



GREENVALE
SCHOOL

Greenvale School Newsletter

March 2021



Heads Message



NOTABLE DATES 2020—2021

Wednesday 31st March 2021
Break up for Easter

**Thursday 1st April—Friday
16th April 2021**
Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April 2021
Students return to school

Monday 3rd May 2021
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th May 2021
New Staff Inset Day

Friday 28th May 2021
Break up for half term

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been an immense pleasure to have all of our young people back in school this last half term. The school feels so much better when it is full of the sound of students! Everyone has settled back into routine and we have even enjoyed some whole school activities – within our Covid safe Bubbles of course. We cannot wait until we can open back up to our full curriculum.

Next term we hope to restart some bigger physio and hydrotherapy groups and will tentatively begin to introduce more activities alongside a few more fun activities in the summer term when we can safely use our outside space.

If your son / daughter has a positive test over the Easter holiday please let the school know. You can call the usual number and select option 2. The message will tell you what information you need to leave. You can do this at any time over the break and one of us will call you back.

This will also enable us to carry out Track and Trace with anybody who you had close contact with. We sincerely hope that nobody from our community will become unwell.

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Heads message continued

Just a few Covid reminders.

- * Please remember to send your son / daughter to school with a mask if they can wear one.
- * Please remember to send in warm clothes / blankets (for wheelchair users) as we want to keep as much air flowing through the school as possible.
- * Please watch out for the three symptoms cough, loss of smell or taste, high temperature- and keep your son / daughter at home if they are unwell.
- * Please ensure that you have a prepared means to pick up your son / daughter should they become ill or need to isolate.
- * In school we are supporting our young people to socially distance whenever possible. Please support this learning whenever you can at home.
- * Contact us if you would like us to send you home a rapid home test kit for you to use with your son/daughter.

As you are aware the vast majority of our staff have received a vaccine and will have the second one before our return to school in the Summer term. If you would like your son / daughter to be vaccinated you can do this via the Government website. Anybody with a learning difficulty can book a vaccine.

Here is the detail and also the link;

How to get the COVID-19 vaccine

You can book your vaccination appointments online if any of the following apply:

- you are aged 50 or over
- you are at [high risk from coronavirus](#) (formerly extremely vulnerable)
- you are at [high risk from health or social care workers](#)
- you have a condition that puts you at [higher risk](#) (previously vulnerable)
- you have a learning disability
- you are a main carer for someone at [high risk](#) from coronavirus

You can book appointments at a [local vaccination centre](#) or a pharmacy that provides COVID-19 vaccinations.

You do not need to wait to be contacted by the NHS.

[Book your COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#)

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/?utm_campaign=coronavirus_grants&utm_medium=paid_search&utm_source=google&utm_content=key-word&gclid=CjwKCAjwxuuCBhATEiwAIIIz0QMApU0XTtCbIYU_kOSPJo8Ba4e81hgBsDAGgezhhGXZzCEXVt9jBoCkx4QAvD_BwE

I wish you all a healthy and peaceful break and look forward to seeing everybody in school on 19th April. Thank you for all of your on-going, continued support – we really appreciate it.

Happy Easter!

Lynne Haines



POSITIVE COVID RESULTS

As I am sure you are aware schools have to continue to support the contact tracing. Thus if your son / daughter becomes unwell and tests positive for the virus then you should notify the school even if this is during the half-term.

You can do this by

- Either by ringing the school and selecting option 2 -Reporting a Positive Covid case. You can leave a message there.
- Or you can email Schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk and inform us.

You need to let us know the following.

- * Name and Date of birth.
- * First day of symptoms.
- * Last day in school.
- * Date of test.
- * Date of confirmation the test is positive.

Thank you for your support.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed or you think you might be eligible and if you get certain welfare benefits, you can apply for free school meals for your child.

You could save up to £400 a year if your child gets free school meals and it will mean they get a healthy school lunch every day. Please visit the Lewisham website page regarding free school meals. There you can check whether you are eligible and also apply online. Not only do you get free meals but the school receives some additional funding. Check it out!

Staff Development

Despite the pandemic and the recent lock down over the last year we have continued to provide high quality staff development and training opportunities for staff. The training has taken place remotely or in small groups. This has included:

Sensory learning

The Five areas of engagement

Team Teach training

Safeguarding and safer recruitment

First Aid



Jack Petchey



Our winner of the Jack Petchey award this half term is Anand! Well done Anand you have done so well. Here's why you won:

He is a brilliant young man who always find the funny side of life (even if he is laughing at us!) and has worked so hard. He is also very kind to others and has managed to make great friends with his classmates despite being in the room next door some of the time. He often makes his friends little pictures and notes with his sister at home, giving and exchanging these has started a lovely culture of kindness and giving in our class and Anand has been a huge part of this.

Mayors Award

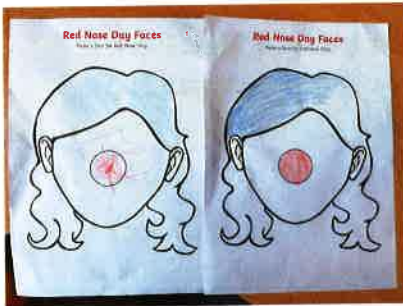
This term the school received a certificate from the Mayor. It was awarded to Greenvale for the contribution the school made during the pandemic. We were delighted to receive the award and regard it as reflection of the work that we did together with all of our families to keep our young people safe and healthy. So it is an award for our whole school community to feel proud of together. As always thank you for your support.



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 19th March was a busy day in Greenvale as students in all key stages celebrated and raised money for Red Nose Day 2021! The total raised by the school was £100, so thank you if you sent money, dressed in red or celebrated with us.

RED NOSE DAY



In Key stage 3, lots of the students got arty—many of them making superhero masks and clown faces . In Ash class they decorated biscuits and sold these with the money raised going towards our grand total.

In Key stage 4, Acer class made some delicious chocolate crackle cakes. As Acer class members said- *We made special cakes called chocolate crackles. They had edible eyes and we used a skittle for the nose -* Bridget said *We made cakes.* Harlee said *They tasted delicious.*



In Key stage 5 students enjoyed creating posters, masks and cooking activities. Lots of classes made red nose day biscuits and Rowan class even told each other jokes! Some of the favourites are here for you to laugh at too. Lots of classes also added red noses to their photos and displayed these in class as our noses are often covered by a mask at the moment!

In the glade pathway students tried out a range of fun activities including cooking, decorating their photographs and making funny faces!



Some jokes from Rowan class!

If the red house is made of red bricks, the blue house is made of blue bricks and the yellow house is made of yellow bricks... What is the green house made from?

A: Glass!

Why did the chicken cross the road?

A To lay his egg



Greenvale Celebrates World Downs Syndrome Day 2021

On Monday the 22nd of March we celebrated world Down Syndrome day. World Down Syndrome Day is actually on the 21st his is because there is an extra copy of chromosome 21. Socks are used because these look a little like the chromosome!

We had a completion where everyone in the school had the opportunity to enter their colourful socks design. We had three very special judges. First, we had Annee from the Lewisham Downs Friendship and Creativity Group second, we had Lavine who is one of our Governors and lastly, we had a panel of amazing people from the 'our voice' group.

We are happy to announce that the winners were:

In first place was Raymond with this wonderful design!



In second place was Akira!

Well done to them both, and well done to everyone that entered! A fantastic effort!



COVID-19 testing information for parents and carers



Did you know that there are two types of test available for COVID-19?

All school staff are getting tested twice a week, and we ask that you do too, to help keep our schools safe.

Please read the information below which provides some details of when to take each of the tests.

Rapid testing – if you don't have symptoms

Rapid tests also known as lateral flow devices are for people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. If you are working outside of your home, out in the community or coming into contact with customers, you are thought to be more at risk of spreading the virus. 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and will be spreading it without realising putting their friends and families at risk.

School staff are taking these tests twice a week, and if you have a child in secondary school, they will have been asked to take these twice a week too. Rapid tests are also now available for households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges.

Primary age children do not need to take these tests.

How do I get a rapid test?

- You can get tested at one of four rapid test sites across the borough.
Book a rapid test appointment.
- Walk-in tests are available each day after 11am at the Civic Suite, Catford and The Green Man, Downham.
- You can also pick up a pack of 14 rapid tests for your household at any testing site across Lewisham. See a map of where to pick up tests <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- You can **order rapid tests to be delivered to your home**

How often should I take a rapid test?

- You should take a test twice a week.
- It takes a few minutes to take a test – **watch a short video demonstration** of how to take the test.
- If you take the test at home - you will also get instructions on how to report your result, which helps the NHS stop the spread of the virus, supports communities and helps to save lives.
- Please dispose of your tests in the general waste (black bins) – any paper or card that comes with the tests can be recycled (green bins).

Testing with symptoms

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

Go to nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

If you, or your child, have symptoms, you will be asked to take a PCR test at a local testing centre or by ordering a test kit to be sent to your home.

If you're asked to self-isolate, it's really important you stay at home even if you don't feel unwell. You could still be infectious for up to 10 days. **See what help is available if you have to self-isolate.**

Tests for anyone who is not feeling well can be booked online via nhs.uk/coronavirus or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.



