

Greatwood Newsletter

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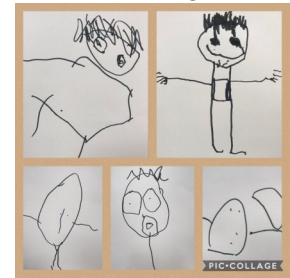
Message from Mrs Yeoman: Hello everyone, I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. A big big THANK YOU to absolutely everyone in our school community who has worked tirelessly this last month to keep everyone safe and well, our school attendance has been an incredible 96%.

On behalf of us all here I would like to personally welcome all of our new nursery and reception families, your children are a credit to you all and they are already well and truly part of our Greatwood family.

September at Greatwood has been an incredible month, Mr Gorny, our site supervisor said that school felt 'alive' once more and he couldn't have been more accurate. School is 'buzzing' once again and the children and staff have settled back into school life very quickly.

September learning highlights:

Nursery: The nursery children have settled in so well and very quickly. Highlights of the past month for me have to be the self portraits that the children have drawn and catching children reading in the outdoor tent!



Reception: All reception children have settled in very quickly and are already showing superb characteristics of effective learning 'playing and exploring' 'active learning' and 'creating and thinking critically.' Highlights in learning have been seeing the children sharing their treasure boxes in front of the class.



Year 1: Our Year 1 children have had a superb start to the school year, their classroom is set up with areas of provision and they are always so busy! A highlight has to be the creative morning that the children had, painting, crafting, drawing and role play galore!

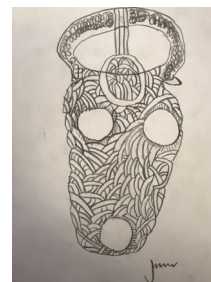
Year 2: The children really impressed us with how quickly they are making progress, the standard of work that they have produced in the past four weeks has been superb. A highlight for me has been the standard of art work that the children have produced, particularly their colour mixing in the style of Van Gogh.



Year 3: The children in Year 3 have shown incredible behaviours for learning, They are learning all about Robots and have been enjoying reading The Iron Man. Katie Hoggarth commented on how well the children behaved during the orienteering event and the standard of teamwork was excellent.



Year 4: What a start to the year! Year 4 have been busy learning all about teeth! They carried out a very interesting science experiment, looking at the effects that liquids have on our teeth! I was very shocked to see the effect of blackcurrant juice. Needless to say, we won't be having blackcurrant in the Yeoman house!



Year 5: The Year 5 children are learning all about The Anglo Saxons, they have been studying artefacts and the art work that they have produced has been exceptional. They are also our first year group to be taking part in our brass lessons with Mr Price. I have been particularly impressed with the standard of their detailed art work.

Year 6: Year 6 have returned to school with a 'thirst' for learning and excellent behaviours. They are our first year group to take part in our Outdoor-Ed project which all children from Years 2-6 will take part in this year.

I have been very impressed with the standard of poetry that the Y6 children have written and know that they will continue to work tirelessly throughout the year.



Dropping off and picking up- Many thanks to all parents and families who are waiting patiently on the yellow 2m markings during drop off and pick up times. A polite reminder not to congregate outside the entrances to school in the areas marked below. I have noticed several parents dropping off one child and then waiting around for 20 minutes to drop off their next child. **As soon as your child comes in through the gate, please move on and if needs be re-join the queue for the next year group.**

This is also dangerous as children are then playing near to the busy road and other parents who need to get past with prams and young people are having to walk onto the road.



I know that this is only a small minority of parents, but please can we work together to ensure the safety of our whole school community.



ParentPay- Could parents who owe money for ties, school meals, After School Club etc, please log-on to ParentPay and clear your outstanding balances immediately. ParentPay accounts should remain in credit at all times.

