



Green End Primary School

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the new school year at Green End, especially our extremely cute new Nursery children.

There are lots of things to look forward to and throughout this term, as you will see from the list of events. This year, we are also introducing further opportunities to involve all parents in their child's learning throughout the school. This term we are focusing on improving the children's handwriting, introducing joined up writing from year 1. It would be great if all the children could practise this at home too. We have also introduced 10 minute running sessions for year 1 to 6, to improve all the children's fitness levels. Many are finding it hard at the moment but we have every confidence they will have improved significantly by the end of this term.

I thank you for your continued support and I hope you join me in looking forward to an exciting term!

Mrs Vyas

THE GRUFFALO

For topic launch day Year 1 were introduced to the author Julia Donaldson. They read some of her stories and used her website to find out things about her. They watched her performing some of her poems on her website. They will be learning about the Gruffalo and learning the story in English to help them write their own stories.

The Gruffalo wrote a letter to the children that they enjoyed reading. He had asked the children to help him do things to help him. They compared him to other monsters and drew their own monsters. They designed and decorated biscuits for the Gruffalo using green icing, sprinkles, chocolate chips and silver balls.



AFRICA

Jambo! This half term Year 2 are learning all about Africa. They have been using the iPads to find out information about this amazing continent. The classes have been divided into five teams. These keen explorers are competing to find out all about their favourite countries in Africa. On topic launch day they tested their skills as young artists to create vibrant and decorative African landscapes. They designed and fashioned their own tribal necklaces which they wore in the playground. They also made a fire and toasted marshmallows outside.



THE TUDORS

For their topic launch day the Year 4 children explored a painting of Henry VII and his young son Henry V111. They then created their own shields and were able to include symbols they felt represented them. In the afternoon they were given a role in a Tudor Parish and learnt how to create an online blog where they gave their opinions about the death of King Henry V11 whilst in their character roles. They were also encouraged to respond to their classmates opinions whilst maintaining their characters.



REVOLUTION!

As part of their topic, year 6 enjoyed a trip to the People's History Museum where they met James Bronterre O'Brien, editor of an illegal Victorian newspaper, the Poor Man's Guardian. They accompanied him on a march to Peterloo, interviewed child mill worker John Oats and used drama and role play techniques to uncover stories of the day.



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INVADERS AND SETTLERS

The topic this half term for Year 3 is 'Invaders and Settlers'. Over the half term they will go on a journey back in time, beginning with the Beaker folk. On topic launch day, they had lots of fun exploring the Beaker people and created their own Beakers out of clay. They thought about the Celts and explored how it might feel to be part of a Celtic tribe through drama. Moving on to the Romans, they looked at an ancient recipe for a Roman Pizza and worked together to roll dough, top the pizza with cheese and honey before baking them. They finished off the day talking about Vikings and looking at the Old Norse alphabet. After tea staining some paper, they wrote their names in Norse and added a secret message to it.



ME AND MY SCHOOL

As our Nursery children are all new to school, this half term they are making friends and getting to know all the grown ups. They have also been learning how to look after all the toys in the classroom and how to use them with their friends to share and take turns. They will be getting to know lots of different people who work in our school and help them everyday.

Parents are invited in to school at the end of the Nursery topic 'Me and My School' on the 28th September, for a celebration of all the learning the children will have done. They will all be dressing up to show the grown ups what they would like to be when they grow up.

PARENTS REMINDER

Parking Outside School

The parking wardens are working closely with school and fines will be given for all of these incursions.

- There should be no parking outside school on zig zags, or double yellow lines
- There are restrictions on single yellow lines at the start and end of the day
- No parking on white lines where there is a dropped curb.

EID MUBARAK

A big thank you to everyone who made our Eid Celebration last week, such a success. Thank you to parents for attending and for the very kind donations.

Our performers were incredible, everyone really enjoyed the food and entertainment and the atmosphere was brilliant. We raised an amazing £238 for our school fund and for our school Charity Retrak, from ticket sales, henna, nail art and the tombola.



HOMEWORK CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in the Community Room.

Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them. Sessions are supported by Mrs Asif, Mrs Pitts and Ms Jones.

WAR AND CONFLICT

The year 5 topic this half term is war and conflict and the children will be learning all about World War 1 and how lives and our geography is changed by conflicts. The topic includes a class trip to the Imperial War Museum and Media City, where they will learn about how war affects peoples lives.

For topic launch day, children dressed up in costumes from the war period and shared ideas of what the word 'conflict' meant to them. They used iPads to research famous war painters and began to learn about how the war started.

UPCOMING OOHL SPORTS EVENTS

Cross Country Team Races	14 th , 21 st and 28 th Sept
Tag Rugby Tournament	29 th September, 6 th Oct
Girls Football League Matches	26 th Sept, 17 th Oct

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