



# Green End Primary School

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Welcome back to the new spring term.

We started back with an amazing staff training day on working with Lego for developing children's imagination and computer coding skills. This will be shared with the children in the coming months and I know they are going to love these lessons. We are a Lego Innovation Studio school now and have invested in an excellent set of resources to really inspire the children.



We are looking forward to the rest of the half term, with plenty more activities which are listed with this letter.

Mrs Vyas

## Autumn 2 Review

### SCHOOL CHARITABLE DONATIONS

On the 29th November, following various different fundraisers, our donations to date for our chosen school Charity Retrak were given an incredible boost. Retrak were awarded a special grant where any money raised for them was matched. It meant that our total donation of £710 became an incredible £1400!

We also donated a fantastic £457.30, raised from ticket sales for our Christmas performance and Carol concert to the Save the Children Fund to help children in Syria, particularly Aleppo. A huge thanks to all who supported us!

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

One of our Year 6 pupils, Shu-Ni was chosen to turn on the Christmas lights at the Burnage Community Centre at Christmas.

The evening was well attended by the community and was a great success!



### CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

A big thank you to parents and carers who came along to our Green End Christmas Fair last term it was an incredible turn out! We raised approximately £900 on the night, along with a further £277 for Retrak from sales of our Retrak Christmas cards - many thanks for your support! Well done to every single child for producing these with their partners from Uganda!



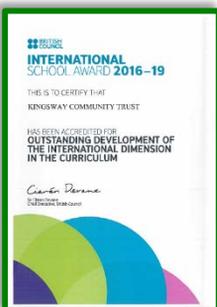
### FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS GREEN END!

Father Christmas was really impressed by the Nativity at Green End and wanted to come and visit the children himself! The children sang him Christmas carols and he left them some great presents.



### BRITISH COUNCIL AWARD

Recently we were awarded a surprise accreditation for outstanding international work for the whole Kingsway Community Trust! The British Council said they had been following our work on our websites and were really impressed by our work as a Trust and felt that they had to acknowledge and celebrate this. This is a special recognition because they have never awarded a trust an accreditation before! This work has only been possible because of the significant work, vision and determination from Mrs Asif. She has worked tirelessly to inspire staff and children regarding diversity and the international dimension of the curriculum.



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## GLOBAL DIVERSITY

Year 2 and Year 4 have international school links this term and our children have been asking their partner classes abroad questions about their lives there to help them with their topics. The topic for Year 2 is 'Wish you were here' and they are linking with Roots International school in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. They are also linking with Ecole Victor Lesage in Caen, France. For Year 4 the topic is 'China' and they are linking with Discovery Bay International School in Hong Kong.

## CHINA

As mentioned above, this half term the Year 4 theme is China. The children will be learning about the continent of Asia, facts about China and the industry in China. They will be considering how China has changed during the last two hundred years and looking at Chinese culture.

They started by watching a video from the link school, Discovery Bay, who showed them what their school was like. They then created a padlet to ask them questions about life in Hong Kong which they are going to reply to. The children looked at Asia in the atlases and located China and Beijing and had a variety of sense activities where they tried to use chopsticks, tasted Chinese food and listened to Chinese music.



## WISH YOU WERE HERE

For their topic launch day, Year 2 brought in pictures of themselves in countries from around the world and located them on a map. They also looked at their heritage and decided to focus on the countries that they had the most connections with. They investigated using iPads and created collages of the different flags. As part of their work on international links, they spent a lot of time in conversation with pupils in the link schools using an app called padlet. It was exciting and incredibly interesting to ask questions and get answers about school life in different places. They are looking forward to building relationships with these schools.



## OURSELVES

Reception classes are looking forward to learning all about keeping themselves healthy through healthy lifestyles and healthy eating. They will be sharing together some of the things that make each of them special and learning more about how each of them likes to learn. In Maths, they will be learning more about 2D and 3D shapes and beginning to talk about time at the same time as perfecting their addition and subtraction skills even further. In Phonics they are beginning to work with digraphs even more. They will be exploring stories which feature some of the healthy foods they are learning about and will be turning the Role Play Area into a café after they have visited a local café on Burnage Lane.

## GREEN END CAN GROW

Tesco has teamed up with the Groundwork Trust to fund community projects in the local area. The funding comes from money generated by the 5p carrier bag charge.

Green End has been shortlisted for an award! Please help by collecting the tokens in store at the checkout and voting for us!



## SUSTAINABILITY

This half term, Year 6 children will be learning about how industrialisation affects the landscape and the people living there. On topic launch day, through paintings and photographs, they explored the difference in Manchester both before and after the Industrial Revolution. They looked at the technological advances that took place and how they devastated not only cottage industries but the landscape of Manchester forever. Having watched Danny Boyles' magnificent interpretation of the Industrial revolution at the London Olympic Games, they then took on roles as factory workers, and through drama, explored how it felt during this exciting period of time.

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