



Newsletter from the Greenside Film Factory



Issue 4:

Breaking Boundaries
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

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Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

Happy Friday and Happy December - this week the crisp winter cold and sunshine has been glorious and we are reaching the end of term and the Christmas holidays at speed. It's such a beautiful time in schools and the magic of the season is everywhere at Greenside at the moment!

- May we thank all of our PSA members who worked so hard to make last Saturday a success and, of course, to the families who came along on the day to support too - we are always so grateful for the efforts of our families to help us with those special, extra 'treats' that we simply cannot manage from within our budget - the true spirit of Christmas!
- Thanks also go to our newly formed EYFS Gardening volunteers who have been into our Learning Garden a couple of Saturdays ago to lend a green hand to the area - great work - thank you!
- Our Y1 and Y2 students were super lucky to be given free tickets to a show at The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon last week and I was told by all the adults involved how grown up and beautifully behaved they were too - we are always so happy to hear that, especially when the performance was such fun too!
- And the Pantomime season began early this year (oh yes it did) as our Y5 & Y6 students visited the Lyric Theatre to watch **Jack & the Beanstalk** - bringing a touch of humour and pantomime traditions to their lives.
- Many thanks to all the parents/ carers who came along to our joint class Film Sharing events a couple of weeks ago - it's always great to have you involved in an event as part of a real audience and so good to see the confidence shining through our students as they proudly spoke and sang.
- In other quick news our Y3 & Y4 students played their 1st netball games against a worthy opposition: St. Stephen's local school but the power of our attackers, the strength of our defenders and the overwhelming support brought victory to Greenside - well-done to everyone who took part!
- We hope those EYFS and KS1 parents/ carers who joined Daniel Mahara to hear about how we teach Early Maths at Greenside found it interesting and informative. Do look out for a Writing session for KS2 families in the new year.

1. The Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles!

Our term of Movie Magic has come to an end - Matilda got her happy ending in Y3 and the winter snow and magic in Narnia and Edward Scissorhands took our students to different worlds with big philosophical and moral questions. It's been a pleasure reading lots of Big Writes this week and seeing some amazing Music analysis across difficult year groups. We have been so impressed by the technical language of music and film that so many students have shown so confidently this week too. We say 'goodbye' to our films and our autumn term class books - celebrating so positively on our Radio Greenside live broadcast on Wednesday afternoon. It was super to hear students talk about reading some of our 100 Greenside Great Books for pleasure and the fun way they are captured on each student's Digital Bookshelf proudly displayed on their ipads. We look forward to hearing about their holiday reading when we come back in January - the cold Christmas break is almost one of the best for curling up with a good book!

2. Singing in the Community

On Monday next week I will be joining Ciara and some of the Choir for a trip into the local Community where we will be singing to bring the Greenside Christmas spirit to the streets of Hammersmith. If you would like to come with us - please email me today (Friday) - we'll be leaving at 10.00am and be back for lunch. We will be fundraising for **Good Chance**.

3. The Little Match Girl

This week in SMSC we watched a recent Sadler's Wells performance of the moving Hans Christian Anderson story **The Little Match Girl**. We have free access to the performance this month - if you would like to watch it at home do email me and I will share a link. Otherwise please talk to your daughters/ sons about their reaction to such an iconic piece of contemporary dance - an intriguing cultural experience for us all to share this week.

4. Nativity

Our Greenside main door will open just before 2.00pm on Monday 12th December ready for that magical event that is Nativity. The rehearsal notes say the singing is especially sweet this year but I have been banned from these so that the performance will be extra special on the day! All Nursery & Reception families are warmly invited to join us - we suggest you bring cameras and tissues!

5. Christmas Lunch, Singing for Families, Film Crew Films

We then have a super fun day planned for Thursday 15th December.

Our Greenside students are invited to wear warm and cosy winter jumpers that day over their normal Greenside uniform. We also ask that they wear coats and gloves etc as the temperature is set to drop dramatically now and in the afternoon we will be outside.

We will be enjoying a delicious Greenside Christmas lunch together with all kinds of extra special treats!

In the afternoon the black gates will then open at 2.00pm and all of our families are invited to come along for some hot chocolate, cookies and to enjoy the festive singing from Y1 - Y6 students. There will also be a beautiful song by all of our cohort - this promises to send shivers of joy across our playground!

That evening we will also send you a link for the Greenside **Horrible History** Film Crew YouTube films for you to watch as part of the premiere at home - they look adorable in the editing stage this week! Do look out for the link!

6. Community Council

We had a really interesting 1st Community Council meeting last week. Laura E, Nazmin, Madison (from TEFAT), Amina and Karishma were joined by Alireza (Y3), Saja (Y5) and Allegra & Romilly (Y6) for a discussion about data and progress, Music, PE and D&T. We also shared lots of individual and Greenside recent successes and challenges.

Our next meeting will be at 9.00am on Thursday 26th January. It coincides with a Family Learning Walk - an opportunity for our parents/ carers to visit classes between 9.00am and 10.00am - we hope many of you will be able to join us.

7. Christmas Cards

We had some creative and beautiful Greenside Christmas card designs this year and I am delighted to share a few with you here. We decided to print a few of each design to send to our friends of Greenside as our official card. Thank you to all of our families who supported this venture!



8. Calendar

I have updated the spring term 1 Calendar below with events as they stand at the moment - there will, of course, be more trips etc to add.

And finally today I hope you enjoy our Greenside Instagram Special and Podcast available this morning - thanks to James Tilden and our podcasting students!

With best wishes for a wonderful last week of term and holiday - Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Karen

1. Message from the Head of School

Dear Greenside families.

And like that.....the first 1/3 of the year was gone! We have had so many wonderful learning experiences, trips, performances and events already, you'd be forgiven for thinking it was the end of the Spring term. A huge thank you to our amazing PSA for putting on such a brilliant Winter Fair and, of course, to all our families for coming along and making it the lovely community event that it was. So much time and effort goes into making the fair happen and it could not happen without the kindness and commitment of everyone who contributed. The funds raised will go a long way towards our next big project in Early Years.

You will remember from the last newsletter that we were having our first visit as an official Apple Distinguished School. In the end, we had a headteacher who is starting a new prep school in Twickenham come along. She wanted the school to be driven by technology and creativity through a curriculum that was different to the norm. Where else would she come! We also had a head and a deputy from another academy trust who were looking to embed technology through their entire school, and eventually the whole Trust, in a way that enhanced the learning experience across the whole curriculum. Where else would they come! Finally, we also had a representative from the Apple Education Team who supported our application and had only experienced Greenside on paper and just had to see it in action. Needless to say everyone from Nursery to Y6 showcased the very best of Greenside's creative technological curriculum. It is really amazing to think that our staff and students are now inspiring other schools, leaders and Trusts and shaping the very foundations of the curriculums they are writing.

I am looking forward to what 2023 has to offer because we have really started this year with a bang!
Have a lovely break with your friends and families and we look forward to new adventures in the new year.

Robin Yeats - Head of School

2. Message from Ms Webber

What a term this has been! We are proud of everything we do here at Greenside but something we have been especially proud of this term has been the Community Food Share. Each week we are fortunate enough to take all the surplus food from local supermarkets and suppliers along with surplus items from families and then reshare them with our whole community after school on Fridays. This really helps to support everyone in our community at this especially challenging time and prevents so much food from going to waste. We are expecting a bumper delivery of around 900kg of food from The Felix Project around the 23rd December in time for the festive season. We anticipate the food will be delivered sometime on the morning of the 23rd but we will send out a text notification to all families when we have confirmation from them of when they will be delivering to us.

We will then open up the site for families to come and help themselves to the food. Whilst we cannot guarantee what will be delivered, we are hopeful of lots of festive treats - and maybe even a few turkeys! Watch this space for updates on timings. Wishing you all the best for the festive season and for a very happy new year. Here's to a fabulous Greenside 2023.

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

3. Message from Mr Mahara

Thank you to all those who attended the Early Maths Workshop. Mathematically speaking, the number of attendees was at least equal to the recent Phonics Workshop - students *and* families clearly have a genuine interest in the subject! The main message of the session was to emphasise the importance of maths in EYFS and KS1 while also offering an insight into why we do things at Greenside the way we do! The knowledge and skills developed in these year groups is fundamental - making our students World Ready and Test Ready mathematicians. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please get in contact and I would be happy to talk through the information again; or, if you would like a copy of the slides from the workshop, I can share these via email.

We are currently working with our Student Maths Leaders to develop a series of maths tutorial films. The key mathematical concepts for each year group will be covered and the aim of the films is to explain exactly how we teach certain ideas. When supporting at home, the same strategies can then be applied and our shared language can be used. The first film will be available before the Christmas break.

Have a lovely break and enjoy the festive season!
Daniel Mahara - Assistant Head & Maths Lead

Please see email below from a local company
Wallace Chess Christmas Holiday Camp

Dear Parent,

As the festive season is getting closer, why not spice up your children's chess skills?

Join our 4-day Christmas Chess Camp where we work with your children to enhance their knowledge of the game.

Dates: December 19-22

Half day: 9am-1pm

Full day: 9am-4pm

Pick from two locations:

Swiss Cottage and Kensington (St. Mary Abbots Centre)

New: Elite Camp at both venues

You are welcome to book half or full days, single days as well as full weeks and camp is open for complete beginners to tournament players 4 to 14 years of age.

Click the link below for booking:

<https://wallace-chess.class4kids.co.uk/>

So hurry up before Santa arrives and book now while we still have spaces to prepare your kids for the best games of the festive season.

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Have a lovely Greenside Holiday!

Karen



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Bastick-Styles – Executive Head

GREENSIDE
Family Calendar
2022-2023

Spring Term 1		
Week 1		
Tuesday 3rd January	8.55am	Students & Staff begin new term at Greenside - welcome back!
Tuesday 3rd January	All Day	Film Immersion Day - The Mystery of the Universe!
Friday 6th January	All Day	2x Y5 Green Leaders to Oxford with George Webber
Week 2		
Monday 9th January	All Day	Y1 Trip to Natural History Museum
Monday 9th January	10.00am	Open Morning - Prospective Families
Tuesday 10th January	AM	Road Safety Theatre Group - KS1
Thursday 12th January	9.0am	KS2 Writing Workshop - Sharing exemplars

Week 3		
Monday 16th January	2.00pm	Open Morning - Prospective Families
Tuesday 17th January	9.30am	EYFS Link & Learn - English
Friday 20th January	AM	Community Cooking - Celebrating Chinese New Year
Week 4		
Tuesday 24th January	All Day	100% Attendance Day at Greenside - come on Greenside we can do it!
Tuesday 24th January	PM	Arts Leaders to Tate Modern
Thursday 26th January	9.00am	Parents/ Carers invited to visit classes as part of a Learning Walk
Thursday 26th January	9.00am	Community Council Meeting 2 of 5
Friday 27th January	PM	Mayor's Cup v Wendell Park
Week 5		
Mon 30th Jan - Wed 1st Feb	All Day	Data Capture 3 - Y1-Y6
Monday 30th Jan	AM	Y4 Skittleball Tournament
Friday 3rd February	8.00am	Multimedia Newsletter published
Friday 3rd February	PM	Live Radio Broadcast - World Number Day!
Friday 3rd February	3.30pm	Second Hand Uniform Sale 3 of 6
Week 6		
Tuesday 7th February	9.00am	Family E-Safety Workshop
Friday 10th February	PM	Mayor's Cup v St. Peter's
Friday 10th February	3.30pm	End of half term - holiday begins (1 week)
Spring Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 20th February	8.55am	Students & Staff return to Greenside!