

Newsletter 6th January 2023

A message from The Headteacher

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We have already had a very busy first week back in school. The children have been enjoying our whole school history theme topic of **'Hidden Figures'**. We have linked this topic to our development work on Black Lives Matter in school. We have been meeting as a working party and decided that this topic lends itself really well to providing the children with appropriate learning opportunities related to black historical figures. We will provide further information on the figure that each of the classes are learning about, through our class newsletters. We will also share some of our learning through this newsletter and also on our Instagram page.



We have more events planned for this term so please keep an eye on the key diary dates. These include the **Therapy Coffee Morning** next week and our **Curriculum Sharing Event** before half term.

Warm regards,

Roxanne

Key diary dates



Therapy Team Coffee Morning	Wednesday 11 th January 9.30am-11am
Chinese New Year themed school lunch	Wednesday 25 th January
Curriculum Sharing Event	Thursday 9 th February (9am-10am coffee, 10am onwards in the classroom)

Stars of the week



Titan class – **Lillie Mae** for some lovely playing this week

Mercury class – **Leif** for Working hard with a new adult and having lots of fun!

Jupiter class – **Nora** for fantastic driving on the platform

Europa class – **Fatou** for amazing work using the Eye Gaze

Neptune class – **Riley** for being in a different classroom all week and following a new routine!

Venus class – **Oliver** for being very helpful in the classroom




Mars class – **Darcy** for remembering so much about "The Empire Windrush" and showing all her knowledge of maths across the week

Pluto class – **Noah** for fantastic communication with his friends using his own symbols

Sign of the week – Hidden Figures



SIGN OF THE WEEK



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Sign of The Week is our new Topic:
Hidden Figures.



Therapy Team Update

Coffee morning – In October we shared with you our planned communications and as part of that we will be holding our first therapy team coffee morning on Wednesday 11th January 9.30am-11am. This is an opportunity for you to meet the therapy team, find out more about integrated therapy in school and ask the team any questions you may have. All parents are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

New member of the team – We would like to warmly welcome Felix Li to our team who is our new Multi-Therapy Administrative Assistant and will be working at Greenmead on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A pending arrival – Our team will soon be growing even more as Carey, one of our Occupational Therapists, is expecting a baby in March! She plans to continue to work at Greenmead until as close to the birth as possible and will be returning after her maternity leave.

Meet our volunteers!



Kelly

1. What do you do during your time at Greenmead?

I support the children in Mercury class. I read stories to the children, help them in their sessions and at play time. I help with whatever the children need help with that day

2. What makes you want to volunteer at Greenmead?

I always wanted to work with young children with learning difficulties who need extra care and support, volunteering at Greenmead makes me feel like I have worthwhile Job.

3. What is your favourite thing about being a volunteer?

My favourite thing about being a volunteer is feeling like I'm just like everyone else who goes to work and that I'm supporting your wonderful children and my colleagues too

1. What do you do during your time at Greenmead?

During my time at Greenmead I work in a classroom, in the classroom I help the teacher and staff out with the children, playing with the children and learning from staff to understand what activity the children would like to do.

2. What makes you want to volunteer at Greenmead?

Meeting new people, making new friends, playing with the children, working in different classrooms and learning new skills

3. What is your favourite thing about being a volunteer?

I love everything about volunteering at Greenmead



Amy

Personal Assistant required

About Chinmay: Chinmay is physically fit, but has ASD, GDD and non-verbal, so someone with the knowledge of speech therapy and autism will be good for help. Chinmay lives very close to Greenmead (5-7 minute walk). He mainly enjoys water play like bathing, paddling pool etc. Then running around, swing is of his interest. Watching Peppa Pig on his mobile and TV is his favourite.

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