via Whatsapp etc and it might be useful in future for such occasions to be filmed and put on the website so that no-one misses out - do let me know your thoughts?

I would like to reinforce just one point, Sophie Wietzman is our SENDCo and if you have any questions about your daughter/ son's progress/ learning and would like to talk to her as well as your Class Teacher please do get in touch. Sophie works at Greenside every Monday, Tuesday & Friday: [sophiew@greensideschool.org](mailto:sophiew@greensideschool.org)

## **2. Community Council**

We will be in touch soon (out of the Newsletter cycle) with information about our TEFAT Community Council.

I will write to you with details but it really means we are looking for a parent/ carer from each of our Key Stages (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) to meet with a group of interested people each half to really get to know Greenside and help us in our never-ending cycle of improvement. It replaces Governors and is an Advisory group. Do watch this space!

## **3. Newsletter Stars of the Week - Y6 Leaders!**

Our Stars of the Week have to be our Y6 student who have been appointed to Leadership roles as follows:

Executive Head: Una

Head Girls & Boys: Alliah, Isla, Abdurraheem, Charlie, Ibrahim

Deputy Heads: Ritaj, Louis

Assistant Heads: Sorai, Elijah

Ambassadors: Iona (Nature), Patrick (Digital), Momen (Digital), Siraag (Nature)

Arts Leaders: Alia, Ayodeji, Lidhia, Nicholas

EYFS Leaders: Cosy, Joe

Sports: Dixie, Emily, Roan, Yasin

Nature: Solaf, Sonia

#### **4. Events**

Our published results are, inevitably, changing already!

#### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Monday 20th September we will be holding a Non-uniform day (last of the summer clothes theme) and ask for a £1.00 donation (where possible) for charity on International Peace Day.

We were planning a family afternoon but are now going to combine this with a family quiz afternoon in a couple of weeks time.

We are, of course, also hoping many of you have already put on your dancing shoes and watched our Tutorials to learn our

***Dance to Welcome Little Amal*** that we will be performing at 2.00pm on Friday 22nd October!

#### **EYFS Coffee Morning**

On Wednesday 22nd September our Nursery & Reception families are invited to come in and meet Robin & Christina informally to give you a chance to meet each other and ask questions etc of Greenside!

#### **Secondary Transfer**

In the past Secondary Heads have come to talk at an evening event at Greenside. At this 'post-Covid' moment they are not looking to make such visits this year. So, as an alternative we are inviting Y6 families to come in at 3.45pm on Thursday 23rd September to meet us and we will talk about the process, explore your options and try to answer your questions!

This event is open to all of Key Stage 2 families if helpful. We will meet in the Hall coming in via the main Foyer entrance.

We hope to see many of you that afternoon.

#### **5. SMSC**

Finally I am sneaking in a poem - it was written and performed for me by Allegra, Fiona & Nikki as part of their SMSC learning this week - great words girls!



#### **Sounds**

Sounds can be loud

Sounds can be quiet

Sounds can be proud

And sounds like a riot.

Children are laughing and partying all day

Sounds around Greenside are interesting & strange

Children are coming back from School

Parents are chatting

Parents acting like they rule ....

### **1. Message from the Head of School**

Dear Greenside families.

A huge welcome back! I know I speak for all of my staff when I say that we were so delighted to have the students back to fill the building with positive energy and joy again. **The Year of Going Places** started off the new academic year with our usual whole school immersion day which started with a whole school board meeting. Having everyone together for the board for the first time in literally years, was incredible. Teachers out did themselves with their immersion tasks to engage and inspire the students with their new films with everything from scavenger hunts, to cooking, to competitions, bubble machines, music, trips around the world, the list goes on and on. And that was just day 1! It has been wonderful to welcome all our new families to Greenside, right the way from Nursery and throughout the whole school. We are looking forward to a year that is as 'normal' as possible with many, many more fantastic experiences for our students and our families to enjoy!

Robin Yeats - Head of School

### **2. Message from Ms Webber**

Welcome back everyone! It is so great to see our whole school community back together again and what a start it has been. This year, as well as challenging our academic Test Ready learning we are really 'going places' with the Food Experience & our Nature learning as part of our World Ready programme. We have launched a year long whole school STEAM project to regenerate the soil in our garden in a quest to grow the most nutritionally rich and flavoursome produce we can. Through this project all of our students will develop their scientific knowledge and deepen their understanding of factors affecting our environment, as well as being hands on with growing the veg in our garden which we use in the kitchen.

We have a new look menu for the Autumn Term that showcases delicious, seasonal products that have been sourced from producers who share our philosophy about caring for the soil. This term we are proud to share with you a new website dedicated to everything we do with food and nature here at Greenside: <https://www.thegreensidefoodexperience.com/>. Do check it out and keep an eye open for updates on all of our exciting new plans for The Food Experience.

With the start of the new year comes our drive for even better attendance! Last week three of our classes achieved 100% attendance and they were rewarded with one of Greenside's famous attendance prizes - some red peppers. We would like to remind our families about the importance of good attendance for all our students - there is so much going on at Greenside that it really would be a shame to miss out! Let's make this our best year yet.

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

### **3. Message from Mr Mahara**

Welcome back to the new academic year! In the **Year of Going Places**. I am heading into my fifth year at Greenside and an entirely new role within the school - I will be joining the leadership group as an Assistant Head while also continuing to lead maths. In this position, I have the fantastic opportunity to work with staff across the school to create inspiring learning experiences for our students. My main focus will continue to be on developing maths at Greenside. We will take our students on a journey around the incredible world of mathematics - including learning about number, measure, geometry and statistics. Students will make sense of their learning through our selection of class films while maths knowledge and skills will continue to be applied in our STEAM projects. Our aim is for our students to become curious, resilient and logical mathematicians who can articulate their learning in a passionate way.

We have already had a brilliant start to the year and I cannot wait to see just what our students will achieve this year!

Daniel Mahara - Assistant Head & Maths Lead

Wishing you all a lovely few weeks ahead and a happy International Peace Day!

Karen



Karen Bastick-Styles – Executive Head

**GREENSIDE  
Family Calendar  
2021-2022**

Please note in the current Covid climate, all dates are subject to change at short notice

Autumn Term 1		
Week 4		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for charity
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	International Peace Day at Greenside - please can you send pictures to KBS of your money boxes for Little Amal's 10th Birthday!
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.00am	Nursery & Reception Coffee Morning
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	3.45pm	Y6 – Secondary Transfer Briefing
Week 5		
All Week	Various	Lose change collection for <b>Good Chance</b>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	AM	Y6 Greenside & Griffin Shared Writing session
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Open Morning – Prospective Families
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	PM	Family Quiz
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 1st October	PM	Y5 & Y6 - Mayor's Cup - Greenside vs John Betts
Week 6		
Tuesday 5th October	All Day	Y1 Trip to Holland Park
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Week 7		
All Week	Various	Data Capture 1 – Tests & Assessments
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Open Morning – Prospective Families
Wednesday 13th October	All Day	Student Trip to Houses of Parliament – Letters – Little Amal
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 2
Friday 15th October	PM	Y5 & Y6 - Mayor's Cup - Greenside vs Earls Court

Week 8		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Nursery Family Sharing
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Reception Family Sharing
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for charity
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Various	Food Experience Family Event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Day	Greenside leads an International <b><i>Dance to Welcome Little Amal!</i></b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	All Day	Students bring in Little Amal 'Happy Birthday' Loose Change Box
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	3.30pm	Half Term holiday begins!
Autumn Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	8.55am	Students return to Greenside