



Green End Primary School

Autumn 1, 2017

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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.

We were delighted with our SATs results at the end of last year and we will continue this year to expect the same high standards for all the children. There are lots of things to look forward to throughout this term, as you will see from the list of events. These include groups for parents too.

This term we are focusing on improving the children's problem solving and reasoning in maths and continuing to get the children really excited by reading. It would be great if you could make sure that your child reads at home each evening. It really is the most vital skill for life. We are also working on further learning for the children about online safety and we will keep you informed about this as we continue to have so many concerns about how much time children are spending on tablets and computers and what many children tell us they are accessing.

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

Mrs Vyas

OUR NEW TRUST CHARITY – COFFEE 4 CRAIG

This year, our chosen Trust charity, is 'Coffee 4 Craig', helping Manchester's homeless. After our Ramadan Fundraiser last term, the team from Coffee 4 Craig were very grateful and sent a huge thank you to the school community for all the fabulous donations for their homeless street kitchens. They commented, "Small children, big hearts." Look out for the latest news about this charity on our website.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Reception class has been busy settling in and have been having a great time exploring their new classroom and learning their new routines. They have loved making snacks for their friends in our Green End Café and investigating the water wall.

This term they will be learning about people who help us in the community. They will be having visits from the firefighters, a doctor, a nurse and Bev, our local Crossing Patrol Officer and how they help them and keep them safe in the community.



AFRICA

The year 2 topic this half term is Africa. The class has linked up with a school in Nairobi and are going to be sharing their experiences of day to day life. Geography is a main focus this half term. The children will be doing a lot of map reading and discovering where places are located around the globe. They will be going on a wild ride as they travel from the city and take part in a safari. For topic launch day, some guest speakers came in and talked to the class about their trips to Africa. Then the children made their own necklaces and painted them. They produced mono-prints influenced by the famous artist Karin Daymond.

NURSERY

As the nursery class are all new to Green End Primary School, they have been busy making friends and getting to know all the grown ups. They have also been learning how to look after all the toys in their classrooms and using them with their friends to share and take turns. They will also be getting to know lots of different people who work in the school. We will be inviting parents in to school at the end of the topic for a celebration of all the learning the children have been doing. The children will all be dressing up to show the grown ups what they would like to be when they grow up!



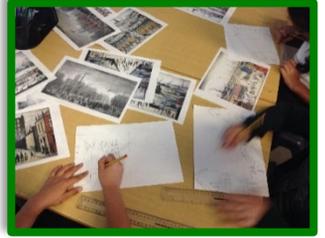
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INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

On topic launch day Year 4 started by comparing Britain in the 1750's and the 1900's. They then looked at quotes from people who had lived during the Industrial Revolution which provided more of an insight into what life was like. During the afternoon they explored Lowry's paintings and went on to create their own Lowry inspired paintings. They are going to be exploring the triangular trade which was developed as a result of the Industrial Revolution and are having a visitor in to talk to them about the slavery aspect of the triangular trade and look at African life before and after the introduction of slavery.



THE GRUFFALO

This half term in Year 1 the children will be learning about The Gruffalo. For topic launch day the children were introduced to the author, Julia Donaldson. They read some of her stories and looked at her website and wrote a list of questions for Julie Donaldson. After this the children received a letter written by the Gruffalo asking for some help as he was very lonely and wanted to meet other monsters. The children compared lots of different monsters and drew their own monster friend. They used the iPads to create monster collages of themselves and their friends to send to the Gruffalo.



INVADERS AND SETTLERS

For their topic this half term Year 3 will be exploring various invaders and settlers that came to Britain. Through drama and art, the children will learn about the Celts, Romans and Vikings while looking at some of the differences in life then compared to now. For topic launch, they turned the clocks back and started exploring the time when The Beaker people were living in Britain. The children looked at some artefacts and images of the beakers they would make to later be used to drink from and had a go at making their own.



WAR AND CONFLICT

The topic for this half term for Year 5 is the first world war. They will be discovering new information about the war, they will research how it started and who was involved in the conflict, as well as the effect the war had on the geography of Europe. For topic launch day, they learnt about different artists who have created art based on various wars. They discussed their works in detail, before using drama to re-enact these historical scenes. Using iPads, they researched the artists and their backgrounds in conflict.



RIGHTS AND REVOLUTION

This half term, Year 6 will be looking at a variety of different revolutions which have taken place both here in Manchester and across the world. They will begin the topic by studying the Peterloo massacre and the effect it had on the lives of mill workers in Manchester. The children enjoyed a brilliant trip to the People's History Museum. At the museum, they met James, a naive businessman who wanted to find out the truth about the Peterloo Massacre. The children accompanied him as he met with eyewitnesses from different social classes to uncover why a peaceful protest turned violent.



SPORTING DATES

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| Tuesday 26 th September | Trust Olympics |
| 28 th September | Sale Sharks Awareness Day – KS2 children will experience wheel chair rugby |
| 10 th October | Skip2BFit workshops for all children |

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What's Happening in Autumn 2017?

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Autumn 1

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| Whole School | Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils | Friday 1st September |
| Whole School | School opens for new term | Monday 4th September |
| Year 6 | Trip to the People's History Museum | Wednesday 13 th September |
| Reception | Visit from a Doctor | Thursday 14 th September |
| Year 3 / 4 | Trip to meet the author Cressida Cowell | Tuesday 19 th September |
| Reception | Visit from the Firefighters | Wednesday 20 th September |
| 4P | Class assembly | Friday 22 nd September |
| Year 1 | Trip to Delamere Forest | Monday 25 th September |
| Trust | Trust Olympics G & T children | Tuesday 26 th September |
| Reception | Visit from a Nurse | Wednesday 27 th September |
| Year 3 | Drama workshop | Wednesday 27 th September |
| KS2 | Sale Sharks Awareness Day | Thursday 28 th September |
| Year 4 | Trip to Quarry Bank Mill | Friday 29 th September |
| Year 5 | Harvest assembly | Friday 29 th September |
| Year 4 | African mark making workshop | Monday 2 nd October |
| Year 6 | Visit from Catherine Millan – Black History workshop | Monday 2 nd October |
| Whole school | Trust Olympic Medal assembly | Monday 2 nd October |
| Year 5 | Southern Voices | Tuesday 3 rd October |
| Whole school | Teacher training day – school closed to pupils | Friday 6th October |
| Whole school | Skip2Bfit workshops | Tuesday 10 th October |
| Year 5 | Trip to the Imperial War Museum | Tuesday 10 th October (to be confirmed) |
| Student leaders | Trip to Challenge for Change | Wednesday 11 th October |
| Nursery | Walk to the post box | Thursday 12 th October |
| Whole school | Individual school photographs | Thursday 12 th October |
| Year 6 | Black History assembly | Friday 13 th October |
| Whole school | Out of hours learning assembly | Monday 16 th October |
| Year 2 | Diwali Assembly | Friday 20 th October |
| Reception | Topic celebration day (dress up day) | Friday 20 th October |
| Nursery | Topic celebration day | Friday 20 th October |
| Whole school | School closes for Autumn half term holidays | Friday 20th October |

Autumn 2

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| Whole school | School reopens for Autumn 2 | Monday 30th October |
| Year 6 | Ghyll Head Residential Weekend | Friday 10 th – Sunday 12 th November |
| Whole school | Teacher training day – school closed to pupils | Friday 17th November |
| Parents | Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm | Tuesday 21 st November |
| Parents | Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm | Wednesday 22 nd November |
| 3E | Class assembly | Friday 24 th November |
| Whole school | Music assembly 2.30pm | Thursday 30 th November |
| Parents | Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.00pm | Friday 8 th December |
| 6S | Class assembly | Friday 8 th December |
| Whole school | Out of hours learning assembly | Monday 11 th December |
| Super Stars | Gold Trip | Tuesday 12 th December |
| FS/KS1 | Nativity 9.30am | Monday 18 th December |
| FS/KS1 | Nativity 1.00pm | Tuesday 19 th December |
| Whole school | Attendance assemblies | Thursday 21 st December |
| Whole school | Christmas lunch for children | Thursday 21 st December |
| FS/KS1 | Christmas Parties | Thursday 21 st December |
| KS2 | Christmas Parties | Friday 22 nd December |
| Whole school | School breaks up – end of Autumn term | Friday 22nd December 2017 |
| Whole school | School Reopens for pupils for Spring Term | Monday 8th January 2018 |

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All dates can be subject to change