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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and children

As we come to the end of 2018 and the end of the first term of the 2018 - 2019 academic year, I just wanted to say a huge thank you. It has been another fantastic, busy year at Greenside with lots and lots of memorable moments along the way. The busiest and most enjoyable time in school is always Christmas and this year has been no exception. Thank you for not only supporting our Christmas activities but for supporting all the events throughout the year that raise money for us to be able to add those little extras to our Christmas celebrations. Your donations at Discos, Summer Fairs etc. mean we can help Father Christmas to buy every child a Christmas gift, provide crackers, tablecloths, napkins for Christmas dinner and buy a huge Christmas tree for our hall. You also helped us purchase nativity costumes, Santa hats and candles. We are also saving up for a new stage!

This Christmas our staff helped produce three performances of the Nativity, four Christmas Carol Concerts, four performances of 'The Snow Queen', two trips to Church, Christmas RE day, Christingle at St. Martin's Church, four Christmas parties, two Pantomime performances, made Christmas cards with four hundred and fifty-nine children, decorated the school, welcomed Santa and served four hundred and twenty Christmas dinners! As ever, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for their hard work throughout the year but especially for the extra effort and time they give at Christmas.

Throughout this year we have had lots of special visitors in school and all have praised our children's excellent behaviour, our children's high standards of work and presentation in books and their hard work in lessons. Each year that goes by our school gets better and better and we achieve more and more. This is thanks to all of our amazing children that make our school great, all of those great parents and carers that support the school and to all of the Greenside staff team who work so hard each and every day to make our school a great place to be for all of our children.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2019 for another great year and wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Have a great holiday!

Mrs Reynolds xxx





Armistice Day – The 100 Year Anniversary



Greenside held its Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday 9th November 2018. Throughout the week, the children had been learning about the importance of the day and made lots of poppies. We created displays in classroom windows and on the main school fence. As the clock struck 11am, the children and staff all observed a minutes silence to remember the fallen.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 16th November 2018 we celebrated and fundraised for 'Children in Need'. Children came into school dressed as 'their grown-up' and made a small donation to show their support for this great cause. The children looked amazing and enjoyed the day. We raised an amazing £940.16. Thank you!

WILLOW WOOD HOSPICE

This year, we have sold 'flumpets' for Willow Wood Hospice. Thank you for the support of everyone. We raised an amazing £623.45 for the charity.

COMPETITIONS

Throughout the Autumn term, the children have taken part in lots of different competitions. There has been a variety of sporting competitions, a quiz, a maths battle and a debating competition. In all the competitions, the children were great representatives of the school and showed everyone at the venues just how great the children of Greenside are! Well done to all those who took part.

WORKSHOPS AND TRIPS

It has been a very busy term with lots of visitors coming into school as well as trips out. We have had visits from the fire service; local PCSOs; Mr Ellis (Mr Ellis' dad) as well as the main man in the red suit!

The children have also taken part in bikeability; a cinema visit; trips to Sky High and the trampoline park; the Zoo2u workshop and an Ancient Greek and Mayan workshops.

Thank you for your continued support with these events. It really does make a difference to the children.

GREENSIDE CHOIR

The school choir has been extremely busy this term with trips to Laurus Rycroft, Sunnyside care home, Christingle and our school Christmas Carol service. Their singing and signing have been brilliant, and they are already gearing up for Young Voices 2019 which will take place on Tuesday 12th February 2019.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Greenside has enjoyed some fantastic Christmas performances from our children this year.

EYFS gave us a great performance with their play 'It's a baby!' Phase 1 held a Christmas Carol Concert singing a mixture of traditional and modern songs and Phase 2 gave us their version of The Snow Queen.

The children were super stars for all of their performances and we definitely have some potential stars of the stage at Greenside!

We would like to thank all of the children and staff who worked very hard to put on these shows for us and all of those parents and carers who turned out to cheer their children on and for making Christmas at Greenside such a special time.

GSA FUNDRAISING

The GSA are always looking at ways to raise funds and so far this year they have raised £1620.50 through the Halloween Disco, a special pastry coffee morning, the sale of performance refreshments, raffle tickets to win an Amazon Echo dot and raffle tickets to win chocolate. The 3 lucky winners were of the echo dots were EYFS – Tabitha Hadfield, Phase 1 – Isla Mellor and Phase 2- Isabella Montoya- Hunter.

If you are interested in being part of the Greenside Supporters Association (GSA), please speak to Mrs Young in the office.

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 19th December we had our Christmas lunch in school. This was a lovely opportunity for the whole school to celebrate Christmas together. Once again, a massive thank you to Sarah our school cook and her team for our delicious food this year. The money we raised at our Halloween Disco helped to pay for Christmas crackers, napkins etc.

PANTOMIME

As part of our usual Christmas traditions and as a celebration for all the children's hard work this term, we arranged for a pantomime to come into school. On the 14th December Reception, Phase 1 and Phase 2 enjoyed watching Alice in Wonderland. Both showings were full of fun, music and mayhem with a lot of audience participation and were as much fun for the adults as it was for the children.

GREENSIDE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We held our annual end of year assembly at St. Martins' Church on Friday 21st December. Thank you to all who came to see us at church and especially a big thank you to Reverend Farnworth and the staff at St. Martins' for allowing us to use their church for our final assembly of the year.

Y6 CLARINET PERFORMANCE

On Friday 21st December 2018, Year 6 showcased all they have learned over the past term in our Friday afternoon clarinet sessions. In front of a good crowd of parents, the children were able to demonstrate skills playing notes and chords as well as singing.

MISSION CHRISTMAS

The generosity of the parents at Greenside always astounds us. This year, we have once again collected toys for the Hits Radio Mission Christmas Appeal. Thank you to all those who donated. It really does make a difference to those who need a helping hand at this time of year.



TAMESIDE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Each year, Tameside Council runs a competition for the children to design a Christmas card. This year, one of our very talented pupils entered and came 3rd! he had a surprise visit from Angela Rayner MP to award him with his certificate, a card and a prize! We couldn't be prouder of Jamie. Well done!

YEAR 6 CAROL SINGING AT CROWN POINT NORTH, DENTON AND TESCO, DROYLSDEN

On Tuesday, 18th December, Year 6 went carol singing to begin to raise funds for their trip to Robinwood in July. They were in fine voice and entertained the crowds of shoppers. Thank you to all those who popped along to support them. They raised a wonderful £438.00 which is a good start to their fundraising. Well done Year 6!

YEAR 5 CHRISTMAS DINNER AT DROYLSDEN ACADEMY

On Monday 10th December Year 5 were very kindly invited to Droylsden Academy for a Christmas Lunch. The children really enjoyed the experience and said they felt like they were in a real restaurant! Lunch was delicious and we even bumped into some of our lovely children that are now in Year 7.

School Closes Friday 21st December 2018 at 3.15pm and re opens

Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.50am

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From the Greenside Team .