



Stars of the Week

Tristan	Taking part in all of his sessions this week
Reyon	Settling back into his school routines so quickly after the holidays
Darcy	Telling the class what a constellation was!

Shout out to Mercury and Pluto classes who have had to start the term with home learning

Shout out to Demi for writing a great sensory story for the sensory pathway

Shout out to Luana for completing her first independent hoist transfer

Shout out to Helen for being amazing and flexible in leading Venus class

Shout out to Mia, Kay and Supema for supporting unfamiliar adults in Titan class

Shout out to Lottie and Ellen for jumping in and supporting in the school

Covid Updates

Regretfully Covid has continued to have an impact on everyone both in our work, social and personal lives. This has been no exception on Greenmead at the start of this new term. We have had a number of staff who have tested positive for Covid either over the Christmas holidays or at the beginning of this week. As a result we've have been down on 15 members of staff this week resulting in the full closures to both Mercury and Pluto classes. There will be times when we need to close or partially close classes and this information can be short notice depending on information we receive on a day to day basis and/or over a weekend or holiday period. We need to make sure that the skill set of staff in the classes are able to keep pupils safe in terms of their medical needs, physical needs and positioning, safeguarding needs and access needs as a priority and as a minimum.

Some of our families in school have also been affected with parents and pupils testing positive.

We wish everyone affected a speedy recovery.

Since updating and sending out the updated Covid risk assessment on Monday evening there have already been some changes this week.

Please see the below link for temporary changes to the Covid testing system that will come into action from the 11th January, initially for 5 weeks but may be extended.

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

If you **DO NOT HAVE ANY** of the three Covid symptoms (fever/cough/loss of sense of taste or smell)

- *If you are taking routine Lateral Flow Tests as part of an asymptomatic (no symptoms) testing and it tests POSITIVE, you are to report it via the gov.uk web-site and start isolating immediately.*
- *Please also contact school to inform us that you have tested positive (if pupil or staff member).*
- *After you have reported your positive Lateral Flow Test to the gov.uk website, Test & Trace should be in contact with you to discuss your isolation and take details of contacts.*
- *If you are self-employed and will be looking to receive the isolation support payment you will still need to do a PCR test as well.*

If you **DO HAVE** any of the three Covid symptoms (fever/ cough/ loss of sense of taste or smell)

- *You will still need to book and take a PCR test.*

Key Diary Dates

Spring 1 term

Half term

14-18th February

1st April End of term (1pm finish for pupils)

Please note a change to Summer term dates:

Additional INSET day in lieu of Queen's Jubilee

Bank Holiday agreed by DfE for all schools

Friday 1st July 2022 – no school for pupils or staff

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.

FOG meeting

Tuesday 18th January (1.30pm) via zoom

If you would like an invite please email friends@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

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)

Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for someone to come into school from 11am-2pm each day to help us with laundry and midday cleaning of all touch points across the school.

We've approached various agencies without success.

Perhaps there are a few people willing to volunteer their time for some of these tasks each week?

Do you know of someone who would be interested in this role? If you do then please can you contact admin@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk



Goodbyes

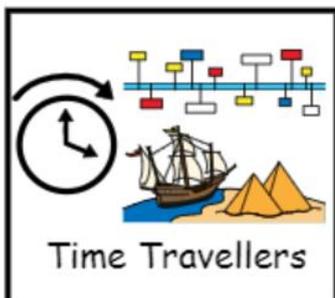
We were sorry to have to say goodbye to Emma Bennett (Physio) yesterday who is moving onto a role at GOSH.

Nicola, the admin assistant for the therapy team has moved onto another special school as a therapy assistant.

Tara, our Receptionist has also left Greenmead over the Christmas break.

We wish everyone lots of fun as they start their new adventures.

Curriculum Theme



Our whole school curriculum theme for this half term is **Time Travellers**. **Sensory Pathway** will be focusing on the Ice Age era and have been making and exploring caves and ice age environments this week.

Semi-Formal Pathway will be focusing on Mary Seacole and Ignatius Sancho, looking at medicines, music and clothing from the Victorian era and learning about Ancient Greece and Roman times.

Formal Pathway will be learning about Ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire and the Shang Dynasty. They'll also be learning about Queen Victoria in Karen's corner.

Sign of the Week



Finger spelt 'F'.
circles clockwise
in front body

Family

Sign of the week—Family

We hope everyone enjoyed spending
time with their family over Christmas
Check out our Instagram to see a video
of this sign