



Greenvale School Newsletter

April 2019

NOTABLE DATES 2018—2019

Friday 5th April 2019
Break up for Easter

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Students return to school

Friday 3rd May
Inset Day

Monday 6th May
Bank holiday

Friday 24th May
Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June
Students return to school

Friday 19th July
Last day of term

MFL Day

MFL Day took place on Tuesday 26th March. All students in Keys Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 were invited to broaden their knowledge and practice language skills related to clothes and weather. There were specially tailored sensory story workshops in French and Spanish, taken by our multilingual staff, for our students, who follow Grove and Glade pathways. Learning words in French and Spanish proved to be great fun!





11-15th March was British Science week at
Greenvale School.

On Monday morning, students had an assembly workshop delivered by MAD Science. The workshop was a fantastic experience for our students and some participated in the experiments looking at the effect air can have on different items.



Throughout the rest of the week students participated in experiments in class with their peers. For example, KS5 participated in the Mentos challenge looking at reactions between the Mentos and fizzy drinks. Some classes experimented with skittles, observing the diffusion and dissolving of the colours.



Heads Message

As always it has been a busy and fruitful term. So many great things have taken place from Book day and Red Nose Day to dance and drama activities.

I have spent a couple of really rewarding evenings watching our young people demonstrate to their peers how amazing they are.

The first was the Jack Petchey Awards evening where six of our young people received awards for their achievements. It was lovely to celebrate their success with their families and they all behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school.

The second was the Jack Petchey Regional dance showcase. Our dance team were fantastic! They danced with great enthusiasm and energy and the crowds clapped and cheered them on. They represented us in such a positive way and were well supported by their families and our lovely staff.

Our Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review Report took place this term and is available on the website. We had a review from three external professionals that looked at aspects of our school. It praises the school and agrees that we are outstanding. A couple of quotes were;

“The most effective teaching is characterised by well-established routines, appropriately differentiated learning intentions and very positive relationships between staff and students, all of which combine to promote engagement and highly motivated students. This is often enhanced by collaborative learning activities. The pace of lessons is generally high but when necessary staff allow time for students to process their thoughts and respond appropriately to questions.”

“Teachers ensure that students have many opportunities to work independently. Learning support assistants thoughtfully ensure that students are not over-supported.”

The whole review was a very positive process to demonstrate how well we provide for our young people. Our school only works so effectively because of the effort everybody makes together and hence our lovely school is the result of everybody's contribution!

I hope you all have a restful Easter and that the sun shines for a least a little bit of the holidays! We are looking forward to seeing everybody relaxed and ready for work after the holidays.

Kind Regards

Lynne



P Levels

New Greenvale Levels have been created in English and Maths following the recommendations from the Rochford Review (2016) of the removal of P Levels as statutory requirement for the assessment of students working below the standard of national curriculum tests. The Greenvale Levels have been designed to assess the development of students' skills, bridge the gap between P8 and Entry Level, and include functional age-appropriate English and Maths life skills. GV levels are available to view on the school website.



We have recently added a link on our website / outreach and support page, to an organisation campaigning for the provision of independent living accommodation and supported housing for ASD young adults in the London Borough of Lewisham called CLASH.

CLASH are not affiliated with Greenvale School but they are keen for us to share with you the good work they do.

Reminders

Please remember to update school with any new telephone numbers and address changes as soon as possible.

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please check your eligibility on the London Borough of Lewisham website, searching for Free school meals.

