



# Newsletter from the Greenside Film Factory



Issue 6:

Breaking Boundaries  
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

Date: Friday 6th March 2023

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

A huge 'welcome' to all of our families today.

Here we are at the end of week 3 - half way through spring term 2 already!

I hope we can share some fab achievements and special events from Greenside in our LG Newsletter and, of course, this morning our Podcast on Apple Radio is published and some extra Instagram pictures to celebrate the last 3 weeks - another lovely sharing at Greenside.

Thank you to our Nursery & Reception and Y1 & Y2 parent/ carers who have signed up their talented daughters & sons to be dancers in the big numbers in **Mary Poppins**. We will be performing at the start of July but by super popular demand I have written the script early so that students can begin their pre-rehearsal rehearsals! We are looking to have a wonderful evening of acting, song & dance in the summer sunshine - watch this space for updates!

I have shared the Term Dates for 2023-2024 below. These have been approved by TEFAT and so are ready to go - I hope these will help you with your holiday forward planning!

A quick update on the new Headteacher schedule. Our advert went live last week and we are looking to hold interviews on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March - we expect our Community Council to represent our parent/ carer community and, of course, our students and staff will be involved in the days.

Our advert for a new Deputy Head also goes 'live' today (Friday 10th March)

We are moving rapidly to Data Capture 3 (w/c Monday 20th March) when all of Greenside will be taking some NTS tests and our Teachers will be updating their Teacher Assessments. Everyone will be ready for the week but, as always, if you have any questions or would like more information please check in with your daughter/ son's class teacher.

### **1. The Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles!**

Our spring term 2 films have been so well received from **The March of the Penguins** in Y2 to **Life of Pi** in Y5 - it is wonderful to see the choice of Documentaries and Narrative films and the big questions being asked inspiring our students to think about the world, explore complex issues and debate with their peers.

In our Thursday Film Crews we are returning to World Religions and building on previous knowledge to help students understand social and historical elements of religion and philosophy - do check out the date in the Calendar below to see our Sharing event for Spring Term Film Crews - a cacophony of ideas and visual images is planned!

### **2. International Women's Day**

On Monday morning we held an Extraordinary Virtual Board Meeting to enjoy time together to celebrate our girls and Greenside women and to be inspired by women of the past and embrace equity. I also sent home a link to the film that our Y6 girls made - in case you missed it this is the one: What wonderful young women we have at Greenside - making us all proud!

Hope you all had a joyful day too. [Here](#)

### **3. Test Information Hours**

- a) At 5.00pm on Monday 20th March we would like to invite our Y6 parents/ carers to join us for an Information Hour to talk to you about the Tests and what the rest of the year will look like in Y6 (including updates on residential) etc. We hope you will be able to come along to this session.

- b) At 5.00pm on Thursday 23rd March we have a Y2 Information Hour - this is for all our Y2 parents/ carers to explain the National Tests in May and how we will work with our students for the rest of this academic year!

Both sessions will take place in the Y6 Classroom space. Any questions please check in with me or with Robin.

#### **4. Events**

- a) Thank you to those who attended the KS1 & KS2 STEAM Workshop earlier this week - Robin shared our pedagogy and practical illustrations of the linked learning we do to design and create when we become: Scientists, Technologists, Engineers, Artists and Mathematicians - it is truly magical!
- b) Comic Relief Day!  
On Friday 17th March our Greenside students are invited to wear something red and bring a bear for Comic Relief Day - any coins donated will be doubled by Good Chance so we can make a huge difference with this charity collection. There will also be a 'live' Greenside radio broadcast in the afternoon!

#### **5. NEU National Planned Strike Action**

I hope you received a text/email yesterday Re: the NEU National strikes next week. Here is a reminder of our Greenside plans:

##### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

1. We will open for our Nursery, Reception, Y2 and Y6 classes as normal: 8.55am - 3.30pm.
2. We will close our Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 classes that day and so students in these year groups will not be able to attend school.
3. We will offer places for the day to our Y3, Y4 & Y5 EHC students - Sophie Weitzman will contact these families directly.
4. Breakfast Club will continue as normal.

We will not run After School Provision, Science Club or Chess Club on this day.

5. George Webber and the Office Team will send information for our FSM families in Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 who wish to come over to Greenside and collect a packed lunch that day.

##### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

1. We will open all our classes on this day – all students are expected as normal.

#### **6. SMSC at Greenside**

Our SMSC sessions this half term commemorated birthdays and significant events in history that have taken place in February; from Charles Dickens & James Dean's birthdays to Nina Simone and George Harrison. We shared our favourite stories in World Book Week and next week we'll be looking at the SMSC of Music - all good fun!

#### **7. Term dates**

##### **Greenside - Term Dates - 2023 - 2024**

- 190 days for students.

##### **Autumn Term 2023**

(Friday 1st September x1 CPD Day)

Students return **Monday 4th September 2023** (This may vary for New Nursery & Reception students)

Half term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

Final Day of term Wednesday 20th December 2023

##### **Spring Term '22**

Students return Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16th Feb

Final Day of term Tuesday 26th March 2024

##### **Summer Term '22**

Students return Monday 15th April 2024

Half term – Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Final Day of academic year Wednesday 24th July 2024

##### **Greenside is closed to students:**

Public Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024 - Early May Bank Holiday

CPD Days x1 - Friday 1st September 2023

CPD Day x1 – Thursday 21st December 2023

CPD Day x1 - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

CPD Day x1 - TEFAT Day - Friday 24th May 2024

CPD Days x1 - Friday 21st June 2024

Wishing you all a wonderful month of March (and possibly some snow!)

Karen x

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

Dear Greenside families.

I wanted to say a huge 'Thank you!' to all the families who came along for our KS1 & KS2 Maths/STEAM workshop this week. It is always a pleasure to talk about Maths and learning in general but even more so with such keen and engaging families. We explored the KS1 and KS2 Maths curriculum and looked at how we plan for progression and challenge across the whole year for different year groups and through different concepts to ensure we are continually building on the students' knowledge. We also took the opportunity to immerse our families in one of our wonderful STEAM projects.

This time it was a Y4 project based on sound with the help of three brilliant Y4 students who stepped into the role of 'Students as Teachers' to explain the learning and how to use the tech. The big question was 'How does the length of a straw affect pitch?' Everyone had a straw which was expertly cut into a kazoo and then used the Arduino app on the iPads to record the pitch produced. Our families got 10 out of 10 for commitment with some very red faces as the competition to make the loudest or longest sound ensued. Just like with the students in class!

The Y4 students then explained all the ways Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths were linked in and clearly showed how such immersive experiences help to not only provide a real world application of skills but also help the knowledge to be retained. It goes without saying too, that it was great fun! A lovely morning with students and families, sharing how our creative model allows for such rich learning experiences for students, and adults of course.

Robin Yeats - Head of School

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

One of the things we really enjoy here at Greenside is a family lunch day!

On **Wednesday 29th March** we are inviting our KS1 families to join us for lunch - and we mean to eat, not cook this time!

If you would like to join us to eat lunch with your daughter/son, please can you email the office by **Thursday 23rd March**.

We will be asking parents/ carers to make a charity donation for their lunch on the day.

We will also be having a postcard sale that evening at 3.30pm and an ice-cream sale (weather permitting!)

It is all stations go in the garden now as we head - hopefully, towards spring. We have been planting seeds and so far we have some lettuce and kale ready and waiting to go out as soon as the ground warms up. With the changing of the seasons, we are now able to get our hands on a Greenside favourite again- wild garlic! So far we have enjoyed it in the form of pesto, in a soup and baked into our focaccia.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support our weekly Food Share and bread sales. These really do make a big difference to our community. Our bread sale in aid of the Turkey/Syria earthquake appeal raised £300 so a big thank you to everyone for supporting us.

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

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

This week, as our students celebrate International Women's Day, we recognise the importance of female representation in maths and the other STEAM subjects - underrepresentation in these areas remains a concern. At Greenside, we strive to inspire all of our students to achieve their best and we are committed to encouraging our young female students to explore the world of STEAM. Our brilliant female teachers lead the way - role models who aim to create a more inclusive environment everyday. Class teachers also consider class films and texts with the intention of exposing all students to significant females, breaking down gender stereotypes - ***The Queen of Katwe*** and ***Hidden Figures*** are two examples to have inspired our students.

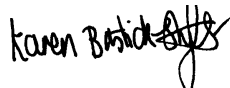
Greenside's very own young woman in STEAM, Y6's Ariadne, has been developing her Maths leadership responsibilities. As well as tutoring younger students to recap on the concepts covered in class, she has been creating maths tutorial films. These films can be found on the Home Learning section of the Greenside website:

<https://greensideschool.org/curriculum/home-learning/>.

We are delighted that the group of students creating these films has grown in numbers and we are aiming for at least one film for each year group to be ready before the end of term. We believe that by giving our students opportunities to become leaders in subjects like maths, we can help to nurture their confidence and inspire a lifelong love of learning.

Daniel Mahara - Assistant Head & Maths Lead

Best wishes  
Karen



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Bastick-Styles – Executive Head

**GREENSIDE  
Family Calendar  
2022-2023**

<b>GREENSIDE Family Calendar 2022-2023</b>		
Spring Term 2		
Week 4		
Monday 13th March	PM	Y6 netball competition at St Paul's School
Wednesday 15th March	All Day	Planned NEU National Strike Day
Thursday 16th March	All Day	Planned NEU London Strike Day
Friday 17th March	All Day	100% Attendance Day
Friday 17th March	All Day	Comic Relief Day - non-uniform day for charity - wear red and bring a bear!
Friday 17th March	AM	'Live Radio' programme for Comic Relief
Week 5		
Monday 20th March	All Week	Data Capture 4 week at Greenside
Monday 20th March	5.00pm	Y6 Information Hour - Tests and the rest of the year - for Y6 parents/ carers
Tuesday 21st March & Wednesday 22nd March	All Day	Greenside Headteacher Interview Days x2
Tuesday 21st March	All Day	Reception Trip - Princess Diana Memorial Gardens
Thursday 23rd March	5.00pm	Y2 Information Hour - Tests - for Y2 parents/ carers
Friday 24th March	PM	Mayor's Cup v Addison
Friday 24th March	3.45pm	Greenside Second-hand uniform sale
Week 6		
Monday 27th March	3.30pm	Spring Term Film Crew Celebration for Families
Wednesday 29th March	12.00pm	Y1 & Y2 Parents/ carers invited to join us for a charity lunch
Wednesday 29th March	3.30pm	Postcard and ice-cream sale
Friday 30th March	8.00am	Multimedia Newsletter published

Friday 30th March	3.30pm	End of spring term
Easter Holidays		Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April Y6 Revision Sessions TBC
Summer Term 1		
Week 1		
Monday 17th April	8.55am	Summer Term begins - students return to Greenside