

Issue 1:

Breaking Boundaries  
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

Date: Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

What a wonderful start we have had to the autumn term here at Greenside - two CPD days to welcome our new Teachers and then by Monday 5th September we were waiting with excitement to see our students at the gates! They arrived full of joy and with so many stories to tell us and many had a fab Summer Scrapbook to share with me too.



Our Y1 - Y6 students began our Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles! with a shared screening of Hugo (Dir: Martin Scorsese) and we were off! We came together at the end of day 1 to share cameras that had been made via STEAM projects and students recalled learning and golden moments from the day.

We are looking forward to a year of developing our Music and PE Curriculum plans to a new level and we will keep you informed of our plans.

We are so delighted to welcome all of Nursery & Reception students too - they are a pleasure!

We met with our Reception families last week to share the excellent news that Christina Morra is pregnant and the good news for her that she is going home to Canada at half term to be with her family. We are lucky to have Felicity Self with us (she moved across from Griffin at the start of term and she will work alongside Christina this half term and then move seamlessly into being our full time Reception Teacher on 31st October. We will keep our families updated as the half term unfolds.

To our Nursery & Reception families - don't forget to sign up for the EYFS Link & Learn Maths sessions on Thursday 29th September via Louise in the Office.

They are really interesting events to see how we teach Maths at Greenside and they are also an opportunity to see your daughter/ son learning in their classrooms so you get to look around!

Thank you to parents/ carers who came in on Monday afternoon to meet with Robin and me for a general update on the year ahead and a quick reminder about the Ofsted framework. It was so good to see so many of you and to be able to share some thoughts about Greenside. As the **Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles!** unravels we hope you will be able to join us for learning visits and on celebratory occasions.

Just in case you missed it - here is a link to our 1st letter home: [Here](#)

Please make sure you check out our photographs on Instagram today and listen to our Radio Greenside Podcast that was released at 8.00am this morning - it's great! This is a link to our Pocaset: [here](#).

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

We are very excited about the Greenside theme for 2022-2023 it promises to open up so many Learning opportunities and enrichment & enhancement events. We will be focusing on Creating a Magical World too - our way of giving our students hope, agency and helping them to see positivity during a time that is tricky in the world of economics, politics and the environment. We want to help our students to see a bright future and understand the part they can play in changing and making the world a better place.

Our film choices this half term see some wonderful 'old friends' like **Anne with an e** and **Inside Out** along with such colourful movies as **Encanto** and all the exciting, magical moments they will bring.

We are back in the Ofsted cycle and so await a call and visit with optimism and excitement - we will, of course, let you know as soon as we get a call!

### **2. Bank Holiday**

Greenside will be closed on Monday 19th September for the National additional Bank Holiday in commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II. We look forward to seeing everyone at 8.55am on Tuesday 20th September as normal!

### **3. Greenside Magical Mystery Tour!**

Thank you for supporting our students in their applications for our next Greenside Performance - I shall be casting early next week. Everyone who wishes to be involved will be given a part - some of the more complex roles will be given to our older students so that we challenge students but keep them confident. Let the rehearsals begin!

### **4. Y6 Leaders!**

We are so proud of our Y6 students who have all applied for our Leadership roles for the year ahead.

Our congratulations go to them all and we look forward to their projects and ideas coming to fruition in the coming months.

Executive Heads: Allegra & Romilly  
Head Girls/ Boys: Fiona, Nikki & Jake  
Deputy HeadGirls/ Boys: Lara & Sami  
Assistant HeadGirls/ Boys: Otto, Minnie & Maria  
Arts Leaders: Amy, Lina, Lujain, Summer, Zahra  
Digital Leaders: Dominik & Santa  
EYFS Leaders: Isla, Lilac & Blake  
Maths Leaders: Aridane & Merhawi  
Sports Leaders: Malachi, Nicholas & Youcef

### **5. Secondary Transfer**

A reminder to our Y5 & Y6 parents/ carers - we have rescheduled our Secondary Transfer evening to 6.00pm on Monday 10th October to avoid a couple of secondary school Open Evening clashes. All of our local Secondary Schools have been invited to come along and speak so fingers crossed we will have a good turn out on the evening.

### **6. SMSC - International Peace Day - Building Peace**

#### **a) Non-uniform Day**

Next Wed, 21st September is International Peace Day - we are inviting our students to come to Greenside in non-uniform in exchange for a coin - ideally a £1.00 donation to our **Good Chance** charity would be wonderful to show our support for creating a magical, peaceful world.

We will also be broadcasting a live radio session with James Tilden as our host during the day!

#### **b) Flower workshop**

At 9.00am we would also like to invite parents/ carers to come in for an hour and make peace flowers with us. If you would like to book a place please email me directly: [karenbs@greensideschool.org](mailto:karenbs@greensideschool.org) by the end of next Monday.

We will then set up a fab workshop for you to create beautiful artistic pieces with your daughters/ sons - these are always lovely occasions!

Please note the session is at 9.00am now not in the afternoon.

### **7. Events**

Please take a look at the Calendar below for an update on events over the next few weeks.

Wishing you all a peaceful Bank Holiday weekend and hope to see many of you at our Flower Workshop next Wednesday.

Karen

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

Dear Greenside families.

Welcome back one and all! We are so glad to have our students and families filling the place with energy as the hum of learning buzzes through the corridors once again. There is nothing worse than a school with no students. A huge Greenside welcome to our new families in particular as they begin a new adventure with us. Our wonderful PSA will be arranging a get together soon to meet everyone and share the exciting plans for this year. We are just putting the finishing touches on the KS1 outside space, after which we will hold a formal opening ceremony and then it's onto the next big thing.

There were so many highlights from last year but with a theme for this year as cool as '*Magic, Mystery and Miracles*', who knows what will happen! Our new staff have settled in really well and are already overflowing with exciting learning experiences for our students to inspire and engage them in the Greenside way. As always, we will drive our learning through big experiences through the arts, technology and nature in creative and boundary breaking ways. That's the fun bit for everyone!

We haven't wasted any time in selecting our new Y6 student leaders as you will see above. Congratulations to them all. It is such an important part of our World Ready programme to have the students leading initiatives and helping to make the school an even better place to come and learn. Despite having done these interviews for years, I am still always impressed with how thoughtful and articulate the students are. We are now looking forward to organising the leadership roles in all the other classes around the school and hearing about the ideas they have to bring to the table too.

We are very keen to further develop our sports provision for the students this year. With this in mind, Will, a Greenside parent, has very kindly offered to be a point of contact for any parents / carers who are able to offer any contacts, links or time to support with taking students to sporting competitions. If you are able to offer anything, please contact Will on: [will.lw.speer@gmail.com](mailto:will.lw.speer@gmail.com) Thank you Will.

Robin Yeats - Head of School

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

What a joy it has been to welcome everyone back to Greenside once again! As September is well underway, we are busy harvesting the bounty of vegetables from our garden and it is our best harvest yet. The soil project we undertook last year has proved to be very successful as we have a really diverse range of vegetables and berries to pick which are all absolutely delicious. Our milpa system has rewarded us with lots of beans, corn and pumpkins and we have our first crop of Greenside onions. All of our produce is picked and taken straight to the kitchen for Sofia and her team to use in our school lunches. Our soil project will continue this year and we will be continuing to compost and plant throughout the year. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help us maintain the garden. If you would like to volunteer, please come and find me or send me an email. The Breaducation Bakery is up and running again. This week we were able to thresh our wheat so we are looking forward to baking with it once it has been milled into flour. We will be planting a new wheat field this autumn - watch this space for updates, and Each Friday we will be continuing with our bread sales in the playground at 3.30pm.

With a new year, comes a renewed focus on our school attendance. In order for your daughter/ son to make the most of their experience at Greenside, it is really important that they attend on time every day. We monitor attendance every week and it is our duty to inform you when your daughter/ son's attendance dips below 97%. We work closely with all of our families to support good attendance and we are aiming for this to be our best year yet!

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

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

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! Hearing our students excitedly catching up over the first few days is one of my favourite moments of the year. I have had the pleasure of spending time in Nursery & Reception to meet and welcome our newest students to the school - they have settled with such confidence as they begin their Greenside journey. As we move into autumn, I cannot think of many better places to take part in a learning experience than the EYFS learning garden! This term, the Link & Learn Maths sessions are a great opportunity to see how we teach some of the most fundamental aspects of the subject so we look forward to seeing our EYFS families there.

Our World Ready & Test Ready students are already focusing on achieving the highest expectations in maths. They have stepped into their new classrooms ready to learn and apply the knowledge and skills that they developed last year. In the year of ***Magic, Mystery & Miracles***, our students will have the opportunity to explore maths in new and interesting ways - our class teachers have planned learning experiences to inspire a love for the subject. These experiences are truly broad - we have seen independent, focused arithmetic practice followed by a piece of mathematical art inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. We look forward to sharing more of these with you throughout the 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  
2022-2023**

<b>GREENSIDE Family Calendar 2022-2023</b>		
Autumn Term 1		
Week 4		
Monday 19th September	All Day	Additional Bank Holiday - Greenside closed
Tuesday 20th September	All Day	Y4 Trip - Science Museum
Wednesday 21st September	All Day	Non-uniform Day – Donation for <b>Good Chance</b> charity
Wednesday 21st September	9.00am	International Peace Day – Family Flower Workshop
Wednesday 21st September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Week 5		
All Week	Various	Loose change collections at gate for <b>Good Chance</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Open Morning for prospective families Nursery & Reception 2023
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 29th September	9.15am & 10.00am	Nursery & Reception Link & Learn Maths sessions for Families
Week 6		
Monday 3rd October	All Day	Y1 Trip to Holland Park
Tuesday 4th October	All Day	Y5 & Y6 Trip to Holland Park
Wednesday 5th October	All Day	Y3 Trip - Science Museum
Wednesday 5th October	All Day	Y6 Greenside & Griffin students Trip to Hyde Park - Writing Workshop
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	PM	National Poetry Day - Poetry Slam - Families invited to join us!
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	PSA Quiz Night (TBC)
Week 7		
All Week	Various	Data Capture 1 – Tests & Assessments
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	Secondary Transfer Meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Y2 Trip - Wetlands Centre
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	Open Morning for prospective families Nursery & Reception 2023
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published – Edition 2, Instagram & Podcast
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Second Hand Uniform Sale at Greenside
Week 8		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Reception Family Sharing
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Nursery Family Sharing
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Various	Food Experience Family Event
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Tea & Cakes (TBC)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	All Day	Non-Uniform Day Food Experience Day - Bread & Cakes for <b>Good Chance!</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.30pm	Half Term holiday begins!
Autumn Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	8.55am	Students return to Greenside
Forward Notice Week 2 - Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm	<b><i>The Greenside Magical Mystery Tour - performance!</i></b>