

Newsletter 10th March 2023



A message from The Headteacher

Industrial Action in London: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

As you may be aware, teachers in the National Education Union are undertaking industrial action on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**. This is part of a number of consecutive strikes over recent weeks.

Many of the teachers at Greenmead are in the NEU (National Education Union) and may choose to strike. Other staff who are not in a union may also choose to strike. As the Headteacher, I am able to reasonably ask those in the NEU if they are choosing to strike however, individuals are not required to provide this information until the day of the strike. Those striking may not choose to do so on all of the days of planned action. On the previous 2 strike days, I was able to assess the risk of class closure as very low. Unfortunately, this time it is not the same. This means that we are at a higher risk of closing some classes on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Currently, the higher risk day is Thursday. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school. I am getting in touch to inform you that learning will be disrupted on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

In the interim, I would recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates. I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Greenmead remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. I aim to keep you as informed as possible. I **would not** suggest any transport is cancelled as the full school could be open on both days. I would just like to give families a chance to identify alternative arrangements in the case that your child's class is closed. I will send an email on Tuesday evening with an update. However, please be mindful that plans may change on the days of the strike. Any queries please do not hesitate to email me directly.

Warm regards,

Roxanne

Key Diary Dates



Europa parents/teacher meeting	Monday 13 th March
Mercury parents/teacher meeting	Tuesday 14 th March
Titan parents/teacher meeting	Wednesday 15 th March
Neptune parents/teacher meeting	Thursday 16 th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March
Friends of Greenmead Quiz	Thursday 23 rd March
Signing with SALT/Makaton coffee morning	Wednesday 29 th March 9.30am

Friends Of
Greenmead Primary School
Charity Number 1012795

QUIZ! NIGHT

Thursday 23rd March 7pm
Greenmead Primary School
£5pp (6 people in a team)
Don't worry if you don't have a full team, we will group people together!

Quiz Raffle Auction

For tickets please email
greenmeadevents23@gmail.com

Both cash and card accepted on the night

All funds raised will go towards specialist equipment and facilities for the children that would otherwise not be available to them

Stars of the week



Titan class - **Jeremiah** for independently going to the toilet

Mercury class - **Saad** for his hard work riding on the MotorMed!

Jupiter class - **Oscar** for using his voice to request a turn during our Holi celebration Boccia splat activity!

Europa class - **Fatou** for initiating interactions, great physical work and engagement this week

Neptune class - **Riley** for engaging with different toys and new activities

Venus class - **Oliver** for being kind and helpful

Mars class - **KC** for swimming the length of the pool without any adult help!

Pluto class - **Lila** for lovely reading of her new book

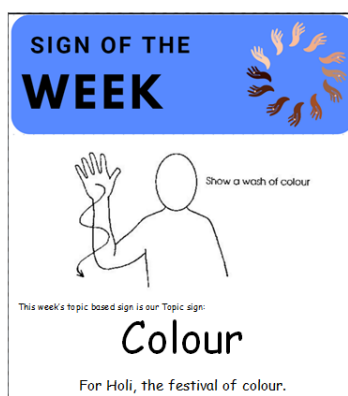
Therapy - **Leif** for making excellent progress with his floor exercise programme, engaging and smiling his way through the whole session, supported by Physiotherapy!

Staff shout outs



Shout out to **Julia** for an amazing yoga session in physical Tuesdays

Sign of the week - Colour



We have had a fantastic time learning about Holi festival this week



Pluto class threw bright coloured paints to make a beautiful display



Jupiter class had lots of fun playing Holi inspired games

Personal Assistant required

About Chinmay: Chinmay is physically fit, but has ASD, GDD and is 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.

For more information please contact Mrs Pallavi Joshi joshipallavee@gmail.com
07527631031

Personal Assistant/carer required

About Neo: Neo is an active, social, 6-year-old that loves getting out and about.

He is PEG fed, nonverbal and has global developmental delay. He also has epilepsy and uses a wheelchair for London distances. He loves interacting with others and his favourite things to do are playing football, going to the arcade and swimming.

Initially this position is for 12 hours a month however this will be increasing over the next few months and there will be additional hours in the holidays.

For more information please contact Chelsea on 07944106349
Chelseabell92@hotmail.co.uk



FRIDAY 17 MARCH



Help us learn more about standing frames

Do you have a child with cerebral palsy who has a standing frame at home?
Then we would like to invite you to participate in a questionnaire survey.

The questionnaire is part of a research project carried out by the University of Southern Denmark and R82 A/S.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to investigate experiences with and perspectives on the use of standing frames. This questionnaire will contribute to a better understanding of current practices regarding the use of standing frames, including knowledge that will benefit research and the development of future standing frames.

It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire.



Answer the questionnaire by scanning the QR code, or
by entering the following link in your web browser:
bit.ly/Standing_Parents

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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