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Nurture Inspire Flourish
This month's value; Unity

Dear All,

I would like to start by congratulating Mrs Debbie Drawbridge on the news of her appointment as Headteacher of Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy from September 2019, it has been wonderful working with Debbie over the years and watching her grow and develop. As you will be aware Mrs Boyle has been appointed to the role of Headteacher at Silsoe Lower School, she will be sadly missed within the Academy, we wish her every success in her new post. We are currently working very hard to recruit the highest calibre of teachers and leaders to join the Academy to enable the schools to continue to deliver high quality education to all of our pupils.

We are working hard to recruit new children and need your help, please do tell your friends and family about our excellent nursery classes. We have wonderful nursery provisions at both schools. The nursery classes offer a seamless start to education, with our caring nurturing staff. We have vacancies for pupils in Puffins at Pulloxhill and Ducklings at Greenfield, where we can provide 15 hours of excellent free childcare a week. Please tell a friend!

There are school dinner arrears totalling over £1400. If you are having difficulties in paying, please speak to a member of staff in the school office. If you have not made contact with the school or paid off arrears by Friday 10 May, the school will start our Debt Recovery Procedure.

Annette McCullion
Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Friends of Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy

I would like to take this opportunity to report on a number of events at Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy during the last couple of months.

During the third week in March I accompanied our Year 3 pupils visiting the Stibbington residential centre, in Cambridgeshire. Unlike last year when it snowed, this year the weather was lovely and sunny, so we were able to enjoy the outdoor activities. Children took part in a map reading exercise/treasure hunt in a nature reserve and a search for fossils in a disused quarry, now a pleasant area for a walk in the countryside. The pupils I feel gained a lot from the activities and indeed the search for fossils has made me look more closely at rocks and stones when out walking.

Four days after returning from Stibbington, I joined Year 4 pupils on their visit to our exchange schools in Germany. Once again I am delighted to report our pupils were a credit to themselves and ambassadors for our Academy. The science museum in Cologne was a popular visit with its hands on exhibits and roaring dinosaur. Thank you Year 3 and 4 pupils for making it an enjoyable two weeks supporting your visits and thanks also to the staff who gave up some of their home comforts for a few days.

As you are aware Mrs McCullion has decided to retire at the end of the academic year. I have been busy over the last four weeks, with tremendous support from Mrs Shuttle - Academy Business Manager and Clerk to Governors, in managing the recruitment procedure for a new Headteacher.

The Governors panel for shortlisting applications and interviewing was extremely fortunate to be supported by two external school advisors, both ex Headteachers and one an Ofsted inspector, who willingly gave up their own time to be involved in the formal stages of the recruitment process.

Last Tuesday, 30 April, the interview panel, at the end of an intensive day of tasks, presentations and interviews for the shortlisted candidates, unanimously recommended to the Board of Governors the appointment of Mrs Drawbridge to succeed Mrs McCullion. Governors approved this recommendation and I am pleased to confirm Mrs Drawbridge has accepted the offer of the post.

Prior to the commencement of our recruitment process, Mrs Boyle our Deputy Head was successful in her application for the post of Headteacher at Silsoe Lower school. We wish Mrs Boyle every success in her new post and thank her for her hard work at Greenfield and Pulloxhill.

As we move through the summer term, I am again looking forward to supporting the Year 4 visit to the Kingswood activity centre on the Isle of Wight. I am not sure if Mrs Ashby or myself will allow the children this year to hoist us to the top of the 3G swing,

despite the great view across the English Channel and French coastline! (Parents, please do not worry, the activity is optional for pupils, is managed by the instructors and is safe). It was very rewarding last year to witness pupils gain in confidence as they took on new challenges.

Thank you all for your continuous support to Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy.

Alan Euinton
Chair of Governors

YEAR 3 & 4 VISIT TO ST ALBANS

Year's 3 & 4 had an amazing day at Verulamium Museum, St Albans on Tuesday. All the children had the opportunity to dress up as a Roman and purchase goods at the Roman market place. We walked round the museum and viewed a variety of artefacts. We saw a hypocaust mosaic and looked at the Roman heating system. We all enjoyed eating our lunch in the sunshine.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! In Central Bedfordshire, the challenge begins 20 July and there are activities to join in at the libraries. After completing the basic 6 book challenge, children are encouraged to continue reading and there is a family theatre ticket prize at each library, for the child who reads the most books.

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and mini challenges, and play games.

For Further information: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

PULLOXHILL MAY FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate this morning for the May Fayre. There are still some stalls which need helpers on the day. If you can help, the sign-up sheet will be in the playground again next week. We are still looking for teddy tombola donations if anyone is having a clear out at home over the bank holiday weekend! Lucky bags, which were sent home earlier this week, can be returned to the school office up until 10 May. Also, please could all cake donations be brought into school on 10 May. Thank you to all the parents for your continued support.

VACANCIES

Greenfield & Pulloxhill Academy are looking for a lunchtime supervisor/s to work either a full week or just certain days of the week. For an application form, please contact Wendy Shuttle at Greenfield School on 01525 712426 or Nicky Oxley at Pulloxhill School on 01525 713150.

Harlington Upper school are looking for a Head of Modern Foreign Languages for September 2019. Please see www.harlington.org for further details.

Arnold Academy has vacancies for a Leader of Computer Science, Leader of ASD provision and Teacher of French for September 2019. Please see the school website for further details; www.arnoldacademy.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6 May	Bank holiday Monday
11 May	Pulloxhill School May Fayre
17 May	GSA Quiz night
24 May, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
3 June	Children return to school
6 June	Year 3 & 4 Greenfield & Pulloxhill children start swimming lessons at Flitwick leisure centre (each Thursday of the half term)
10-14 June	Year 4 to the Isle of Wight
27 & 28 June All Day	Year 4 transition days at Arnold Academy
28 June	All years 'move up' morning/day
2 July	Pulloxhill School Sports Day
5 July	Greenfield School Sports Day
9 July	Pulloxhill School Sports Day (RESERVE)
12 July	Greenfield School Sports Day (RESERVE)
19 July, 3.30pm	Break up for summer holiday
4 September	Children return to school
11 October	GSA Murder mystery with 3 course dinner
18 October, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
28 October	Staff Training Day
29 October	Children return to school
20 December, 3.30pm	Break up for Christmas
3 January 2020	Staff Training Day
6 January 2020	Children return to school

FUNDRAISER QUIZ NIGHT

What's going on?

On Friday 17th May,
We're holding our
annual fundraising quiz
night for Greenfield
School Association.

£ 15 per person to
enter and includes a
main course of fish
and chips, steak pie
and chips or vegetable
chilli con carne.

There will be
A raffle with prizes
to win! And a prize
for the winning team.

Where is it?

The quiz will be held at
Cross Keys Pub in
Pulloxhill. The quiz will
start at 7.30pm.

Who can come?

Everyone over the age
of 18 and teams of 8
max.

Please return leaflet to GSA box with menu choices and make payment by Bacs to
40-30-32 32591677 with team name as reference. By Friday 10th May.