



Greenside Primary School, Westville Road, London W12 9PT

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back at Greenside and the children have settled really well into their new classes and routines. The theme for this academic year is '***The Year of Legends, Love and Laughter.***' Ms Iontton launched our theme in an assembly which focussed on different children and young people across the world that are legends such as Malala Yousafzai. Following on from that it has been great to see each class learning about famous legends whether it be inspirational people like Rosa Parks or significant people in their lives that are legends to them. They have also done some self-reflection on how they are legends themselves and how they will be an even bigger legend this year!

As well as this, the children have been showing off their incredible art skills and have created self portraits which have been added to a world map outside their classrooms - if you have not seen them already please do come and have a look as they are amazing! Year 5 have started to bring film and tech back to Greenside and have been writing playscripts and performing them in front of the green screen in The Studio.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for the warm welcome that Ms Iontton and I have received this week. We were delighted to see over 60 families attend our meet and greet sessions on Tuesday and Thursday. We enjoyed listening to your views about what makes Greenside such a magical place for your child and we will take this view and make sure that it stays at the heart of our decision making as the school moves forward.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families that have joined the school this academic year. If there is any way we can support you and your child to settle smoothly into the school do not hesitate to contact us.

Premises Update

On Saturday 2nd September the Trust carried out visual inspections of all of its schools and no RAAC has been identified at Greenside. As we step into a new year, we are taking the chance to review our environment and update our procedures in line with our school's mission to inspire, challenge, and nurture our pupils. We appreciate your patience as we put these changes into action and extend our warmest thanks to those who have contributed to improving our school site.



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Meet the Teacher Session

Next week, we warmly invite families into classrooms to meet their new teachers for this academic year. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about any new classroom routines and to take a look at the environment your child will be learning in this year.

Teachers will talk you through the changes to our behaviour management system, including ClassDojo, share key information and you can see some of our pupils' fabulous work up on the walls already. For parents who have more than one child who attend Greenside, there will be a talk from class teachers at 15:30 and again at 15:45 and teachers will remain available after these allotted times for any questions, to hear any important information about your child, or just to say hello.

Tuesday 12th September: Year 4 and 5

Wednesday 13th September: Years 1, 2, 3, and 6

Thursday 14th September: EYFS

Academic and Term Dates

As we prepare for the remainder of the new school year, we would like to share the term dates for Autumn 1 and Autumn 2, as well as the upcoming half-term and Christmas holidays.

Autumn 1:

Start Date: 4th September 2023

End Date: 20th October 2023

Half Term Break:

From: 23rd October 2023

To: 27th October 2023

Autumn 2:

Start Date: 30th October 2023

End Date: 20th December 2023

Christmas Holidays:

From: 22nd December 2023

To: 9th January 2024



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INSET Days

<p>*please note change in dates Friday 1st September 2023 Thursday 21st December 2023 Monday 8th January 2024 Monday 15th April 2024 Friday 24th May 2024</p>	<p>We have made some changes to our INSET Days after reviewing the calendar and are aware that some of you may have made plans based on the information that was previously shared. If this is the case for your family, please do let us know and we will be able to help.</p>
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Class Dojo

We are delighted to formally announce the exciting new classroom reward system at Greenside. ClassDojo is a fantastic tool designed to help us recognise the hard work of our pupils and to facilitate better communication and strengthen our connection with families. Pupils will receive recognition for going above and beyond in our 'World Ready Skills', which encompass independence, resilience, reflection, working together, and organisation. They can also earn recognition for exemplifying our 'World Ready Values', which include kindness, safety, respect, making a difference, and forgiveness.

Every time a pupil earns a point, it is added to their ClassDojo icon or 'Dojo monster.' Once you have connected with your class, you will receive a notification to keep you informed. Additionally, ClassDojo will streamline communication and eliminate the need for families to email their class teachers directly. Its organised inbox, Dojo messages, ensures that teachers can respond during their working hours without messages getting lost in busy inboxes. These changes to communication are only relevant to information which you would usually send to your class teacher. All communication via the office will remain the same.

We hope that you will find these new processes helpful, and we eagerly anticipate your engagement with ClassDojo.

Parents' Meeting - 'The year of Legends, Love and Laughter'

We appreciate the families who joined us for our 'Meet and Greet the Senior Leadership Team' sessions last week. Your insights are invaluable to us, as our community is of utmost importance. Following your feedback, we invite you to a formal event on **Thursday 14th September at 5pm** in which we will address questions and outline our curriculum plans and important changes for the upcoming academic year. We are delighted to let you know that two directors from TEFAT will be joining the meeting - our London Regional Director Kate Redman and Jem Shuttleworth the Legal, SEND and Governance Director. We are excited to have you with us on this journey and hope to see you there. If any families can not attend then we are more than happy to meet you outside of this time.



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Upcoming Dates:

We intend to move to an electronic calendar for parents to access key dates and events throughout the year. We will write to you separately about this but we have included below dates for your reference.

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 12th September 15:30 - Years 4 and 5, Wednesday 13th September 15:30 - Years 1,2, 3 and 6, Thursday 14th September 15:30 - EYFS

Parents' Meeting: Thursday 14th September 17:00

Macmillan Coffee Morning: September 29th 9:00

Thank you for your continued support. We have had a busy but wonderful first week of leading Greenside. We hope you have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kind regards,

Ms Saving

Ms Iontton

Ms Finney

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher