



Green End Primary School

Spring 2, 2017

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Over the past few weeks, myself and Mr Harriott have observed lessons in every class and met with all teachers to look at every pupils assessment results. This has shown us how hard our children are working, the really pleasing progress they are making and how fortunate they are to be taught by our team of enthusiastic, skilled and dedicated staff. I know you will be looking forward to seeing this for yourself on parents evening.

This half term has also seen the Ofsted inspection of Cringle Brook where they have been judged outstanding. This now means that all three schools on our Trust carry the Ofsted outstanding rating.

Mrs Vyas

YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION

In February, three of our very talented Year 6 pupils, Shu-Ni Chen, Ahmed Khan and Georgia Horrocks took part in the Stockport Lamplighters Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition. The team worked hard in the weeks leading up to the competition to write an engaging speech. They performed with confidence and charm on the night and went on to win all prizes on offer! The team as a whole came first and go through to the next round of the competition in May! We are all very proud of them!



LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS

Also in February we received a letter from the MP, the Right Honourable Nick Gibb, who is the Minister of State for School Standards. He wrote to congratulate Green End on the high level of progress our pupils make. Our results show that that Green End is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress our pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2 in English reading, writing and maths!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day children and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters. The morning assembly was a fantastic cocktail of characters from Harry Potter's golden snitch to a hilarious Captain Underpants. In the assembly, we had a competition judged by the school council and a member of the governing body. The children won special new books to take home and treasure. We held a book fair after school and there was an astonishing turn out. Over a hundred books were exchanged and there was a real buzz of excitement around the atrium. Then came the Bedtime Reading session in the great hall. Year 3 attended a night time reading activity where members of the staff read their favourite stories in dens by candle light. Mr Skinner's pyjamas were a sight to behold!



BURNAGE AND BEYOND

This half term Year 3 children have been exploring the local area in greater detail, thinking about the different types of land use and the reasons behind this. The children will compare their findings of their local area with a trip to a rural village and will think about the advantages or disadvantages of living in each type of area. For topic launch day they began by thinking about what they already knew about the local area. They then had a look at some ordnance survey maps of the area of Manchester, looking for familiar area names. They used collage materials to create their topic cover page and took clipboards outside to complete a traffic survey of Burnage Lane.



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LET'S GO!

For topic launch day Nursery children brought their own wheels to school and had a great time riding bikes and scooters around the big playground. For this topic they are going to be finding out about different kinds of transport with wheels, wings and other things. They enjoyed a great trip by train to Manchester Airport where they conducted their own transport survey. They watched the aeroplanes landing and taking off and found out what happens at the check-in desk.



CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

The year 1 topic this half term is the Circus. For topic launch day they invited Ladybarn and Cringle Brook Year 1 over to school and had a Big Top Circus come to visit the school. They watched them perform their tricks and then in the afternoon there were able to try the activities themselves. Their favourite activity was spinning the plates and balancing the flower sticks!

ABRACADABRA!

This half term Reception are thinking and learning about all things magical. They have turned the role-play area into a potion's lab/shop and are using their imagination to create fun potions and spells. On topic launch day, they went on a magical hunt around the school and found some mysterious ingredients to make magic potions and spells. It was a rainy day but they still managed to have broom sticks races around the field and find a magic puddle to splash in.

SUPERHEROES!

For their topic this half term, Year 2 are looking at their favourite superheroes and investigating the qualities that make them heroes. They have been looking at what they eat to make them strong and healthy. In addition, they will be looking at who we think the real superheroes are? On topic launch day they began by making their own wristbands with a superhero logo. In the afternoon they designed their own comic strip layouts for using in ICT later this half term. It was an exciting day and everyone loved dressing up!



WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?

This half term Year 5 will be comparing the physical geography, history and culture of Britain with that of a contrasting world locality, namely St Lucia – an island in the Caribbean. For topic launch day they used Google Earth to explore St Lucia, and explored the school grounds and beyond to compare and contrast physical features. In addition, the children brushed up on their atlas and map-reading skills, using specific geographical vocabulary. They also enjoyed a visit to Burnage library!

GREEN END CAN GROW

We are delighted to share some fantastic news! Thank to the local community, Green End have received funding from Tesco's #BagsofHelp initiative. We have received £2000 to help to develop an area where we can grow our own food.



SUSTAINABILITY

As part of their theme of sustainability last half term, Year 6 walked to the Southway Housing Community Garden Space, The Green Room, where they helped to plant some hedgerow, put some herb plants into the new flowerbeds and create some willow structures for the pond. They hope to use this beautiful outdoor space for their learning in the summer. This half term, Year 6 are focussing on their upcoming SATs. The children will continue to work hard on the English, Maths and Grammar skills. They also have 100 really tricky words to learn how to spell!



ROBINWOOD

On Friday 3rd March, 30 of the Year 4 children went on a trip to Robinwood. They had the opportunity to participate in a range of fantastic activities over the course of the 2 days. They had to use their teamwork skills to create the tallest crate tower without falling off, climb to the top of the climbing wall, use their logic and reasoning skills to solve the clues in the Piranha pool in order to escape the room before time ran out, use their senses to get their team successfully to the end of the nightline and use their strength and aim to complete the archery challenges.



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What's Happening in Spring 2, 2017?

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Whole school	School reopens for Spring 2	Monday 27th February
Year 1	Visit to the Circus	Monday 27 th February
Reception	Outdoor learning day	Monday 27 th February
5H	Visit to Burnage Library	Tuesday 28 th February
Year 6	Trip to Parrswood Wood High to watch Buggy Malone	Wednesday 1 st March
Reception	Visit by The Amazing Stephen Magician	Wednesday 1 st March
Whole school	World Book Day Dress Up	Thursday 2 nd March
Whole school	World Book Day Assembly	Thursday 2 nd March
NK	Trip to Manchester Airport	Friday 3 rd March
Year 4	Residential to Robinwood	Friday 3 rd – Saturday 4 th March
5O	Visit to Burnage Library	Tuesday 7 th March
NWP	Trip to Manchester Airport	Tuesday 7 th March
Year 5	Visit to a Mosque	Wednesday 8 th March
Whole school	Class Photographs	Wednesday 8 th March
4P	Visit to Burnage Library	Tuesday 14 th March
Nursery	Parents Workshop	Wednesday 15 th March
6S	Class Assembly	Friday 17 th March
Parents	E Safety Meeting for Parents	Friday 17 th March
4H	Visit to Burnage Library	Tuesday 21 st March
Parents	Parents Evenings	Tuesday 21 st /Wednesday 22 nd March
Year 3	Trip to Styal Village	Wednesday 22 nd March
Parents	Music Assembly	Thursday 23 rd March
Whole school	Comic Relief Wear Red to School	Friday 24 th March
Year 1	Singaround	Monday 20 th March
Whole school	OOHL Assembly	Monday 27 th March
Super stars	Gold Trip	Monday 27 th March
Whole school	Science Super Learning Day	Tuesday 28 th March
Whole school	Attendance Assemblies	Thursday 30 th March
Year 3	Easter Assembly	Friday 31 st March
Whole school	School closes, end of Spring Term	Friday 31st March
Whole school	School Reopens for pupils for Summer Term	Tuesday 18th April

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All dates can be subject to change