



Newsletter from the Greenside Film Factory



Issue 2:

Breaking Boundaries
Learning is Everything, Everything is Learning

Date: Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Greenside Parents/ Carers

I am so happy to be writing to you on this beautiful autumn morning; we are mid-way through October and we have just 1 week left before our half term holiday!

We have had a super half term at Greenside, our new Nursery & Reception students are shining with enthusiasm and so much a part of our Greenside 8-year journey - we are loving their contributions and our Y6 students are having the best time with their Reception Buddies in their shared story time and playing with them at lunchtime.

Sometimes joy and sadness are so inextricably linked and the departure of Christina Morra from Greenside is one such example. We are so thrilled she is going home to her family in Canada and then onto New Zealand for a new adventure and, of course, a new baby is the best news (bet she calls him Greenside!). But, of course, we will miss her so much. Christina's kindness, relentless energy and positivity has helped to make the EYFS so beautiful since her arrival. She is an inspirational Teacher and she has led our Team with purpose and rigour whilst creating such a strong Team vision and ensuring that our students are at the heart of everything everyone does. I know her spirit will remain and continue across Nursery & Reception next half term and Christina will leave a little piece of her heart with us all. We wish her success and happiness and send her across the sea with our thanks and love!

We hope you listened to our Reading & Maths special Student Podcasts - how amazing that they have begun making these without James Tilden!

Do tune in to our Radio Podcast - released this morning - it promises to be a good one!

And ... once more we are so proud of our students and Teachers for our recent **Apple Distinguished School Award** - it shows how creative and innovative our community is every day!

1. The Year of Magic, Mystery & Miracles!

The magic of our films has shone within and beyond our classrooms this half term. The big questions and film study areas have helped students know more, remember more and do more - this is so evident when they are explaining their work to LG in our office or as we overhear conversations and questions in the corridor or lunch hall. There have been some great philosophical debates across the year groups arising from the films chosen this half term and so much creativity.

This week saw Y2 and Y6 take their 1st Test papers in Data Capture week and they approached them with maturity and purpose! Students in our other year groups have been awarded Teacher Assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths that reviews their learning and progress since 1st September against National Curriculum expectations. If you would like to find out more about your daughter/ son's results please contact her/ his Class Teacher to catch up.

In SMSC this week we explored many magical and significant events & birthdays that happen in October - helping us to think about things and people that have changed the world from President Jimmy Carter and John Keats' birthday to the unification of Germany. Students loved the Oscar Wilde quote: 'Always be yourself, everyone else is already taken'. We commemorated 15 events so do ask your daughter/ son how many they can remember - great for recall and memory!

2. Greenside Magical Mystery Tour!

Our rehearsals are underway for our next Greenside performance: **A Magical Mystery Tour** and at this early point in the year it's great to see the enthusiasm and raw talent!

We are doing lots of impromptu and 'live' work because we have lots of little ones involved and, as always, many who have not been involved before.

Our Y6 girls are choreographing all of our EYFS, Y1-Y4 dances and that really is quite special. We will have a lot of fun during

the evening and I can't wait. We will be performing at **6.00pm on Thursday 10th November**.

Students will take their costumes home at the end of the day on 10th November and should return at 5.30pm in costume.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 31st October - we are fundraising for **Good Chance** so would ask you to buy a ticket for £1.00 and we will hold a donation collection on the evening as well (lots of the **Good Chance** team are planning to join us!)



3. Y6 Leaders! Thursday 20th October

We have a super busy day next Thursday.

As you know it is one year since **Little Amal** arrived in London and Greenside led their beautiful dance across the world. We also had our brilliant Cake Sale on the same day!

You may have seen that recently **Little Amal** has been walking in New York and raising awareness for refugees - especially unaccompanied children.

Our fab new Head Girl & Head Boy Y6 Leadership Team have decided to try to commemorate the anniversary with another Cake sale - for **Little Amal**. This, of course, means we are asking our wonderful Greenside families to make it happen with us! Please ... could you bring in any cakes you are able to bake (borrow or buy!) at morning drop off on Thursday 20th October. We will then open the black gates at 3.00pm that day to welcome you in to buy and celebrate the half term of learning with us all in the playground. Naomi from **Good Chance** will be coming over too.

George has very generously agreed to donate the Bread Sale proceeds next Friday to our fund-raising too.

4. Secondary Transfer

Thank you to our families who came along to our Secondary Transfer meeting on Monday. A reminder the deadline for returning the PAN London online Secondary School application is Monday 31st October 2022. Do check in with Ciara or Leadership Group if you have any questions. Good luck!

5. Nursery & Reception Sharing Events

a) Tuesday 18th October - 9.00am - Nursery Families are invited to their 1st ever Greenside Class sharing event!

b) Thursday 20th October - 9.00am - Reception Families are invited to their sharing event.

c) Thursday 20th October - 11.45am - Nursery & Reception Families are invited to join us for lunch - please book a space with Louise: ldixon@greensideschool.org by the end of Monday.

A Message from Christina:

Dear Greenside staff, students, and families:

Thank you for everything! The last 7 years in London have been a truly unforgettable experience for me. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of such a kind and caring community at Greenside. You've all contributed to me feeling so welcome in London, my home away from home! Some people come into our lives and then quickly go. But some people stay for a while, leave footprints in our hearts and we are never the same again. I am the person I am today because of all the love and support from people like you in our local community. Thank you for looking after me and helping me along my London journey. I will always cherish the memories I've made here and I will definitely be keeping in touch from Canada!

6. Events

- Do listen into our Podcast to hear about recent Greenside trips andto hear some amazing Greenside Poems that were recognised in the Poetry Slam! last Friday morning - such fun.
- A huge 'thank you' to the PSA for organising the Quiz Night last week. I was, unfortunately, tied up in theatre this year and missed the evening but it was a great success and we are so grateful that you raised funds to support our Greenside students.
- We have started a new Arts project with the Royal Opera House - one of our TEFAT shared projects so listen out for your daughters/ sons singing opera with a passion!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Tonight 3.30pm Michelle W and her student leaders will be in the playground with lots of good quality second hand Greenside uniform - do take a look before you buy any new items over the half term.

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

Finally - we are so sad that Louise Dixon will be moving on to a promotion in late November. We will be advertising the Office Post next week. If you know anyone who is looking for such a role please check in with Louise for details.

Have a great final week of the half term and holiday!

Karen

1. Message from the Head of School

Dear Greenside families.

How quickly the first half term zooms by! Already, after only just over 7 weeks, we have seen the students grow so much and there have been so many wonderful experiences that have ignited their love of learning. We've had everything from safari adventures to making broccoli pizzas (surprisingly good actually!) to magical iMovies with special effects. Our Crew Days have been amazing as each crew explores a different period of history so watch this space for our Crew Film event at the end of next half term to wrap it all up. It has been so lovely for our classes to be able to head off on trips as well with the highlight so far, I'm told very passionately by Y2, going to The Wetlands centre.

As well as all of that, our fabulous PSA have started their fundraising efforts again with a very well attended Quiz Night. Thank you to them for organising and to everyone who came to enjoy themselves, meet other families and put their brains to the test. We are really looking forward to seeing how this year's fundraising will continue to transform different parts of Greenside. With that in mind we are waiting for the final few bits and pieces of furniture etc to arrive for the KS1 space, after which we will have a formal opening of that area but it is safe to say that as far as KS1 are concerned, it is well and truly open and being used to full effect. I cannot wait to see all the new and creative ways in which it is integrated as the year rolls on.

Thank you all for your wonderful positivity and support, as always. I hope you enjoy a lovely half term break with friends and family when it comes.

Robin Yeats - Head of School

2. Message from Ms Webber

As the seasons change, it is a good time for us to reflect on all the changes in our garden. It has been our best growing season yet here at Greenside and we truly had a bountiful harvest. Perhaps our greatest achievement was growing our own wheat right here in the heart of urban Shepherds Bush. The Global Citizen Friday Specialism group threshed the wheat for us - using pillow cases, and our Y6 students took part in the ancient art of winnowing to separate the wheat from the chaff. Our wonderful grains will now be milled so that we can use the flour to bake our bread. We can't wait! And so the cycle continues as we are preparing the 'field' and getting ready to sow our next crop of wheat. It will be great to have some of our homegrown loaves available at the Friday bread sales! The bread bike has been on the road this term with the Friday Specialism group visiting the Elgin Centre with a selection of our bread and buns to share with the elderly residents of the centre. It was great fun loading the bike up and pushing it along to the Elgin - some lucky Y1's even got a ride back to Greenside once the bread was delivered! Thanks to Eden and Lara in Y3 for designing the logo for the bike which we had made into a vinyl sticker so there is no doubt who we are or what we are doing!

The Community Food Share events each Thursday have proved to be a huge success. Thanks to our families, the Felix Project and Natoora we are able to offer a wide range of food and household goods to all of our Greenside community each week. This is really making a difference to everyone. There will be a box at the black gate each Thursday morning for you to drop off any unwanted household or food items, we will add these to what we have delivered by the Felix Project and Natoora, and it will all be available in the playground at 3.30pm on Thursday afternoons.

We have an updated Attendance Policy to reflect recent changes across the trust. You can find the policy on our website:

https://greensideschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/G.-Local-Attendance-Policy_-2022-2023-1.pdf

Next half term we will have another 100% Attendance Day. It would be amazing if we could have all of our students at Greenside that day to help us reach our ultimate goal! Keep an eye out for reminders over the course of next term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding attendance.

Georgina Webber - Deputy Head

3. Message from Mr Mahara

With our first half term almost complete, we have some exciting Greenside Maths updates. The first is to announce our new Greenside maths leads: Ariadne & Merhawi (Y6). These students successfully applied for the role and were selected due to their passion and interest in the subject. They are keen to work with other students - one of their main ideas is to hold a maths clinic where they will support others struggling with a mathematical concept; Ariadne & Merhawi will also create tutorial videos which can be viewed by families and students at home. Watch this space for these helpful films!

Another interesting introduction to our Maths curriculum is the idea of numberless word problems. Some students struggle when presented with a contextualised word problem - the maths is often hidden amongst complex mathematical terminology and unnecessary information. In order for students to become more confident, we are exploring numberless word problems where the calculations are removed from the problem. The focus is therefore on the language and the underlying mathematical structure of the question. We believe this will make it easier for our students to identify the operations required to solve the question successfully.

Daniel Mahara - Assistant Head & Maths Lead

Enjoy the early autumnal days!

Karen



Karen Bastick-Styles – Executive Head

GREENSIDE Family Calendar 2022-2023		
Autumn Term 2		
Week 1		
Monday 31st October	8.55am	Students return to Greenside
Tuesday 1st November	All Day	Greenside & Griffin Y5 Shared Day
Wednesday 2nd November	AM	NHS - Nasal Flu programme: R-Y6
Week 2		
Tuesday 8th November	All Day	Nursery & Reception Trip to Ravenscourt Park
Wednesday 9th November	All Day	'Say Cheese' individual and sibling pictures - external company
Thursday 10th November	6.00pm	<i>Greenside Magical Mystery Tour Performance</i>
Friday 11th November	PM	Football - Mayor's Cup Greenside vs Brackenbury
Week 3		
Tuesday 15th November	AM	AM - Family Cooking Lunch Day
Tuesday 15th November	PM	Live Radio Broadcast from Greenside
Tuesday 15th November	3.30pm	3.45pm - Parents Evening - Day 1 (N-Y6)

Thursday 17th November	9.00am	EYFS & KS1 Phonics Workshop for Families
Thursday 17th November	3.30pm	3.45pm - Parents Evening - Day 1 (N-Y6)
Friday 18th November	All Day	All Day - Children in Need - PJ Day/ red & white/ bring a bear
Friday 18th November	8.00am	Greenside Multimedia Newsletter published with Podcast & Instagram special