

**Achievements this week**

- Joe** Being calm and friendly to everyone in his new class
- Jose Carlos** Sitting in his chair at the table for 2 minutes!
- Aiza** Walking holding onto a hoop/skipping rope
- Oliver B** Wonderful symbolic play feeding his friend plastic chips



**Well done to everyone for a great first week; everyone is very happy  
and have settled back so well.**

**School Diary Dates for Autumn Term****27<sup>th</sup> September**

School photos (details to follow)

**16<sup>th</sup> October**

Workshop for parents

‘Communication development and strategies to support it’

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival Celebration

Evaluated IEPs go home

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents’ Evening

**Office Opening Times**

The school office is closed at 4pm each day. You can leave a message on the answerphone and someone will return your call the following school day.

In the event of an emergency you can contact Toni via email

[head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk)

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

**Welcome**

Welcome back to our families and friends. We trust you had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been a joy to see the pupils back in school this week and everyone has settled in so well.

We would like to welcome Rowena Bowen to Greenmead. Rowena has replaced Kas as our physio and comes with lots of great experience supporting and treating pupils with complex physical needs.

We would also like to welcome Holly, a new support assistant to Venus Class.

We’ll be welcoming all of our new nursery children to Greenmead over the next few weeks.



## THE GOLDEN RULES OF POSITIONING

For children to feel comfortable and ready to learn, they need to be well supported in their seating. All of the seating rules below are vital to enabling children to access their learning environment and participate.

If you are unsure about a child's positioning in their chair, please contact one of the OT team to review.



### Message from Rose

"Please could all parents double check their children's emergency medication and ensure it has not expired. Lots of the children's medication has expired or due to expire shortly and will need to be replaced. Please also ensure that all emergency medication has a prescription sticker. Some pharmacies may only put a prescription sticker on the box rather than the individual syringes. In this situation please provide a copy / photo of the prescription on the box and add it to the red bag. If a child comes in with expired emergency medications or without any medication at all, please be aware an ambulance will be called at the onset of emergency situation. If you have any questions please email the school nurse [school.nurse@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:school.nurse@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk)"

### Colourscape Music Festival on Clapham Common (14-22<sup>nd</sup> September)

The Colourscape Music Festival has appeared annually on Clapham Common since 1989 - the only contemporary music festival to take place actually inside a sculpture.

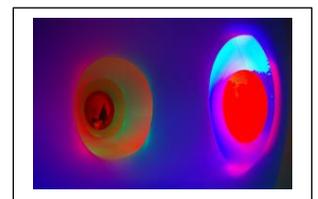
Colourscape is a very large labyrinth of colour and light - a sculpture of pure colour that the public actually go inside. Everyone puts on a coloured cape to become part of the colour experience and enters into a new world where one can freely explore the potentials of light, colour and space.



- \* Chinese percussion meets Galician instruments
- \* Wondrous invented instruments
- \* The newest music technology

On Clapham Common near the Windmill pub

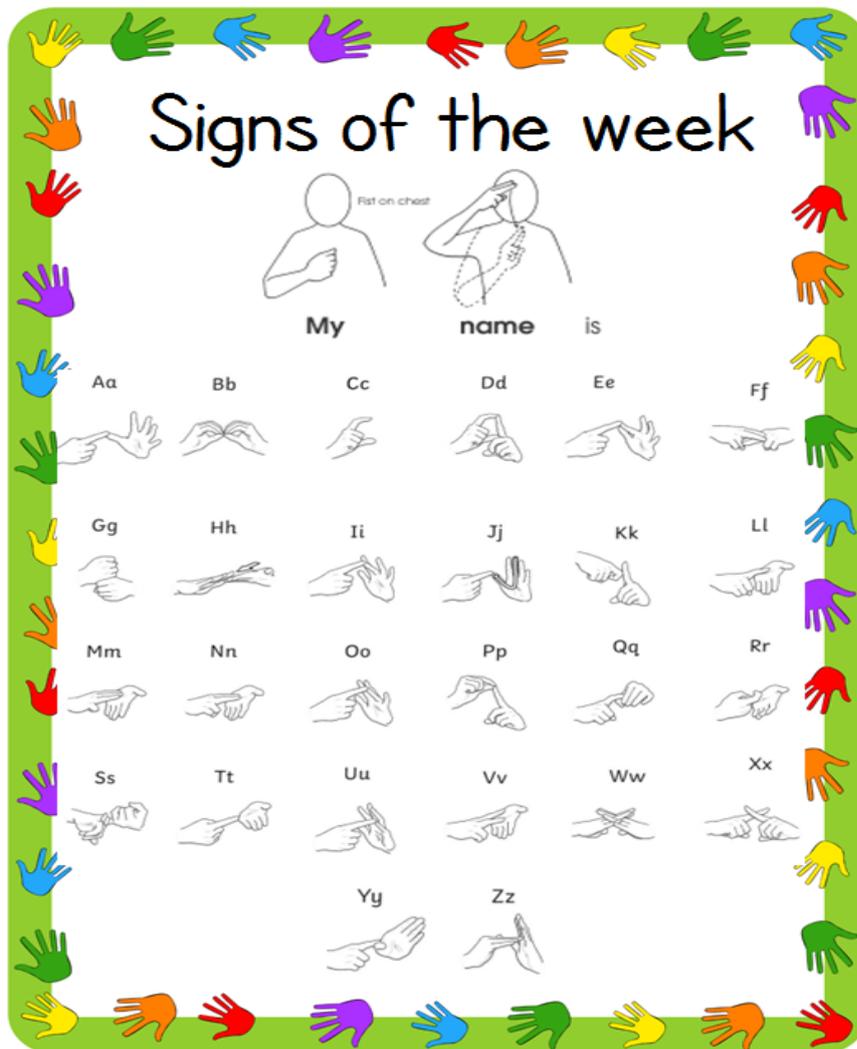
[www.colourscape.org.uk](http://www.colourscape.org.uk)



## Communication Focus

Greenmead is committed to making sure every child has a voice, and staff feel confident and equipped with strategies to support this. Our Speech and Language Therapy team have therefore started a 'Sign' and 'Meme' of the week, as quick reference points for learning, and therapy strategies/recommendations for the whole school to focus. We would like to share these with you, so you can also use them at home if you wish.

With this being the first week of a new school year, we thought finger spelling would be good to start with, so the children can all talk about the new staff members or children in their classes. We only use the first initials, so don't worry about having to learn how to sign full names!!



Our meme for this week tries to highlight that everyone benefits from the use of visual support (signs, symbols, photos), whether it be their main method of communication or just to help them understand their routine and cope with unexpected changes. Visuals are more constant than words (they don't disappear), so can be referred back to, making it easier to process what is being communicated. All classes at school have a visual timetable, locations around the school are labelled to help with transitioning, and teachers use symbols to help the students understand and learn new topic vocabulary.

