



Green End Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 1, 2015

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the new school year at Green End. I hope that you and your children had an enjoyable summer holiday, and feel refreshed and ready for the new term. Our gorgeous new Nursery children are a great addition to the school.

By now I am sure you are aware of our recent Ofsted Grading as an Outstanding Primary School in All Areas. We are delighted and immensely proud of this achievement and will be celebrating by taking the whole school to a Pantomime in December!

There are lots of things to look forward to including a new extension at the front of school now that we have planning permission. Throughout this term the children will be learning many new skills and taking part in a variety of school trips and projects. We have many things organised as you will see, ranging from trips to Staircase House to Poetry workshops.

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

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STIG OF THE DUMP

Year 3 went back in time to the Stone Age and became explorers on their topic launch day. They talked about the different questions they had about early man. They enjoyed making Neolithic jewellery out of bones and tusks, and built Celtic round houses using clay, wood and straw. They will be visiting Tatton Park at the end of the half term where they will get a chance to build dens outside, visit a real cave and explore how farming and agriculture worked over 2 million years ago!



FIRE! FIRE!

The topic Year 2 this half term is Fire! Fire! For topic launch day they built fires, safely, in the playground. As they waited for the flames to get bigger, they got marshmallows ready to toast. They also turned their classroom into the Bakery on Pudding Lane and learnt all about what it might have been like to live there in 1666.



PEOPLE'S MUSEUM

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the People's History Museum in Salford. The children took part in a drama workshop where they came face to face with a journalist called James Bronterre O'Brien, editor of Victorian newspaper the *Poor Man's Guardian*. They accompanied Bronterre on a march to Peterloo and uncovered the stories of the day. The children enjoyed creating dramatic freeze frames depicting the events in St. Peter's Field. They also enjoyed exploring other exhibitions in the museum, sketching the trade union banners and learning about the symbols hidden within.



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CONFLICT & WORLD WAR

In Year 5 the children have been investigating paintings depicting conflict. They have looked at different styles from different period and have explored why artists choose to make works of art about conflict and war.

They have been looking at World War 1 artefacts and looked at conflict has changed over the centuries. They have also explored poetry and used this to explore different feelings and emotions connected with war.

They will be visiting the Imperial War Museum on the 25th September to explore historical artefacts first hand.

INCREDIBLE INVENTORS

We are very excited as coming soon will be our published book on 'Incredible Inventors', celebrating the work of Year 2 children last summer, on inventors from different backgrounds!

CELEBRATIONS

Friday 25th September is Eid celebration day – children can wear party clothes and we thank you in advance for food contributions for afternoon parties (please remember to use new food info labels for plates of food made at home).

We have a family Eid celebration after school where dancers will perform, and children and parents can also enjoy snacks, henna, face painting, nail art and there are raffle prizes to be won. All proceeds will go into the school fund. Our apologies if you did not manage to get a ticket, due to space, tickets are limited.

Year 5 will have their Eid celebration day on Tuesday 29th September as they will be on a school trip on the 25th September.

We will be celebrating Black History month with a year 6 assembly on Friday 23rd October.

REMINDERS

Can parents and carers please refrain from parking in the car park at St Bernard's next door when dropping off and picking up children.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in school, please come along to an information sharing session on Wednesday 7th October at 2.15pm in the Community room, If you are unable to attend this session and would like more info, please contact Clare Pitts or Mrs Davidson in school.

NURSERY STARTERS

Our new nursery classes have got off to a great start and are enjoying exploring the environment and making new friends and getting to know all the grown ups. They have also been learning how to look after all the toys in the classroom and using them with friends to share and take turns They will be inviting parents in to school at the end of their topic for a celebration of all the learning they have been doing. They will all be dressing up as someone from their family for the day which they are really looking forward to!

HOMEWORK CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in the Community Room. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them. Sessions are supported by Mrs Asif, Mrs Pitts and Ms Jones.

PARENT COURSES

Stay and Play Sessions Every Thursday 9-10.15 in the Community Room at Green End. Free sessions to help prepare your child for starting school/nursery.

Creative Skills for Parents/Carers.
Delivered By Manchester Adult Education. Every Tuesday 9.15-11.15 in the Community Room at Green End . Creche available.

Internet Safety session - Friday 25th September 9-10am with Mrs Croke and Mrs Pitts. Raising awareness and sharing information re internet/gaming problems.



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