



# Newsletter from the Greenside Film Factory



Issue 3:

Breaking Boundaries  
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

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Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

Welcome to another of our Greenside Newsletters!

We have information to share today that we hope will update you on events happening at Greenside over the rest of this half term. We have had an exciting three weeks and are now enjoying the deep learning of our Films, Crews and Specialisms - it's always a joy to visit classes at this point in the learning as students know facts and 'stuff' and they are really making connections and building on prior knowledge. Of course, at Greenside they are also confident, super curious and just bursting with questions!

- Do remember that at the start of each half term we publish our Medium Term Star Day Plans for each class on our website. This allows our parents/ carers to see the concepts being covered in class and helps you to talk about the learning at home.
- We hope you listened to our COP26 podcast 1st Friday - I was so proud of the depth of learning shown by our students discussing some really complex concepts. We have another Podcast that we released this morning so do listen and enjoy!  
<https://linktr.ee/greensideprimaryschool>
- We hope you also enjoyed our Film Sharing Events this week - so good to have our families back on site with us!
- Yesterday morning Christina Morra and Michelle Williams held a workshop for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 families to share with them how we teach Phonics at Greenside. If you were unable to attend the link to the slides is here:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ghUAIE9rHqZaCBHumGF7oMuCJ6LuVaq1DRep0MDiQN0/edit?usp=sharing>
- As I write, it is **Children in Need** day & our students are marking the day with PJs and bears - thank you for your support!
- I am also starting lunch time recorder lessons this week so be ready for some joyful playing at home too. Lots of students have registered an interest. Yesterday I ran some introductory sessions so I expect to get the 'hard core' players staying with the lessons over the coming weeks - I can't wait!

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

Our autumn 2 films link strongly to our Year of Going Places - with a key focus on the literal/ metaphorical journey or exploring a journey of discovery. You can hear more about them in our podcast!

Each week the 'hook' is an important part of memory and knowledge learning so please check in with your daughter/ son as frequently as possible to ask them questions about their weekly film hook and keep encouraging them to talk with you and articulate the things they remember.

## **2. Community Council**

Thank you so much to all those parents/ carers who checked in with me about being a Community Council member - we had 3 people who were nominated by our deadline. Our members will be: Laura Edralin (Isaac Y1 and Maxwell Y3), Nazmin Razaq (Arwaa Nursery, Zakariya Reception & Aayah Y2) and Simon Caffrey (Zack Nursery, Louis Y6 & old Greenside student Ella!) We are looking forward to our 1st meeting next Monday afternoon when our parents/ carers will work with Amina Thomas and Hannah Findlay, 3 student representatives and our Leadership Group to start learning more about Greenside and being part of our ever improving journey.

## **3. Greenside Christmas Card 2021**

We would love entries for our Greenside Christmas Card competition 2021. We need a front of card design only - A4 using any materials (with a recycling feel if possible). Designs should be given to KBS by the end of Monday 29th November - these designs

are exclusively for home learning so thank you for your help! Entries are welcome from Nursery to Y6 and students are very welcome to make a family card together too. If we have students who wish to write a poem/ message for inside our Greenside Christmas card 2021 that would be great.

#### **4. Little Amal - the end of the journey**

On Wednesday 3rd November Little Amal arrived in Manchester - I had the pleasure of travelling to the city that evening for the final walk. As she approached the Castlefield Bowl her anticipation was mixed with the joy of the dance and singing along the walk from many local arts groups represented by huge paper birds. On the same day Greenside celebrated a 'thank you & goodbye' to Little Amal by creating their own installation of birds at the front of our site - a truly glorious array of colour! Sadly Little Amal did not meet her Mother and remains an unaccompanied young person in the UK. Her sadness is managed by the incredible welcome she received in most cities and countries en route from Turkey to England and her final message is one of hope for the future. If Europe has welcomed Little Amal as a symbol of refugees then there is, surely, hope for future generations. After Manchester she travelled to COP26 and this week briefly visited the Hague - a place symbolic of political peace. Her next journey and future is yet to be created but may I thank all our families for their fantastic support and investment in her Walk from me, **Good Chance** and Little Amal!



#### **5. Parents Evenings**

A reminder please make sure you have booked a time to meet your daughter/ son's Class Teacher next week.

**Monday 22nd November: 3.45pm + (Nursery to Y6)**

**Wednesday 24th November: 3.45pm + (Y1 to Y6)**

**Thursday 25th November: 3.45pm + (Nursery & Reception)**

We do expect every family to meet next week - if you are unable to make one of our allocated evening slots please contact your Class Teacher(s) to schedule a mutually convenient time asap.

We hope you have productive sessions - please come with your questions!

#### **6. Choir - A message from Ciara Finney**

We have had a really successful start to the Greenside Choir this term so far, with so many students from across KS1 and KS2 coming along on Friday mornings to brighten up the corridor with their wonderful singing. In the month of December, we look forward to our first external performances where we will spread our festive cheer. If there are any more young people wishing to get involved, we will always make room. Please email me at [ciaraf@greensideschool.org](mailto:ciaraf@greensideschool.org) with your daughter/ son's name and year group. We are also excited to announce that Choir will be opening to Y1 students from January so please email before the Christmas Holidays if you have a student in Y1 who wishes to attend. With thanks - Ciara

#### **7. Winter Fair**

It's getting closer! Our Greenside PSA Winter Fair is on Saturday 4th December - it's the social event of the month!

## **8. Y4 Multiplication Check**

Over the last couple of years the Government & DfE have introduced a Y4 Multiplication Check for all students across the country to be taken in June of that academic year. It has been a pilot project so far because of Covid but this year it will be part of our Y4 assessment schedule. Y4 parents/ carers please check out the link below for information and do ask any questions you may have to James Tilden at Parents Evening meeting next week.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dAz2Z4VuaL9nHEbiUoh8trhD-6NNpRmK/view?usp=sharing>

Karen

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

Dear Greenside families.

This has been one of my favourite weeks so far this year because we were finally able to get our families, students and teachers into the hall for our fabulous Class Film Sharing events! It has been so long since we have been able to share an experience live with you all in this way and for some newer parents / carers, they may have never been into the school at all for such an event. So I hope that you have all enjoyed these experiences as much as we all have. Our students having an audience is so wonderful to give their performances some real context and as much as we love the films we sent home, it's just not the same as seeing them live.

Alongside this it has also been so great to be able to open the gates to the playground at the start and end of the day so that all our families can meet and chat and the buzz of our Greenside community can be really felt again. From a selfish viewpoint, it's also great not to have to run around to all the different entrances to see everyone. So we hope that this is just the start of welcoming everyone back into the school grounds with things like Tea & Cakes hopefully starting back up after the holidays too.

There will, of course, be our Christmas celebrations coming up very soon so watch this space for more information. We are also starting class trips back up too which is such an amazing way to inspire our students' learning and enjoy this wonderful city that we live in.

So welcome back everyone!

Robin Yeats - Head of School

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

It has been so great to have our Y5 students take on the responsibility for the whole school STEAM project this term. They have taken over from Y6 who began the first series of the tests back in September. So far Y5 have done a visual evaluation of the soil, counted worms and carried out a slake test where we looked at the ability of our soil to hold water. Our results so far show that the work we are doing out there with the cover crops is beginning to have an impact - but we still have some way to go! This week we were able to share our work with a team from The Natural History Museum who were really inspired by what we have been doing and we are keeping in touch with the farm down in Cornwall who are sharing our project. World Ready learning in action!

We are so proud of our Food Experience and it really is going from strength to strength. This week alone our Y5 students planned a lunch for the whole school linked to their film ***Remember The Titans*** and our Y3 & 4 Crew had an Ottoman grill to recreate the sights and sounds of the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. As you can see they are so linked and hooked with our Greenside ***Year of Going Places - Journeys***. This is in addition to the fab lunches that Sofia and the team serve daily here at Greenside.

In light of all the issues surrounding Brexit and the increased food price this year, we are going to have to increase the cost of a Greenside lunch to £2.20 per day (£11 per week). We have not increased our prices since we began our Food Experience 6 years ago and our lunch is still one of the lowest priced across London. This price increase will mean that we can still provide the fantastic offer that we have done over the past few years. If you have any questions or potential concerns regarding an increase please do contact me.

A reminder that Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am. We have had some students who arrive very early and we would appreciate it if you could keep to the 8.00am start to ensure supervision for our students. Breakfast Club is really popular and is now able to operate on a drop in basis - no need to reserve a place! Thank you to Ms Sheehan, Ms Shafa and Ms Williams for making it such a lovely way to start the Greenside day.

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

### 3. Message from Mr Mahara

Our students have continued their Maths journey through Autumn 2, applying their maths learning through our experiential learning model. In Y1, students have developed their sense of number using maths manipulatives - this has helped them to deepen their understanding and achieve great success when answering abstract question and they could spot everything to do with number in their film! Our Y5 students used their inspiring film **Remember the Titans** to record data - changes to their heart rate - during an intense boot camp; they represented this data using a complex line graph and posed interesting questions to one another.

We are continuing with our focus on developing understanding, fluency and recall of key number facts. To support this, all of our students have access to NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars. Both of these platforms can be accessed using a web browser or downloaded as an app from the app store. Please let your daughter/ son's class teacher or me ([danielm@greensideschool.org](mailto:danielm@greensideschool.org)) know if you need their login information.

Please also encourage your daughter/ son to solve one of our maths 'journey' problems - they can hear these on our Greenside podcast. They can share their answers using our Instagram feed, with the class teacher or directly with me!

Daniel Mahara - Assistant Head & Maths Lead

Have a super few winter weeks ahead.  
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

Week 4		
Monday 22nd November	1.00pm	Community Council Meeting x1
Monday 22nd November	3.45pm	Parents Evening - Day 1 - Nursery - Y6
Wednesday 24th November	3.45pm	Parents Evening - Day 2 - Y1 - Y6
Thursday 25th November	3.45pm	Parents Evening - Day 2 - Nursery & Reception
Friday 26th November	PM	Football - Mayor's Cup
Week 5		
Tuesday 30th November	AM	Y2 Trip to Wetlands Centre
Tuesday 30th November	10.00am	Open Morning - Prospective Families
Wednesday 1st December	All Day	Y3 Trip to the Science Museum
Thursday 2nd December	AM	Choir competition - Westfield

Saturday 4th December	All Day	Greenside PSA Winter Fair
Week 6		
Wednesday 8th December	All Day	Greenside & Griffin Key Stage 1 Shared Event
Wednesday 8th December	10.00am	Open Morning - Prospective Families
Thursday 9th December	9.00am	1 hour invitation to join us on a Greenside Learning Walk - N-Y6
Thursday 9th December	3.45pm	Autumn Term Film Sharing with our Families - Y1 - Y6 (EYFS welcome!)
Friday 10th December	8.00am	Newsletter, Podcast & Instagram special published
Friday 10th December	PM	Football - Mayor's Cup
Week 7		
Monday 13th December	10.00am	Choir - Singing in the Community for <b>Good Chance</b>
Monday 13th December	2.00pm	Nativity - Families invited
Thursday 16th December	2.00pm	KS2 Present <b>A Greenside Christmas Carol</b> with songs! Families invited.
Friday 17th December	All Day	Winter Jumper Day
Friday 17th December	12.00pm	Greenside Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December	3.30pm	Christmas Holiday Begins - have a great holiday everyone!
Wednesday 5th January 2022	8.55am	Greenside students & staff return for the spring term '22.