

Newsletter 18th November 2022

A message from The Headteacher

Thank you to those who supported 'odd sock day' on Monday for anti-bullying awareness. It has also been lovely to see so many spots today for **Children in Need**.



We are looking forward to seeing you over the coming weeks at parents' meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity to discuss and agree the next set of IEPs and anything else you would like to discuss with the class teacher/lead. Please remember that the Therapy Team will not be at these meetings but the class teacher can pass on any information or queries.

We have been pleased to hear positive feedback from you on our weekly newsletter and as always, we welcome any more that you have. Now that we have raised the profile of this format as one of the key ways we share information with you, we will no longer routinely send paper copies home on a Friday, however you will continue to receive the pdf version via email. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please let us know. You can pop a note in the home-school diary or email Aimee aimee.cooper@greenmead.wandsworth.sch.uk

Warm regards,

Roxanne

Covid information

Over this week we have had a cluster of positive Covid cases within the school. Please see the below information related to Covid 19 and respiratory illnesses.

Symptoms

Symptoms of Common Respiratory Infections including flu and Covid-19 include:

- Continuous cough
- High temperature, fever or chills
- Loss of, or change in your normal sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Unexplained tiredness or lack of energy
- Muscle aches and pains (that are not due to exercise)
- Unexplained not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- Headache that is unusual or lasting longer than usual
- Sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- Diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Pupils with Symptoms

- Pupils with mild symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat or slight cough but are otherwise well are allowed to continue attending school.
- Pupils that have significant symptoms and/or fever should stay at home until they no longer have a fever and are no longer unwell.
- If a child develops significant symptoms while they are at school, parents will be asked to collect their child.

Pupil Testing

Special Schools are no longer able to access free PCR or Lateral Flow Tests. We do have some reserves of Lateral Flow Tests and if a child develops significant symptoms of respiratory illness we may ask for parental permission for them to do a test (while we have them in stock). Some parents may continue to regularly test their child at home, this is not a requirement and is completely a parental decision.

- Testing when there are **no symptoms**:
 - If the test returns as **negative**, parents do not need to notify anyone.
 - If the test returns as **positive**, parents are asked to inform the school. The pupil will then need to stay at home for 3 days after the day of their test. So, if the test was taken on Monday morning they would need to stay at home for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They can then return to school after this as long as they do not have a high temperature and are feeling well enough to return.

- Testing when there **are symptoms (such as a child has a continuous cough or fever)**
 - If the test returns as **positive**, the pupil should stay at home for 3 days after the day of their test. So, if the test was taken on Monday morning they would need to stay at home for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They may return to school after this as long as they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well enough to return. We ask if parents can let us know the day before their child returns to school.
 - If the test returns as **negative**, but the pupil has a fever or feels too unwell to be as active in school as usual, they should stay at home until they no longer have a fever or no longer feel unwell.
- If a child **develops symptoms at school and parents give us permission to do a Lateral Flow test:**
 - If the test returns as **positive**, parents will be asked to collect their child and they should stay at home for 3 days after the day of their test. So, if the test was taken on Monday morning they would need to stay at home for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They may return to school after this as long as they no longer have a high temperature and are feeling well enough to return. We ask if parents can let us know the day before their child returns to school.
 - If the test returns as **negative**, but the pupil has a fever or feels too unwell to be as active in school as usual, parents will be asked to collect them and they will need to stay at home until they no longer have a fever or no longer feel unwell. We fully appreciate the challenges to parents when asking for a child to be collected from school early due to ill health. It is not something we do lightly, so please feel reassured we will only ask when necessary.

If a child develops a possible Covid symptom and parents are either unable to test them or would prefer not to, the child will need to stay at home until all symptoms have finished.

If your child tests **positive** for Covid please email admin@greenmead.wandsorth.sch.uk and nicky.chakravorty@greenmead.wandsorth.sch.uk to let us know and include the date when the test was completed.

If we have a significant rise in the number of positive cases, the school will then report this to UK Health Security Agency (formerly Public Health England) and in consultation with them, additional infection control measures may be introduced.

Stars of the week



Titan class – **Willow** for initiating interaction with her peers and engaging well with sitting on the toilet

Mercury class – **Saad** for fantastic listening and showing his understanding

Jupiter class – **Nora** for excellent communication

Europa class – **Fatou** for her fabulous interactions with adults and overall engagement this week

Neptune class – **Chinmay** for engaging during a sensory story and having amazing interactions all week with staff!

Venus class – **Gaspard** for engaging in new tasks

Mars class – **Nana** for amazing reading of words!

Pluto class – **Abdullahi** for good concentration when learning through the week

Staff shout outs



Shout out to the **Europa team** for being flexible whilst focusing on the children's learning

Shout out to both of **Abdulrahman's nurses** for consistently playing with all the children in Titan class.

Shout out to **Kelly** for going out of her way to support provision set up for Children in Need in Neptune class!

Shout out to **Victoria** in Jupiter class for always being so helpful!

Shout out to Clarisse's nurse, **Ada**, for being amazingly helpful today in Europa class!

Key diary dates



Neptune & Jupiter class parent meetings	Monday 21 st November
Mercury class parent meetings	Tuesday 22 nd November
Pluto class parent meetings	Wednesday 23 rd November
Titan class parent meetings	Thursday 24 th November
Europa class parent meetings	Tuesday 29 th November
Mars class parent meetings	Wednesday 30 th November
Venus class parent meetings	Thursday 1 st December
*Christmas Jumper Day 	Thursday 8 th December
*Christmas lunch 	Thursday 8 th December
*Whole school nativity 	Wednesday 14 th December **10am
End of Autumn term	Friday 16 th December 1pm

**If you do not wish for your child to participate in Christmas activities, please let us know*

*** We will be opening up the meeting room from 9am for those parents that would like to come early for a coffee and to chat to other parents*



Ingrid, Admin Assistant

Welcome

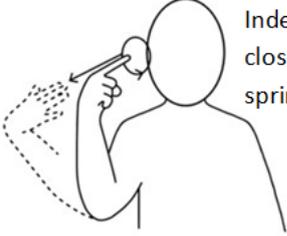
A big welcome to Ingrid, our new Admin Assistant who is now part of the Operations Team and is based on the front desk.

Welcome

Sign of the week - Loud



SIGN OF THE WEEK



Index finger circles close to ear, then springs open

This week's topic based sign is:

Loud



PINES AND NEEDLES
Premier Christmas Tree Services

Pines and Needles have very kindly donated a Christmas Tree to the school and would love to offer the Greenmead community a discount on all Christmas trees in their pop-up stores. Their nearest pop up is in

Wimbledon Park but you can also find them in Putney, Barnes and Fulham Broadway. Simply use the code **GREENPS10** for **10% off your Christmas tree!**