

Achievements this week

Oscar	Long sitting on a wedge independently for 10 minutes!
Anya	Really good walking with her walker
Tristan	Taking part in the entire ‘Good Morning’ session
Jannat	Working very hard with Mags on her physio programme
Anton	More independence whilst walking up and down the stairs



Lots of great physical skills to celebrate this week! Well done everyone!

School Diary Dates for Autumn Term

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

16th October (postponed; details to follow)
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

Harvest and Wandsworth Foodbank

Please join us on **Friday 18th October at 2pm** for our joint harvest celebration with Ronald Ross.

As in previous years we are collecting donations for **Wandsworth Foodbank**. You can start to send these in before the harvest celebration.

The following items can be donated; loo rolls, tinned potatoes, sugar, cooking oil, washing up liquid, tea, coffee. **Please do not send in perishable foods.**

Christmas Lunch

Yes, this is the very first mention of Christmas! Christmas Lunch for the pupils will be on **Tuesday 10th December**. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would be interested in them having a school Christmas dinner on that day or if you have any queries please contact Nicky by Wednesday 23rd December

nicky.chakravorty@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

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

We have had a good response to the survey; if you haven’t already done so please can you fill this in for us so that we can further develop communication with our families. We’ll be collecting these right through to half term. After half term the leadership team will review the surveys and get back to you with survey results and actions.

Thank you!

Communication Focus

Thought/Meme of the Week

"...you cannot force a response. Asking a [child] to say a word does not mean they understand what they are saying. It is better to put language in, than try and pull it out. Provide opportunities for a response e.g. talk about what the [child] is doing, expand on their language, start a sentence but let them finish it." *Key Guidelines to Creating a Total Communication Environment, icommunicate 2016*



Try a New Strategy

Sometimes children find it really different to filter out unnecessary noise when having to listen to someone. This means they can't listen or attend, and might look like they have 'switched' off or are being naughty. Try reducing any background noise (e.g. turn off the TV, wait until you have finished giving an instruction before boiling the kettle, don't tell them important information while standing by a busy, noisy road).

Make sure they only have to listen to you!



Thoughts with OT

Positioning is so important for the children at Greenmead, not just for comfort and to maintain good muscle and joint health, but also for communication. At school we have added these to our lanyards, to remind us to make sure the children have a good position so they can use their hands, voice and eyes effectively to tell us what they want.

The 4 B's of Positioning!

- Bottom back 
- Belt tight (1 finger width gap) 
- Back straight as possible 
- Both feet well supported 

Signs of the Week

