

Achievements this week

- Darcy** For listening carefully and thinking about her answers
- Nora** Eating **ALL** of her lunch and asking for her turn using her symbol
- Patrick** Successfully doing addition sums in Maths
- Jayson** Lovely switch work, sitting independently and interacting with others



Well done to two more of our nursery children settling in this week

Well done to Jackie for completing her Paediatric First Aid Training this week

School Diary Dates for Autumn Term

9th October (10.00-12.00) at Paddock School
Workshop for parents
‘Aided Language Stimulation’

16th October (12.30-2.30) at Greenmead
Workshop for parents
‘Communication development and strategies to support it’

18th October 2pm
Harvest Festival Celebration with Ronald Ross
Evaluated IEPs go home



21st-25th October
Half term

18th November
Parents’ Evening

Office Opening Times

The school office is closed at 4pm each day. You can leave a message on the answer phone and someone will return your call the following school day. The office re-opens at 8.30am.

In the event of an emergency you can contact Toni via email head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

Toni will be available on email until 5.30pm each day (Monday – Friday)

Curriculum Theme

We have a new curriculum at Greenmead which we piloted last year and are pleased to roll out fully this year. The whole school theme for this half term is **‘London, the Big City’**. We will be holding an event for parents to share our new curriculum next half term. Dates tbc

FOG News

Our next event is on **Thursday 17th October at 1.00pm**. Come for coffee, cake and find out more about our plans for our Bonfire Night.

Thursday 7th November 3.30-6.00pm

Bonfire Night Fun

Tuesday 10th December 8.00pm

Christmas Drinks for Greenmead Parents

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Communication Survey

Communication with parents is one of the key themes that came out of the annual survey and we would like to improve on that so that you have valuable, up to date information on what is happening in school. We are gathering your views on how we can make communication even better and would be grateful if you could fill in the survey in your child’s home/school book.

Communication Focus

Thought/Meme of the Week

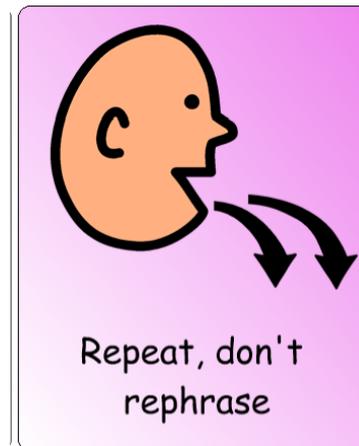
**YOU
are your best
therapy
material**

For any sort of learning or therapy to be effective research as shown that it needs to happen as much as possible. One hour a week in a structured session is not going to be as effective. Create and find opportunities throughout the day to use communication strategies, so your child gets lots of and lots of practice.

Think if you had to learn another language or a new instrument – practice makes perfect- it would take you a very long time with just an hour of practice a week to become fluent speaker or be able to play a song from memory.

Try a New Strategy

By rephrasing something that hasn't been understood you are increasing the thinking and remembering your child has to do, as you are giving them a new phrase to listen to. Repeat it instead, so they can 'fill in the gaps'.



Training

Please email hayley.soper@stgeorges.nhs.uk if you want to attend either of the training session below. We have had very few responses so far!

Aided Language Stimulation on October 9th at 10:00 -12:00

This session will be joined with Paddock School parents and carers, and will look at home to use symbols to support expressive language skills.

General Communication Development on October 16th at 12:30 -14:30

This training will talk about the skills needed for understanding language, expressing wants and needs, social skills and play, and how to support development of these skills at home.

Signs of the Week

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Following Directions

Use these to help the students understand and respond quickly

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| Sit <small>Directional: move sign towards where they must sit</small> | Stand Up |
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| Go <small>Directional: move sign towards where they must go</small> | Stop |