



# Green End Primary School

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### WINNERS!

The Green End Basketball team played at the Amaechi Centre in the Manchester Citywide basketball finals recently and won!! They were crowned Champions of Manchester beating all the best teams from North, South, East, West and Central Manchester! In a nail biting competition they beat the defending champions St Francis into 2nd place. A great year for the team who are still unbeaten this year, and will now represent Manchester in the Level 3 School Games County Finals, playing against teams from Stockport, Bury, Rochdale and all over Cheshire. Well done!

Here are our fabulous team having been awarded their medals by the Manchester Giants!



### YOUTH SPEAKS

Three of our children took part in the Public Speaking Competition 'Youth Speaks' recently, held at Tithe Barn School. Six teams of year 10 and 11 pupils took part from local schools.

Teams of three presented their topic and afterwards the judges retired to consider each team's presentation. The standard from all the schools was extremely high and our team did an amazing job.

### ABRACADABRA!

Reception were joined by parents for the start of their topic launch day to make wands that were going to help them magic up some super skills to help them with their calculations and super sentence writing. Amazing Stephen then arrived to show them some fabulous magic tricks! He even made yellow coins come out of our ears and noses!

In the afternoon, they made up their own witch and wizard names; Mrs Kimber is now known as Mary Fishdish! Then they created giant spider webs for their giant spiders to live on using lots and lots of PVA glue, and made slimy biscuits, which looked disgusting but were very tasty.



### HERE COMES THE CIRCUS!

Year 1 will be learning all about the different roles in the circus, the history of the circus and why animals are no longer allowed to perform in the circus in England this half term. They will also be designing and making a trapeze! During topic launch day they painted their faces in clown designs and all had a go at dressing up in a clown outfit and wig. They found out about circus music and learnt a song 'The Circus is coming to Town!'

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March they will be watching an amazing circus show funded by Kingsway Community Trust, in a Big Top with all the other Year 1 children from the Trust. They will also be taking part in circus workshops.



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## YEAR 5 FAMILY READING DETECTIVES WORKSHOP

Parents and children were given a mystery to solve - who stole the precious, unique scarab from the Ancient Egyptian part of the museum? Working together, the family detective teams studied clues to try to work out who the thief was! By doing so, children learnt important reading comprehension skills.

It was an excellent session, both parents and children were fantastic! If you would like the resources to use at home, please ask at the office. It was lovely to hear parents talking about the workshop and saying things like "It's been such a challenging, fun afternoon for us. Please could we do more things like this?" and "I found this very educational for myself and my child and we both had fun too!"



## SUPERHEROES!

Year 2 are learning all about Superheroes this half term. Which super power will win out – being super fit, eating super healthily, being super positive or being super smart? For topic launch day they designed and decorated their own superhero masks using bold colours and key symbols. They also investigated comic strip bubbles and created their own to decorate the classroom. They even made their own Superhero watches! The afternoon was Science filled fun! They planned and carried out their own experiments. Some of their ideas were; does practice make perfect? Does using your arms affect how fast you can run? They will also be zooming to the park for a Superhero Olympics and picnic!



## MUSICAL SHOWCASE

To celebrate the music talent in both Green End and Ladybarn Primary Schools, on **Friday 27 March** we are holding a 'Musical Showcase' at the Martin Harris Centre, Manchester University.

Our four music groups; guitar, samba, steel pans and choir will take part in music workshops led by professionals throughout the morning to inspire pupils into learning about different instruments.

## HOMEWORK CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in Community Room 2. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them.

## BURNAGE AND BEYOND

Year 3 took a walk around Burnage as part of their topic 'Burnage and Beyond' They looked at the different buildings, roads and amenities, sketched local buildings and created their own 3D drawings of a local building, Hyde Fold Farm. They will be visiting Castleton in week 5 to compare and contrast buildings, roads, traffic and shops with our own local environment.

## POTATOES!

This year all the children in the school are taking part in a potato growing competition. Each year group have planted 12 seed potatoes in the raised beds behind the nursery. On the 24th June we will hold an official weigh in to see who has grown the most. All the potatoes that have been grown will be cooked in the kitchens and be part of our school lunches for the whole of July.



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