

Stars of the Week

Jose Carlos	Independently initiating he wanted to go to the sensory room by using a combination of his communication board and symbols in the classroom environment.
Olivia	Independently going to access a wide range of activities this week
Oliver W	Fantastic participation in his online learning
Reyon	Demonstrating his sounds knowledge in phonics
Younes	Demonstrating his sounds knowledge in phonics and good listening
Gabriella	Reading class routine symbols
Mason	Excellent work across the week particularly when completing a graph about 3D shapes
Eliza	Indicating to a staff member that she wanted a turn on the rocker by taking their hand



Shout-out to Sam for leading her first good morning session and doing a beautiful job

Class Closures

It has been a difficult week with partial and full class closures this week which has affected every class and I understand how difficult and frustrating this can be for parents. Staff absence this week has been high either due to positive cases, staff required to isolate and/or staff who are off for other reasons.

To avoid class closures the governors agreed to us employing additional agency staff but agency staff have also been off sick this week. Whilst we have additional agency staff in school this isn't always the answer to keeping a class fully open as the skill set needed by staff to administer medication, move children safely, respond to seizures and deliver safe feeding for children requires the skills of our more permanently trained staff. We are training up agency staff as quickly as possible with dysphagia and manual handling training but this takes time and we want to make sure staff are safe and competent to keep children safe. Alongside this we have recently recruited more permanent staff who are starting with us over the course of this half term or recruited longer term agency staff who have had all of our training. I am sure you will agree that the safety of pupils is paramount.

When there is a partial class closure we have to risk assess which pupils come into school based on staff available in class and their skill set.

Our risk assessments are also based on knowledge we have about families which of course is confidential and wouldn't be shared with others. If you feel there is information about your family that we are not aware of that you want to share then please do this via email to head@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

We do not take closing classes lightly and is always a last resort and the aim is to reopen them as quickly as possible when safe to do so. We also aim to keep families as up to date as possible so that you are able to plan but for us things can change too without much warning.

We have continued to promote vaccinations for staff to avoid isolation but at the end of the day, this is still an individual choice and not a legal requirement.

We have now also employed an additional support staff member to co-ordinate the home learning and all home learning now comes through one avenue. When there is a class closure you'll receive an email from homelearning@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk. Please do respond to these emails with your home learning choices so that we can support you as quickly as possible.

These are difficult times for us all and I would rather parents share their concerns with me appropriately rather than struggle on their own. Please do reach out to us and thank you for your understanding and continued support.



Key Diary Dates

Autumn 2 term

- 22nd Nov** Autumn/Spring IEPs home
29/30th Nov Parents' Evening
17th Dec End of Term (1pm for pupils)

Spring 1 term

- 4th January** INSET day – no school for pupils
5th January Pupils return to school

Curriculum Theme

Our curriculum theme for this half term is Light, Camera, Action and has a focus on Expressive Arts and Design.



You'll receive the curriculum map for this half term in your child's home/school bag with more details of how this will be delivered in your child's class or you may have already had this via email.

Save the Date

The FOG committee have started to plan for some in-person events this year, Covid regulations depending. Details will be shared closer to the time but do save these dates in your diary.

Valentines Bingo for the Whole Family

Thursday 10th February (3.30pm)

Quiz Night for Adults

Thursday 28th April (evening)

Summer Fair for the Whole Family

Saturday 18th June (late morning/early afternoon)



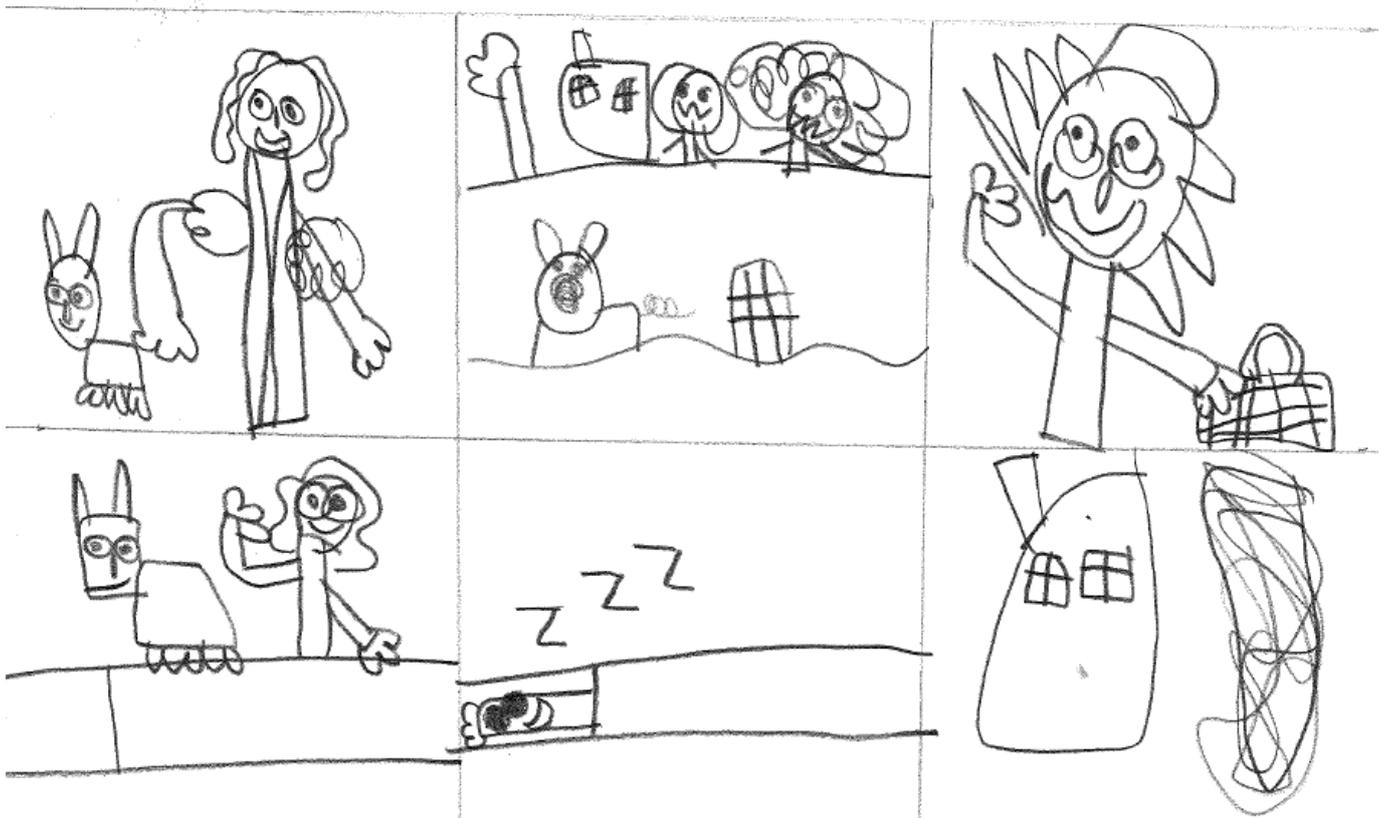
One of our semi-formal learners hard at play

Video Literacy and Writing

So proud to share this fantastic piece of writing by one of our formal pathway pupils. The class watched a clip from the Wizard of Oz and pupils were asked to write about what they had seen and illustrate their writing.

the WIZARD OF OZ
There was a girl
called DOROTHY
and DOROTHY lived
on a farm with
her GRANDMOM
and her GRANDPA
There was a mean
LAD on her bike
trying to take
DOROTHY'S DOG
but DOROTHY stopped
her. But her dog
get's out of the
Basket
and jumped in
DOROTHY BED ROOM
WINDOW

he found DOROTHY
But then something
hit DOROTHY
And she fell
ASLEEP. She was
UP NOW and
the house was
flying because OF the
TORNADO. they were
flying AROUND
the HOUSE



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in Christmas Shoeboxes. We've still got time to do a bit of shopping this weekend if you want to be involved.

Please send these to school by **Wednesday 17th November** so that they can be taken to the drop off point in Southfields on **Friday 19th November**.

If you are able please add an additional £5 donation which will be used to cover shipping costs and other project costs. You can also do this online at samaritans-purse.org.uk



Christmas Fair

St Paul's Christmas Fair

Saturday 20th November
11 am - 3 pm

ADULTS 50P - CHILDREN FREE!

Homemade Seasonal Treats

Lunches, Teas and Cakes

Books

Crafts

Gifts

Toys

Bric a Brac

Face Painting

Children's Activities

Tombola and Raffle

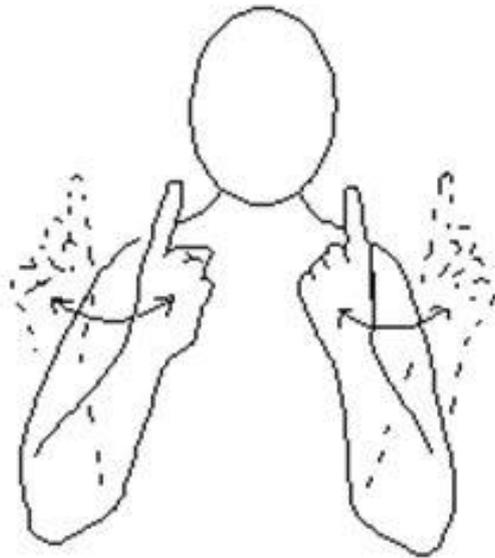
Enter via Community Centre
23 Inner Park Road, SW19 6ED

stpaulsparkside.org.uk

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Sign of the Week



Sign of the week: Music

Have a look on our Instagram
to see how we use this sign in
school!