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Charity Week

Each year we aim to raise £2,000 for a local children's charity. This year, we chose Ronald McDonald House, an independent charity based at Arrowse Park which provides free 'home away from home' accommodation and support for families who have a premature or sick child in the hospital.

I am absolutely delighted to share the news that we have raised more money this year than any other year - **a staggering £3,374.92 and still rising!** This really is an amazing effort and genuine thanks go to all of you who supported the week, making cakes, buying cakes and sponsoring the children to run the 'Greasby Mile' (warm-up pictured below). Many thanks to those parents who joined us on the run, to those who cheered the children on as they ran the course and to the parents of the Year 6 children who helped them make their fabulous games for the other children to play.

Although it was a great team effort, some children deserve a special mention for their extraordinary efforts: Issy was unable to do the run so did a sponsored swim instead, raising £30. Ellen helped with the cleaning at both nan and grandads' houses and raised £33 - which rose to £85 by the end of the week! Many others showed great determination and generosity in raising huge amounts of money for the charity.

This is another example of the great school community spirit we have at Greasby Junior School.



Excellence Award

Our Excellence badge winners in December were Lucy and Lily, and Jack who was the first winner of 2018. Lucy loves art and reading (RSPCA books) and her favourite food is chilli con carne. In spare time she likes to play Roblox and running round the house with dad. When she grows up she wants to work at a coffee shop. Lily's favourite subject is also art and she is an avid reader, her favourite book being 'Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape'. She loves cheesy pasta, especially with bacon bits and in her spare time she plays on the i-Pad and helps mum to clean the fish tank. In the future she would like to work with animals, in a zoo, on a farm, a vets or an aquarium. Jack is a keen mathematician and really likes the new Accelerated Reader scheme. His favourite food, understandably, is chicken nuggets and chips but he is not a fan of sprouts! He plays football for JFC Greasby and enjoys playing Fifa and Star Wars on his X-Box. Jack has 2 dogs called Hugo and Tie and 2 rabbits, Minnie and Hagrid. When he is grown up he wants to be either a footballer or a teacher like his dad!

Well done!



New website and a new support page

Our new-look website was launched last week and we hope you like it as much as we do - the photographs on the homepage were taken by a professional photographer and really capture the essence of the school. Parents told us that the old site was difficult to navigate - we hope you find this layout more straightforward. One new page to tell you about is **Information for Parents and Child Wellbeing**.

This can be found on the homepage under the tab, 'For Parents'. Over time, we will put research articles and advice for parents regarding children's wellbeing, beginning with an article by Victoria Prooday, an Occupational Therapist who outlines some of the issues facing our children and parents today, as well as some clear advice on how to help when things are becoming difficult at home. Any feedback on the website and/or the articles would be much appreciated.

Reading

Headteachers from other local schools recently visited to see the work we are doing on reading. They were extremely impressed with what they called 'the buzz' about reading around the school. The children are reading more than ever, with most having received the White Reading Ninja certificate for 25 home reads, many getting their Yellow certificate for 50 home reads and some children recently receiving their orange certificate for 75 home reads. Those



who are reading the most are making the most progress so those of you who are finding time for your children to read at home are giving them much appreciated support. We've extended our reading scheme with new and exciting books for the children to choose from and this week's House Activity afternoon had a reading focus, so the profile of reading is very high in the school. World Book Day and our whole school trip to the theatre to see David Walliams' 'Awful Auntie' which will be heavily subsidised (dates below) are further reading events which we are really looking forward to.



Important Dates (Dates for the rest of the academic year are on the school website)

Disco - Thursday 15th February (6.30 - 8.00pm)

School closes for half term and optional non-uniform day (50p) - Friday 16th February

School re-opens for Spring 2 - Monday 26th February

Year 6 Viking Day - Tuesday 27th February

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

Secondary School Allocation Day - Thursday 1st March

Mr Gooden's Quiz Night - Friday 2nd March

Year 4 swimming fortnight - week beginning Monday 5th March

Year 4 Egyptian Day - Monday 19th March

Parents' Evenings (and food tasting, tea and coffee in the dining room) - Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd March

Whole school trip to the Floral Pavilion to see 'Awful Auntie' - Friday 23rd March (9.30am)

