

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

I hope you all received our 'pre-term' email last week confirming the start of term arrangements and sharing the joy that we're all back and the world is slowly (but surely we hope). It seems like ages since our doors, gates and classrooms were open and full of joy, laughter and learning but today we are back.....!

It was just wonderful to see everyone again and to start to think about all the great things we have in store this academic year and we hope it will be a year of 'on-site' learning for us all!

We are beginning our **Greenside Year of Going Places - Journeys!**

Please check out our website STAR Day plans www.greenside.org to see the films and wonderful Learning Experiences we have planned for the next half term. We have a focus of significant journeys that our films portray - some real and some metaphorical. Today we have viewed a selection of film trailers all telling wonderful, diverse stories of real and metaphorical journeys - what a great place to start! We have also been making messages for our new friends in Italy - one of our key Italian schools working with **Good Chance and The Walk** - who are keen to get to know us at Greenside and share wonderful stories - who knows we may get to visit them in person if we really get to go places! We will also be choreographing, making tutorials and teaching the world our super amazing Greenside dance steps and moves to our **Dance to Welcome Little Amal** (see calendar).

We have some super cool Film Crew and Specialism projects planned for this year - all designed to challenge our young people and to develop those all important World Ready skills. We can't wait to share our charity plans, our Community ideas and the next stage of our Arts Plan - we have so much to look forward to this year. We'll be dancing lots and developing our spoken word through poetry, performance and using our Radio Station. As the Government reinstates all the levels of tests & assessments for Primary aged students (including a new system for Reception students in their 1st six weeks of statutory education!) we'll be matching our World Ready & Test Ready vision. We'll be working so hard to challenge our students in their Reading, Writing, Maths & STEAM and looking at validation through Apple School Status and a brand new venture 'World Class Status'. It's also that time when we will be publishing our next Artsmark statement of intent.

And, of course, we'll be planning our 2021-2022 performances and productions too - go Greenside!

Our Teachers were so excited to meet their new classes and we were especially thrilled to welcome our new Nursery and Reception families as well as a couple of young people and their parents/ carers who have joined our Y1 - Y6 classes. Welcome to Greenside - we can't wait to introduce you to everyone very soon! We will be meeting with a couple of our key PSA leaders next week and I am sure they will be in touch soon to see how we can resurrect our wonderful Greenside Community in lots of different ways.

1. Greenside Calendar

I have included an autumn term Family Calendar below - we are still in the process of confirming 'public' events - please assume they will take place but be ready for possible Covid-related changes/ postponement if things change locally or nationally.

Our 1st back on track occasions are next Tuesday (7th Sept - Y1, Y2 and Y3) and Wednesday (8th Sept - Y4, Y5 & Y6) when you are all invited to come along for around half an hour at 3.45pm to meet your daughter/ son's new Teacher and to hear about their planned year ahead. This is an informal occasion but an important starting point for the year and especially significant as our parents/ carers and Teachers have not had a chance to meet and talk in person for so long!

A couple of early 'big events' to 'save the date' for:

a) **The Greenside Year Ahead - Workshop for all families (N-Y6) - Monday 13th September.**

Robin & I would like as many parents/ carers as possible to pop in and meet us for the last hour of the afternoon. We will talk to you about national education changes, update you about the year ahead at Greenside and to have an opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our curriculum model, our learning and World Ready & Test Ready Greenside plan!

b) **On World Peace Day (Monday 20th September)** when we will be inviting parents/ carers to come and join us to celebrate in the afternoon.

c) **On Friday 22nd October** when we will be leading an International **Dance to Welcome Little Amal** to London - time to dust off your dancing shoes!

2. Attendance

Please ensure your daughter/ son attends Greenside everyday unless they are really too unwell to do so.

We are always pleased to see students a little later in the day if they feel better (we know how precarious little ones can be in the morning and then they are fine!)

We ask that you keep an eye on the Government's guidance re: Covid rules and follow this strictly.

Please see our term dates below - we ask that you don't book any holidays/ travel or other appointments during term time - we want our students with us every day!

3. Meet My Teacher

On Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th September at 3:45pm, we will be setting up opportunities for our Y1 - Y6 Families to meet their daughter/ son's new Teachers. Assuming the weather will allow, we will use outside spaces.

KS1 families should arrive at the side gate. KS2 families should all arrive at the main black gate.

Tuesday

- Y1 - Space outside KS1
- Y2 - Hut / mound
- Y3 - Hall

Wednesday

- Y4 - Secret garden
- Y5 - Hut / mound
- Y6 - Hall

4. Getting back on Track! Key Spellings and Times Tables

After a long summer we know many of our students will be 'rusty' on some academic skills. We ask that especially over autumn term 1 you support them at home as follows:

- a) Reading - students should read to you each evening and as soon as they are independent spend a little time before bed reading independently. It is also great if you can read to them each week when you have a little more time - this can be a 'harder' book than they can manage alone (time to share some of those books you loved as a child!)
- b) Handwriting - this too is likely to need some early practice. We are supporting all students from Y1 to be forming their letters according to the Jarmen patterns and helping them join their letters asap. Please check in with your daughter/ son's Teacher for guidance. Half an hour a week at home (in 10 minutes chunks) can make a huge difference - thank you!
- c) Please see our Spelling lists for Y1&Y2, Y3&Y4 and Y5&Y6 (on our website) - these are words that the DfE expects students to know during the named years. If you are able to work on these at odd moments at home too that will definitely help with their memory of these words.
- d) Let us not forget those times tables! There is an expectation that students have a fast recall of all tables up to 12 by the end of Y4. They are fun to rehearse and there are some fab songs to help too. Our students can be times table rockstars very quickly - they just need time to learn them - any help at home would be great!

5. Lunch Arrangements

We are very excited to be moving into the sixth year of our Greenside Food Experience. The new menu for the Autumn Term is available to view on our website. The focus for our menu is on delicious, seasonal food and we work closely with our suppliers including Natoora, Neal's Yard and Wildfarmed, to source produce that has been grown in a way that contributes positively to the environment. There is no charge for students eligible for Free School Meals and students in Reception, Y1 and Y2 who all receive lunch under the UIFSM scheme. Lunch for all other students is priced at £2 per day and payment can be made via School Money or in cash via the office. We will send a weekly reminder text with a link that takes you directly to your School Money account. If you have any issues with your account or if you feel you might be eligible for Free School Meals, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the office. Just a reminder that we are 100% school lunch school - all our students are expected to eat a school lunch every day.

6. Bikes & Scooters

We are pleased to be able to allow bikes and scooters back on site. As before, this is at your own risk and students will have to take them and collect them themselves. Y5 & 6 students will bring them through the main entrance and straight down to the playground.

7. Breakfast and After School Clubs/ Provision

Breakfast Club will begin at 8.00am on Monday 6th September. Thank you to all the families who responded via the Google Form sent out on Wednesday. We have restricted the number of places to 40 initially and you will have been sent an email if we have been able to offer a place for your daughter/ son.

Please only send your child to **Breakfast Club** if we have contacted you. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Webber.

We are hoping to start the **After School Provision** up again asap. Thank you to those families who have registered their interest. Once we can confirm staffing, Mr. Yates will be in touch with further details.

8. PE Days - Autumn Term 2021

Our PE days will remain the same as last year. Please ensure that students come into school in the correct PE kit on these days. This should be the Greenside shorts / plain black / green shorts or plain black / grey jogging bottoms; a plain green / white / grey t-shirt; appropriate trainers / footwear. PE kit should not have any large logos or football kits.

EYFS - Tuesdays
Y1 & 2 - Wednesdays
Y3 & 4 - Mondays
Y5 & 6 - Fridays

9. Little Amal - 'Happy Birthday' Loose Change Box!

Over the last couple of years our lovely Greenside students and families have been wonderfully generous of spirit in making a money box and collecting loose change over the autumn term 1.

This year the challenge to our students is to make a box/ container of any kind to celebrate her 10th birthday (at the end of October). We are asking them to make this at home and to be as creative as possible.

If you have more than one Greenside daughter/ son it would, of course be great to make it together.

We would then ask that each family Nursery to Y6 collect any loose change they could donate to charity across September & October in this 'Happy Birthday' box and then bring it in at the end of the half term. We will be able to share pictures of the boxes with Little Amal when she arrives in London as a special treat.

If it is tricky to make a box at home please let me know and we will create time to help your daughter/ son make it during the Greenside Day. Thank you in advance!

10. Y6 Student Leadership

I was thrilled to open the application period for Y6 to take on our major Student Leadership roles yesterday.

I have emailed a copy of my invitation letter to our Y6 families for information - thank you in advance for helping and supporting them in this adventure!

11. Greenside Calendar - Autumn term '21

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 1		
Wed 1 st Sept & Thurs 2 nd Sept	All Day	Staff CPD Days – Greenside closed to students
Friday 3 rd September	8.55am	Y1 – Y6 students return to Greenside (hurray!)
Friday 3 rd September	AM	Letter Home from KBS & LG
Week 2		
Tuesday 7 th September	3.45pm	Meet my Teacher: Y1, Y2 and Y3
Wednesday 8 th September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Wednesday 8 th September	3.45pm	Meet my Teacher: Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday 9 th September	3.00pm	PSA Meeting
Thursday 9 th September	3.30pm	Y6 Student Leadership application deadline

Week 3		
All Week	Various	Y3 Greenside Maths Conference
All Week	Various	Y6 Student Leadership Interviews
Monday 13 th September	10.00am	Open Morning – Prospective Families
Monday 13 th September	2.30pm	The Greenside Year Ahead – Workshop for all Families (N-Y6)
Wednesday 15 th September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 17 th September	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 1
Week 4		
Monday 20 th September	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for charity
Monday 20 th September	PM	International Peace Day – Family Workshop
Wednesday 22 nd September	9.00am	Nursery & Reception Coffee Morning
Wednesday 22 nd September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 24 th September	3.45pm	Y6 – Secondary Transfer Briefing
Week 5		
All Week	Various	Lose change collection for Good Chance
Tuesday 28 th September	AM	Y6 Greenside & Griffin Shared Writing session
Wednesday 29 th September	10.00am	Open Morning – Prospective Families
Wednesday 29 th September	PM	Family Quiz
Wednesday 29 th September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 1 st October	All Day	Student Trip to Houses of Parliament – Letters – Little Amal
Week 6		
Wednesday 7 th October	9.00am	Parent/ Carer visit to SMSC
Wednesday 7 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Week 7		
All Week	Various	Data Capture 1 – Tests & Assessments

Tuesday 12 th October	10.00am	Open Morning – Prospective Families
Wednesday 13 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 15 th October	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 2
Week 8		
Monday 18 th October	9.00am	Nursery Family Sharing
Tuesday 19 th October	9.00am	Reception Family Sharing
Tuesday 19 th October	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for charity
Tuesday 19 th October	Various	Food Experience Family Event
Wednesday 20 th October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 22 nd October	All Day	Greenside leads an International <i>Dance to Welcome Little Amal!</i>
Friday 22 nd October	All Day	Students bring in Little Amal ‘Happy Birthday’ Loose Change Box
Friday 22 nd October	3.30pm	Half Term holiday begins!
Autumn Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 1 st November	8.55am	Students return to Greenside

12. Term Dates - 2021-2022



Greenside & Griffin Term Dates 2021 - 2022

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Autumn Term '21

(Wednesday 1st September and Thursday 2nd September 2021 x2 CPD Days)

Students return **Friday 3rd September 2021** (This may vary for New Nursery & Reception students)

Half term Monday 25th – Friday 29th October

Final day of term Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term '22

Students return Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half Term Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb
Final day of term Friday 1st April 2022

Summer Term '22

Students return Tuesday 19th April 2022
Half term – Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Final Day of academic year Friday 22nd July 2022

Greenside & Griffin closed to students:

Public Holiday - Monday 2nd May - Early May bank holiday
CPD Days x2 - Wednesday 1st September '21, Thursday 2nd September '21
CPD Day x1 TEF - Friday 27th May '22
CPD Days x2 - Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th June '22

Have a lovely weekend, keep in touch and we will see you all, in person, next week!
We will be back on Friday 17th September with our 1st edition of our Greenside Multi-media Newsletter - letter,
podcast & instagram special!

Best wishes

Karen

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