



Green End Primary School

This Year's Highlights, 2016

This newsletter features some of my highlights from the year, which were so difficult to select as there have been so many!

This year, the new curriculum across the whole of the UK has been so much more challenging. As you would expect at Green End, teachers and children have really risen to the challenge and the achievements have been so impressive. Both children and staff have remained positive and determined which has been fantastic to see.

Our sporting domination across Manchester and beyond has continued this year with a long list of winning moments across a wide range of sports. The children have been excellent in their efforts in lessons, lunchtimes and after school clubs. At Green End, the sports opportunities are everywhere and this is clearly leading to excellence when it comes to competitions.

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be leading three outstanding schools where all staff are so motivated in doing the best for our wonderful and talented children.

Mrs Vyas

A WINNING YEAR!

HEADTEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On Friday 17th June Mrs Vyas was announced as a **Silver Teaching Award Winner in the category, The Award for Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School in the Pearson Teaching Awards 2016!** The Pearson Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching, recognising the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach. Following a celebratory tea at the House of Commons at the end of June, Mrs Vyas will now go on to join fellow Silver Award winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards to be held at a glittering celebration at London's Guildhall on 23rd October, where 10 Silver Award winners will receive a Gold Plato Award.



OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Congratulations to go to our Chair of Governors, Ariana Yakas, who was awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours recently for services to Education.

Governors are all volunteers. Ariana works extremely hard for our three schools, giving so many hours of her own time to support and challenge us to continue to strive to be the best we can be, for all the children in our schools.



MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS SCHOOL AWARDS - PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR!

On Friday 8th July, the amazing achievements of pupils, teachers and support staff from across the region were celebrated at the M.E.N.'s Schools Awards.

Despite fierce competition from primary schools all over Greater Manchester, Green End Primary were announced as The Essential Education Primary School of the Year and were presented their award on stage by Key 103 Radio Presenter Mike Toolan. Well done to all staff, pupils, governors, parents and carers!



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD 2015-2018

Back in October Green End / Ladybarn primary school were awarded the full International School Award from the British Council! The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in ensuring that the curriculum has the thread of Global Citizenship (Diversity, Globalisation, Social Justice, Peace and Conflict and Sustainability) running through it.

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GHYLL HEAD

Year 6 had an experience to remember when they visited Ghyll Head in the Lake District. The weekend was filled with outdoor activities which gave the children opportunities to challenge themselves and build relationships with their peers and staff. They enjoyed a range of activities including flying along the zip wire, abseiling and canoeing.

STUDENT LEADERS – YEAR IN REVIEW

This year, the student leadership teams from Green End and Ladybarn have taken part in different activities aimed at building communication and leadership skills.

These year 6 children have developed a whole raft of brilliant leadership skills: they developed their team work skills at 'Challenge for Change' in Trafford Park; built their communication skills supporting younger children for a term as reading buddies; grew their resilience with the immense trek up Kinder Scout; and expanded their empathy through the ReTrak project work. As a final skill, they are, currently, helping to select, interview and then mentor the incoming team of student leaders. Well done to all the children for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year. They have been a real credit to the schools.



ROTARY CLUB WINNERS

Three of our Green End children then took part in the Stockport Rotary Club Speaking Competition. The standard was exceptionally high however Alex, Teagan and Alicia reformed with confidence and were declared the overall winners!!



OUR NEW BUILDING

In the Easter holidays of this year, our lovely new building extension was finished. The extension is home to our new Community Room where our parent courses and sessions now take place.

We enjoyed a lovely open event at the end of April, where parents were welcomed with refreshments on arrival and were invited to look around the two new community rooms and our lovely bright atrium space. Several local agencies were in attendance, sharing information about our local community and assessing services including Burnage Library, Burnage Food Bank, Sure Start Outreach Workers, Westcroft Community Centre, Southway Housing and N Gage.



ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

A group of year 4 pupils took part in a residential trip to Robin Wood at Todmorden in Spring Term. They stayed away from home over night and took part in a variety of activities including: indoor climbing, archery, team building and problem solving activities. Everyone had a great time and developed skills in team work and resilience.



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