



Green End Primary School

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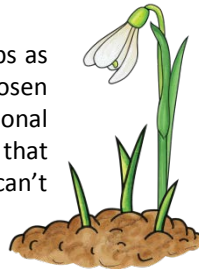
Year 3 recently travelled to the imaginary island of 'Neverland' created by J.M. Barrie in his famous book 'Peter Pan'. For topic launch day they celebrated the part played by Captain Hook and his band of pirates. They dressed as pirates, wrote and performed pirate poems and used ICT to create a pirate wanted poster and also searched for treasure using a coordinate map!



They are also looking forward to a 'Light & Shadows' workshop which will be visiting school. The children will make shadow puppets and will use them to create and perform a shadow puppet play based on the story of Peter Pan.

SNOWDROP CITY

Children in Year 5 and 6 were planting Snowdrop Bulbs as part of the 'Snowdrop City' project. Green End was chosen by Southway Housing, in association with the National Trust to plant the bulbs in remembrance of all those that took part in the 1st World War a century ago. We can't wait to see them in bloom next Spring!



EID CELEBRATION

The Eid celebration day on Thursday 2nd October involves fun activities around Eid in the morning and class parties in the afternoon. There is also an after school Eid event for families on that day – further details to follow.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country Running team did really well in their first competition this week. All runners were placed in the top 30 out of hundreds of runners. Alic Thomas of 6B came 14th which was our highest place. They will compete again over the next two weeks. Well done to the team!

ONCE UPON A TIME

For topic launch day Reception class dressed up as their favourite story book characters as part of their 'Once Upon a Time' theme. They had a 'Tale Time' where all the grown ups, including some parents read their favourite stories to them. They also made role play masks to use when retelling the stories, wrote about their favourite characters and created a role play area by cutting out bricks and sticking sticks to the wall.

FIRE! FIRE!

The topic for Year 2 this half term is Fire! Fire! They began their journey by learning all about the Great Fire of London and explored what life might have been like in 1666. The children used beeswax to design and make their very own candles. They safely made their own fires in the playground with their teachers and toasted some marshmallows.



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WHEN IN ROME

This half term Year 4 were asking themselves 'Romans – Should the Romans have invaded Britain?'. For topic launch day they dressed as Romans and found out all about life for the Celts before the Romans invaded. They designed Celtic settlements and found out about the jobs people would have done and acted them out. The Yellow Brick Road Theatre company will be coming in to work with Year 4 on Monday 29th September. They will be looking at Roman Artefacts and acting out some scenes.



TODDLER GROUP

Last July our sponsored Toddler Group Walk raised a fantastic £140! £105 was donated to Barnados Children's Charity and £35 went towards our summer outing. Thanks to all who took part and raised money.

Our Stay and Play Toddler Group free sessions are every Thursday 9.00 - 10.15am in the Community Room. Help prepare them early for starting school!



SEN PARENTS GROUP

On the 2nd of October we are holding a meeting for the SEN Parents group. The focus will be on supporting your child in maths and the resources that we have in school. The event will take place in the community room from 9.15am until 10.15am.

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.

LET'S GROW!

Once again we are collecting Morrison's 'Lets Grow' vouchers. Last year we managed to collect enough vouchers to purchase 4 insect houses for our sensory garden. They will come in very useful for lots of our outdoor learning activities. This year we are hoping to get enough vouchers to buy a water butt to collect rainwater to water our crops. Any vouchers will be greatly appreciated!

COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 26th September, between 9am and 10am. This is a chance to meet Support Staff and to get information about what's on in school for parents and carers, plus a chance to complete a questionnaire to share your views and ideas.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of Green End or helping us plan for Family Eid and Christmas events, please come along to this meeting.



NURSERY STARTERS

Our new nursery classes have got off to a great start and are enjoying exploring the environment and making new friends. They will be having a topic celebration day nearer the end of this half term where they will be dressing up as something they would like to be when they grow up.



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