

FOG News

16th May

Quiz Night (7.30pm)

If you have any contacts for raffle or silent auction prizes please contact Jo on the email below.

6th July

Summer Fair

Friends@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

School Diary Dates for Spring Term

14th February

Evaluated IEPs to be sent home

15th February

Additional Staff INSET day – school closed for pupils

18th – 22nd February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

6th March (11.00-1.00pm)

Makaton workshop for parents (details to follow)

13th March

Parents' Evening

Mental Health Awareness

On Thursday staff at Greenmead Primary celebrated 'Time To Talk 2019' to raise awareness of Mental Health. We enjoyed gift bags with ideas of how to talk to colleagues about mental health and had coffee, tea, biscuits and doughnuts provided to get colleagues talking to each other. Next week we have dedicated some of our INSET day to do a mindfulness workshop and building team support. As a school we also buy into an Employee Assistance Programme which seeks to support colleagues with issues they may be finding difficult. I am incredibly proud to be leading a team who are totally dedicated to supporting our children's mental well-being and who often put their own difficulties to one side. It's important that we support each other and be open to talk about how we are feeling and doing in the busyness of the school day.



Influenza

As you are aware school had an outbreak of Influenza over the past two weeks and we were advised by the Health Protection Agency to put measures in place to avoid cross contamination to avoid the spread of flu in school. This included cancelling swimming, shared playtimes, assemblies, mid-day additional cleaning processes and working with Public Health to support families and staff affected by the flu. We are pleased to report that we have not had any new cases of flu this week and the procedures put into place will come to an end on Tuesday. Thank you for your support with this and we look forward to having everyone back in school fully recovered soon. If you suspect that your child has flu symptoms please do not send them to school and please contact your GP.

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For families
with disabled children

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February & March Workshops

These sessions are for families with children and young people aged from 0-25 years. Please note we have no access to childcare.

To book: 020 8947 5260 / wandsworth.office@contact.org.uk

Toilet Training a workshop for parents of children aged 0-5 years who are looking to toilet train their children.

Wednesday 13 February 12.45pm-2.45pm

The Enhanced Children's Centre, 5 Merton Road, SW18 5ST

PLEASE BOOK DIRECTLY WITH THE CENTRE 020 8877 0758

Helping your Child to Understand Puberty a workshop for parents of children aged 5-25 years who want to be prepared for the changes that will happen

Wednesday 27 February 6.00pm—8.30pm

The Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London, SW17 0LA

Toilet Training for older children a workshop for parents of children aged 6-25 years who want to find out more information about toilet training your child/young person

Tuesday 12 March 10.00am—12.30pm

The Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London, SW17 0LA

Social Stories a workshop for parents of children aged 0-25 years who want to find out more information about who to write appropriate social stories/visual supports for your children/young people

Tuesday 19 March 10.00am—12.30pm

The Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London, SW17 0LA

Universal Credit & PIP a workshop for parents of children aged 0-25 years who want to find out more information Universal Credit and the benefits system and about Personal Independence Payment (a benefit for young people and adults aged 16 years and over)

Tuesday 26 March 10.00am—12.30pm

The Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London, SW17 0LA

Coffee Mornings & Drop Ins

Our monthly coffee morning is run by one of our family workers Alaina Dingwall at Debenhams Coffee Shop in Southside shopping centre. We will pay for your first hot drink. We have between 10-20 families come each month! Please do come along to meet other parents and to find out what we are up to. You can get family work support at this coffee morning.

Friday 8 February 10.00am—12.00pm

Friday 22 March 10.00am—12.00pm

The Café is on the top floor of Debenhams

10 Garratt Lane, Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth, SW18 4TF

Children welcome to attend—no booking necessary

Our drop ins are an opportunity for you to meet with a family worker to get support with any grant forms, meet other families, talk face to face and get any advice and information.

New Therapy Staff

It's been a turbulent year of changes to the therapy team but we are pleased to introduce you to three new members of the team.

Kas (Kasane) is our new Band 6 physio. Kas used to work at Small Steps so knows many of our children and their families.

Balpreet is our new multi-disciplinary assistant (MDT) supporting in SALT and OT.

Francesca will be our new Band 7 OT. Francesca will be starting at Greenmead after half term.

Barbara is still in the process of recruiting another Band 7 physio. The first round of recruitment on 29th January was unsuccessful so a new advert is now out and interviews will take place after half term.

Makaton Workshop for Parents

On **Wednesday 6th March** we will be holding a Makaton workshop for parents in school. You are welcome to bring other families and friends along to this workshop where you will learn why we use Makaton and you'll leave having learnt some key core vocabulary and a pack of resources to use at home with your child. The workshop will run from 11am – 1pm and depending on the uptake we will run an additional session. We will send a sign-up sheet next week but please put this date and time in your diary if you're interested in coming.



Makaton is a language programme that gives everyone a helping hand to talk.