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CHILDREN RETURN TO WONDERFUL WOW DAYS

Including an alien invasion in
Reception!

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:

Happy New Year and welcome back to Greenfields after your holidays. I hope you all had a lovely break. Well done to all the parents who have ensured that their children are ready to learn by being at school, on time, and in their full school uniform. This morning in assembly it was delightful to present 112 children with a green band for having green in all areas of their reports last term, which includes impeccable uniform! Congratulations to you all! A massive thank you to all the parents who are parking at a distance from school and walking their children into school, which in turn is ensuring the safety of all the children at Greenfields. It will be hard to miss me and Mrs Tyrrell-Smith at the school gates in our bright hi-vis jackets on the school gate, also ensuring the safety of our families as they enter the school premises. Also I would like to remind you of the letter I sent out to you at the end of last term, regarding our school becoming a PAPERLESS and CASHLESS school. Please prepare for this by setting up ParentPay, downloading the MyED app and informing the school office of your email address if you have not already. *Mrs Appleby*

AMAZING AWARDS!



Well done to the following KS2 children who are receiving awards next week:



| Class | Reading | Handwriting | Sports | Star Pupil |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Marvellous Meerkats | Fawaz | Scarlet | Baylee | Sam |
| Cheeky Monkeys | Jwana | Lewis | Michalina | Madison |
| Remarkable Rhinos | Goda | Chloe | Chiara | Charlie-Lee |
| Powerful Panthers | Shania | Macey | Dinija | Tuna |
| Super Sharks | Ume | Ewan | Roxanne | Domile |
| Champion Cheetahs | Taiya | Ocean | Kaan | Axel |
| Proud Lions | Keren | Isabelle | - | Lea |
| Soaring Eagles | Simona | Jeremiah | Eboni | Aaron |

If your child is receiving an award, you are invited to attend the Celebration Assembly on Friday 12th January at 9:00am. Please stick around for a cuppa afterwards.



↑ NEW READING AWARD LAUNCHED!

As part of recognising the great importance in reading for our children, each week a child will be awarded with the special reading award for their enthusiasm and progress in reading.

TOP OF THE POPS!

Greenfields Primary School is very excited to announce that, once again, our overall performance for at the end of Key Stage 2 is in the top 3 out of the 268 Primary Schools in the whole of Northamptonshire and overall performance for disadvantaged pupils is best in the county!

You can read more here: www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/

Overall performance at end of key stage 2 in 2017 - disadvantaged pupils ?

| School name | Type of school | % of pupils meeting expected standard | Progress score & description ? | | | % of pupils achieving at a higher standard | Average score in reading | Average score in maths |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Reading | Writing | Maths | | | |
| Greenfields Primary School | Academy | 64% | Well above average 6.6 | Well above average 4.2 | Well above average 4.2 | 0% | 103 | 101 |

Alien Invasion!

Yesterday morning Dragonflies and Busy Bees started of their day by listening to a news report telling them that aliens had been spotted in Kettering! They then saw some aliens flying past their windows so they went to investigate. Once they got outside they saw some aliens and a spaceship with real alien slime had landed in their playground! They found out that the aliens had come to Earth because they wanted to know what life was like and they were a bit bored of space. They weren't here to harm them or cause any trouble, so they thought they would let them into the classrooms. The children became alien explorers for the day! They took part in a variety of activities, including making space passports, designing spaceships, making moon sand and making alien biscuits. They were all so excited and can't wait to continue their learning about Space!



Going for Green CHAMPIONS!

Well done to the following 112 children who received green in every area of last terms report!

Andy **Braydon** Ingrid **Kevinas** Milita **Oscar**
Aara **Ianis** James **Layla** Tyler **Arav** Charlotte
Faye Isabelle **Jewel** Leo **Lucian** Regan **Rhea**
Vinnie **Tiegan** Eryn **Oliver** Kian **Maddison**
Theo **Maleeq** Laura **Lucian** Mikolaj **Senuka**
Sharna **T'alou** Jake **Tuesday** Lewis **Isaac** Kii-
tan **Tilly** Daisy **Isaac** Ellie **Anna** Tatiana **Aron**
Baylee **Ben** Blu **Ceira-Molly** Fawaz **Jamie**
Lewis **Scarlet** Sofia **Saina** Raya **Rodrigo** So-
phie **Paige** Aleksandra **Goda** Poppy **Oliwia**
David **Maxim** Gabriel **Shania** Summer
Mishca Sami **Olivia** Matthew **Mason** Rose
Chloe Jayden **Fatima** Rohaan **Frank** Ches-
ter **Ume** Sky **Jordan** Cole **Nikola** Maya **Ugne**
Amelia **Domile** Sophie **Thomas** Adam **Aria-**
na **Poppie** **Natas** Keren **Megan** Kaja **Jakub**
Nikola **Simona** Josh **Jessica** Abdu **Aaron**
Cobie

Thank You FROGS

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Fair – as with every Friends and Relations of Greenfields School (FROGS) event, it was well supported by the school community and enjoyed by all. A grand total of £800 was raised and this has been added to the DRET Inspiration Fund, which is the Trust's Fund which enables more of the fantastic enrichment opportunities that children at Greenfields benefit from and enjoy.

You may also know that the current FROGS committee have announced that this was the last event they would be running together and that the committee's terms of office would be ceasing with immediate effect. I am sure that you will join with me to thank the FROGS committee members for their hard work, dedication and commitment to fundraising and fun-providing over the years since FROGS was formed.

Does this mean the end of the Friends and Relations of Greenfields School? By no means! Please be assured that community events will be continuing to raise money for the Inspiration Fund with fun and exciting events: your support will be valued and welcomed, so please keep your eye out for future events under the FROGS banner!



Chinese New Year

This week Year One were thrown into their new topic about Chinese New Year and what a cracking Wow day they had! The children were able to write their names in Chinese, dress up in traditional Chinese clothes and, best of all, end the day with a scrumptious Chinese banquet. The Chinese feast included spring rolls, noodles, rice, chicken with black bean sauce and sweet and sour chicken. The children persevered with the chopsticks and were able to use them confidently by the end of the meal. They can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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| School Nurse Drop-In (8:30-10:30am) | Tues 9th Jan | Film Club (more details to follow) | Tues 30th Jan |
| Class Photos (full school uniform!) | Weds 10th Jan | Yr 2 Whipsnade Zoo trip (£12) | Thurs 1st Feb |
| Horse riding starts (selected children) | Weds 10th Jan | Yr 3 Lego Workshop (£6) | Tues 6th Feb |
| Young Voices trip (Choir, Birmingham) | Fri 12th Jan | Parents' Evening (3:30-6:00pm) | Tues 6th Feb |
| Clubs start | Mon 15th Jan | Parents' Evening (3:30-7:30pm) | Weds 7th Feb |
| Deadline for applying for 2018-19 Reception places | Mon 15th Jan | Yr 4 Cadbury World trip (£15) | Thurs 8th Feb |
| Yr 5 African Dance Day (£5) | Mon 22nd Jan | Break up for half term | Fri 9th Feb |
| Reception Space Day (£8) | Tues 23rd Jan | CSD Activity Camp | 12th-16th Feb |
| Yr 6 Whipsnade Zoo trip (£12) | Tues 30th Jan | Back to school | Tues 20th Feb |

Family Cooking Course

Would you like to learn to cook some new meals and snacks? Do you like meeting new people and spending time with your child?

If so, sign up for our family cooking course where you can do some cooking with your child!

Running from Tuesday 20th February for 5 weeks, from 9:15am to 12:00pm.

If you're interested, contact the office on 01536 514622 or admin@greenfields-pri.co.uk

WE ARE A CASHLESS SCHOOL

As of 31st January, we will no longer be able to accept cash payments. All payments must be made via ParentPay. If you have not yet set up your ParentPay account, please do so. If you are having any problems, please contact the school office who will help you to set up your account.



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SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN

On Tuesday 9th January from 8:30-10:30am, the school nurse will holding a drop-in at Greenfields. If you would like to see the school nurse about any concerns you have regarding your child's health and well-being, please sign in at the school office between these times.

CLASS PHOTOS - 10th January

On the 10th January we will be having whole class photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in full school uniform which includes:

- A red Greenfields jumper or cardigan with the school logo
 - Black trousers or skirt
 - Black polishable school shoes
- Only small hair accessories in the school colours

NEW CLUBS!

There is an exciting new range of clubs starting this term! A letter will be coming home with your child today with the details. Please return your child's form as soon as possible as clubs will be allocated on a first come first served basis. **Clubs will start on MONDAY 15th JANUARY.**

See all of the new clubs below:



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SCAN ME

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|--------------|-----|-----------|-----|----------------|-------|-----------|-----|----------------|-------|-----------|------|
| Loom Band | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | All | Choir | Tues | Lunchtime | All | Choir | Thurs | Lunchtime | All |
| Sewing | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | KS2 Science | Tues | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | Lego | Thurs | Lunchtime | All |
| Cooking (£1) | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | All | Basketball | Tues | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | Girls Football | Thurs | 3:30-4:30 | All |
| Hockey | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | Forest School | Tues | 3:30-4:30 | All | ICT | Thurs | 3:30-4:30 | All |
| Netball | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | News Club | Tues | 3:30-4:30 | All | KS1 Science | Thurs | 3:30-4:30 | KS1 |
| Fit Club | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | All | Homework | Weds | Lunchtime | All | KS2 Art | Thurs | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 |
| Tech Club | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | All | Chess | Weds | Lunchtime | All | Dance | Thurs | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 |
| Gardening | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | KS2 | Karate (£1.50) | Weds | 3:30-4:30 | All | Football | Fri | 3:30-4:30 | Y2-6 |
| KS1 Art | Mon | 3:30-4:30 | KS1 | Spanish | Thurs | Lunchtime | All | | | | |