



# Green End Primary School

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This half term has been strongly focused on the children’s progress. We have held extremely well attended parents evenings where so many parents left expressing how proud they are of what their children are achieving. Along with Mr Harriott, I have met each teacher to look closely at how each individual child is doing and we have set challenging targets for their progress this school year.

I have been so impressed with how ambitious each teacher is for your children to be the best they can be and would like to thank them for their hard work.

Our motto of **‘Dream it achieve it!’** is so clear throughout the school!

Mrs Vyas

### GHYLL HEAD RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND

The Year 6 children had a fantastic weekend at Ghyll head. Both children and staff faced their fears head on and overcame some tough challenges. After conquering the zip-line, navigating the lake and exploring the pitch-black caves, they have made memories to last a life time and came back with some stories to tell. The children have shown incredible bravery and exceptional team work skills and we are all extremely proud of everything they have achieved.



### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY – ISOBEL FREEMAN

Hello from the governors! This year we will be concentrating on mentoring our new governors and also looking at governor training and development. We have put together a draft development plan for the governing body which needs to be reviewed and approved at our next meeting. Other things we are focusing on are safeguarding and monitoring how our equality policy is embedded into school life.

### ONCE UPON A TIME

On November 6<sup>th</sup> Reception and Nursery Classes took part in an interactive storytelling session with a visiting theatre company. They shared the story ‘Lollipops and Circus Props’ and brought along live musicians to add sound effects to drama. Throughout the half term, the Reception children will listen to lots of different traditional tales and talk about the characters and settings found in them and write stories of their own. They are really look forward to week 5 when some of their parents are going to join them in school to read stories in different languages.



**If you are worried about managing over the Christmas holidays there are people and agencies who may be able to help with Christmas gifts for your children and food during the school holidays. You can approach Clare Pitts in confidence in school or on 07794481095 or the deputy heads of school for more information.**

### LET’S CELEBRATE!

This term Nursery will be learning about all the different ways we celebrate; birthdays, Christmas, Eid, Diwali, New Year’s Eve, weddings and christenings. They will be creating their own birthday and celebration books. Each nursery class are also looking forward to singing and dancing a Christmas song in the Christmas production. For their topic launch day the children will be having a birthday party day, where they will dress in party clothes, make decorations, cakes and sandwiches. Once the party is over they will then play lots of party games.

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## THIS MORNING I MET A WHALE

This half term, Year 4 are looking at the book 'This morning I met a whale' by Michael Morpurgo. They will be looking at the environment and the impact that humans can have both negatively and positively on nature and wildlife. In science they are looking at different animal habitats and food chains and will be creating animal footprints using relief printing and inventing a product that will help the environment. They went outside to bird watch in the local environment creating a survey to assess what birds they could see in our area. They also visited the Green Room to hunt for mini beasts.



## SPORTING UPDATE

Last half term Key Stage 2 children worked with the coaches from Sale Sharks Rugby Club. They were able to try wheelchair tag rugby and rugby for visual impaired people. The day raised the awareness across school of disability sports and gave children some really valuable experiences.

Recently one of our Cross Country Team competed at Wythenshawe Park. The team was made up of KS2 children, who may not normally get to compete in sporting events. The team did Green End proud and all the children put in brilliant performances! The girls team came third overall and the boys came 7th. The entire Green End team were awarded the special medal for determination. Well done!



## VICTORIAN TIMES

This half term Year 2 are whizzing back in time to the Victorian era. Queen Victoria was on the throne and they plan to investigate how life was different for children at school. For Topic launch day, the children discussed what they would like to know about the children that lived in Victorian times. They acted out some scenes from children in the workhouse, chimney sweeps and coal mines. The children were shocked at the 13-hour work days. Most were glad that they were born in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They also created their own wallpaper prints in the style of the famous Victorian artist, William Morris.



## GRUFFALO HUNT

Last half term Year 1 visited Delamere Forest as part of the Gruffalo topic and went on a Gruffalo hunt. They followed a map and found the Gruffalo at the end of a very long, steep walk. They took part in a special lesson where they learnt about different creatures that live in the forest and made them special homes to live in. They had a wonderful day! This half term the children will be looking at the local area and seeing how it fits into Manchester, the North West of England and then Great Britain as a whole. They will be looking at historical photographs and comparing them to now.



## OUR WORLD

Year 3 will learn about all the continents, looking at which countries make up each continent, the climate and the animals which are native to each continent this half term. They will explore issues surrounding endangered animals over the world and the reasons behind this which links in with their trip to Chester Zoo in December.

For topic launch day they began by discussing what a continent is and how the climate differs around the world depending on how close to the equator the continent/country is. Then they found out the difference between seas and oceans and looked at marine life.

## OUR HISTORY

This half term, Year 6 will be studying in depth some news worthy events which have happened during their own childhoods. They will be looking at why some events become important historically and how these events may be portrayed in the media. The children will learn how to look objectively at different sources of news and form their own opinions of the truth. For the start of the theme, the children used drama techniques to investigate the build up to the Hillsborough disaster as this is an event that happened during both the Year 6 teachers' childhoods. They wrote diary entries to explore the feelings of people before the match and then investigated some photos of what happened later in the day, which prompted lots of questions to be asked.