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Nurture Inspire Flourish
This month's value; Love

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaires at our parents' consultations last week. We are currently analysing the results of the survey taken. One of the obvious comments was the lack of extra-curricular activities on offer. We have spoken to our sports providers, Premier Sport, who are looking into the possibility of offering an extra club at both schools. We are also investigating the possibility of offering a broader range of clubs that are not sport based.

Trudy Mather, Childcare Development Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council, visited Puffins class, our new Nursery at Pulloxhill, earlier this week and commended the nurturing learning environment that has been established. If you are interested in a place for your child at our Nursery, please contact Mrs Oxley on 01525 713150 for further information.

Thank you to all the parents who paid off their dinner arrears so promptly after the last newsletter. Please could all arrears be paid off before the start of the new half term, so that we start back with a zero balance.

Have a lovely half term break. A reminder that the Academy is closed on Monday 29 October for a staff training day and everyone is back to school on Tuesday 30 October for a very busy half term in the lead up to Christmas!

Annette McCullion
Headteacher

WORLD VALUES DAY

World Values Day took place on Thursday 18 October and the day was celebrated across the Academy. The children had a day of exciting activities designed especially for them relating to Values Day. All the year groups were mixed and worked together to create some fantastic art work, including 'Values' stones and decorating biscuits. Children thought about which values were important to them and came together to celebrate in assembly and shared what they had been learning. The children at Greenfield school worked together to create a new 'Values' hanging for the school hall and at Pulloxhill the children have created a new backing for the piano. The value for next month is Peace.



AMPTHILL ROUND TABLE FIREWORK DISPLAY

Ampt Hill Round Table Firework Display will take place on Sunday 4 November at The Cross Keys, Pulloxhill. Gates open at 4.00pm and the Fireworks start at 6.00pm. There will be refreshments, a fun fair and family fun! Costs; £5 adult/£3 child/£15 family.

FLITTON FLICKS - COMMUNITY FILM PROJECT

Flitton Flicks Community film project is a not for profit film afternoon/night every first Saturday in November-April at Flitton Church Hall. On Saturday 3 November its Horton Hears a Who (children's film) at 4pm followed by The Truman Show (PG) at 7.30pm. Proceeds to charity. Cash bar and popcorn available. Tickets via Ticket Tailor website; www.buytickets.at/flittonflicks
You can also find us on Facebook!

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DAY

Children across the Academy in Years 3 & 4 joined together on Monday 8 October for Ancient Egyptian Day. The children (and staff) looked fantastic in their Egyptian costumes. The day was spent looking at Egyptian artefacts and learning more about the Egyptian way of life and about the process of mummification.



GSA

A warm welcome from the GSA! We held our first meeting of this academic year on the 11th October and welcomed a number of new faces. Thank you to those who attended. I have been elected as Chair, with Dionne as Treasurer, Anna & Kelly as Co-Secretary. The next formal meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th November - 7.30pm at school. Our first event of the year will be the much loved 'Story Night' and this will be held on Thursday 22nd November - full details will be circulated after this half term break. We are planning a Christmas event for all the children and parents and would welcome your support/ideas. To this end, we will be holding a 'planning meeting' on Wednesday 21st November - 7.30pm at school. You are most welcome to attend and share your ideas. We do value and thank you for your support and your contributions, without which we would not be able to help the school provide a lovely learning environment for the children.

Kind regards, Wendy Brown

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Following our Harvest Festivals, we received some lovely feedback from a Greenfield parent and also from Preen who we gave all our donations to.

Message from Preen

"Thank you to all the children, staff and families from Greenfield & Pulloxhill Lower School/s. Your Harvest Festival donation was **AMAZING** - again! We are so grateful to the increasing bank of schools and community groups who have embraced our project and regularly support us with stuff we need for clients".

Email from a parent

"May I say what an absolute pleasure and sense of pride it gave me to be part of the 'Greenfield Community' this morning at Harvest Festival. It was an incredible performance by the students which is a testament to the hard work of all your teachers. I always look forward to and feel enormously privileged to come into your school. A thank you to all the staff for a well organised and moving Harvest assembly".



SCHOOL WEBSITE & APP

If you haven't visited the school website recently, please do have a look at the school calendar. There are colour codes for Greenfield (Red) events, Pulloxhill (Blue) events and Academy (Green) wide events. You will find lots of information on the calendar, including dates/times for all the Christmas productions.

To download the school app to your phone, search for 'School Jotter' in the app store and then type in the postcode of the school MK45 5ES.

SAFEGUARDING AT GREENFIELD & PULLOXHILL ACADEMY

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Officers at Greenfield and Pulloxhill Academy are Alison Wolfe (Pulloxhill) and Wendy Shuttle (Greenfield). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact them via the school office or catch them in the playground. Thank you.

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE ADVICE REGARDING HALLOWEEN

As Halloween approaches Bedfordshire Police is reminding parents and guardians to keep their children safe. If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected. Bedfordshire Police is also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31 October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year!

For more advice about Halloween please visit www.bedfordshire.police.uk

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that when your child is absent, please contact the school by 9.30am at the latest on each day of the absence. Where possible please could medical, dental and optician appointments be made out of school hours. Thank you for your continued support.

Greenfield School

Pulloxhill School

Week ending 12 October 98%

Week ending 12 October 96%

Week ending 5 October 99%

Week ending 5 October 97%

VACANCIES

- Greenfield & Pulloxhill Academy are looking for a Level 3 Nursery assistant 1.5 hours each day to cover lunchtime in the Nursery at Pulloxhill. Job share would be considered. Please contact the school office on 01525 713150 for further details.
- Harlington Upper School are looking for a TA and a Learning Supervisor (up to 30 hours per week) please see website for further information.
- Southill Lower School are looking for a Clerical Assistant (initially fixed term until July 2019), please see website for further information.
- Shelton Lower School are looking for a Level 2 or 3 Teaching Assistant (fixed term until July 2019), please see website for further information.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

19 October, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
29 October	Staff Training Day - School Closed
30 October	Children return to school
2 November, 6-8.00pm	FOPS Halloween Disco, Pulloxhill School
8 November	Open Day across the Academy; All welcome! 9.15-10.15am & 2.30-3.30pm
15 November	School Photographs - Greenfield & Pulloxhill
22 November	GSA story night at Greenfield School
10 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Kestrels & Kites (Pulloxhill Yr 3 & 4) 6.00pm Penguins, Swifts & Skylarks (Pulloxhill Yr R, 1 & 2)
11 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2) 7.00pm Kestrels & Kites (Pulloxhill Yr 3 & 4)
12 December	Christmas Performances 9.30am Penguins, Swifts & Skylarks (Pulloxhill Yr R, 1 & 2) 2.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2) 7.00pm Herons & Eagles (Greenfield Yr 3 & 4)
13 December	Christmas Performances 2.00pm Herons & Eagles (Greenfield Yr 3 & 4) 6.00pm Robins, Wrens & Owls (Greenfield Yr R, 1 & 2)
19 December, 3.30pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
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2 January	Staff Training Day - School Closed
3 January	Children return to school
6-8 February	Pulloxhill Year 3 to Stibbington
8 February, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
18 February	Children return to school
20-22 March	Greenfield Year 3 to Stibbington
26-28 March	Year 4 to Germany
5 April, 3.30pm	Break up for Easter holiday
23 April	Children return to school
6 May	Bank holiday
11 May	Pulloxhill School May Fayre
24 May, 3.30pm	Break up for half term
3 June	Children return to school
17-21 June	Year 4 to the Isle of Wight
19 July, 3.30pm	Break up for summer holiday