



# Greenhills Primary School

## December 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that 2021 is coming to a close and what a year it has been! We are thankful to all our families for working in partnership with the school. I am delighted to end the year on two great news stories for pupils in Greenhills Primary School and Nursery Class.



Firstly congratulations to primary 7, Rm 23 who have won the Village Theatre Design a Poster Competition for their pantomime this year, Britanny and the Beast. Well done Room 23.

### 2021 School Time Capsule

3 of our pupils have had their memories of life during the coronavirus pandemic preserved as part of the 2021 School Time Capsule, a project led by BAFTA Kids, children's mental health charity Place2Be, and Oak National Academy.

Students were invited to use art, photography, writing or other media to portray how the pandemic affected them. Pupils submitted artwork and writing to describe their experiences during the pandemic.

Amy is the first person to share her experience of the pandemic and both Brooke and Holly's Artwork is shown. A short film featuring pupils' words, voices and artwork was published to accompany the sealing of the Schools Time Capsule on 22 November. It can be viewed [here](#). (press ctr and right click)

### NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe online programme—Confident Individuals

This term we participated in the **NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe online** programme during Anti Bullying week. *Speak out, Stay safe* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. In the online assembly, the *Speak out, Stay Safe* messages were delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out, Stay safe* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

### Children in Need

Everyone enjoyed Children in Need. Many thanks to all the families who donated through Parent Pay. We have sent a cheque for £119.95 to Children in Need.

### Participatory Budget

This session we have allocated our participatory budget as follows:

Cookery Total - £2200

Outdoor Learning £5408.50

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Many of our resources are arriving in school and we are all looking forward to using them as we learn and play in Greenhills Primary.

### **Pupil Learning and Attainment – Successful Learners**

You will receive a small report for your child which highlights their attainment level. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to ask. Supported Classes- Mrs Murray, P1-3 Mrs Miller and P4-7 myself, Mrs Johnston. Full reports will come to parents as normal in June.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

We can all do with some support from time to time. Check out the Parenting Smart App. Place2be have some excellent support online for you and your child through a range of situations. <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> The site is very helpful.

### **Attendance**

At Greenhills Primary School we check your child's attendance rates monthly. Attendance is incredibly important and children must be in school regularly to make progress. We will alert you by letter if their attendance drops below 90%.

- 90% attendance rate means 4 week of school missed
- **85% attendance rate means nearly 6 weeks of school missed**
- **80% attendance rate means nearly 8 weeks of school missed**

### **Rights Respecting School**

During December pupils will be learning all about Article 4: You have the right to have your rights made a reality by the government and this ties in with Human Rights Day on Friday, 10th December 2021.

### **Cost of the School Day**

We are working very hard to ensure that we support parents/carers as much as possible and would like to remind you of the following:

- *Breakfast Club* available Monday – Friday from 8.15am please let the office know if you would like your child to attend.
- *Free school Meals* From January 2022 nursery, primary 1 – primary 5 will be entitled to a free school lunch please see link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgerResTs\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgerResTs_I)
- *Winter Jackets* – free winter jackets and clothing to some families
- *Computers and Wi-Fi*

### **Wider Achievement programme**

Throughout the year we have an ongoing Wider Achievement programme which helps children develop skills such as independence, resilience and perseverance. The programme is split into three categories; for nursery there is 'the Proud Cloud', for primary 1 – 3 'The Community Award' and for primary 4 -7 'The Awesome Award'. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate achievements outside school and also learn a new hobby or interest. Mrs Murray has spoken to the pupils about this at assembly and the booklets are available on the school website for further information. We have already celebrated some pupils achieving their bronze and silver awards and are looking forward to seeing even more medals being handed out at the end of year assembly.

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### Nativity/Christmas Parties – Confident Individuals

next week.

This year we will record our nativity and Christmas singing and share with the parent/carer body and wider community. If you have not given photograph permission for your child they will not be able to be filmed and will not appear in the film. Please do this as a matter of urgency as some recording will begin

### Car Parking in School

We have been made aware that people are leaving their car lights on and they are shining into homes. Could we ask that whilst you are waiting for your child both inside and outside the school grounds that you follow [SLC Engine Idling which states " if you're going to be parked for more than 30 seconds, turn off your engine and restart when you are ready to move on. You're likely to use less fuel, reduce unnecessary emissions, improve air quality.](#)

### Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at 7pm in the school. Should you wish to attend we look forward to seeing you in Greenhills Primary School.

### Christmas Gifts

Each year our parents are very generous with their gifts and staff are delighted to receive, however we ask this year if you would like to donate to the foodbanks via local shop collections or Loaves and Fishes or if you would like to send tinned food into school we will pass this on to Loaves and Fishes. Closing date will be Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021. We are grateful of your kind wishes and hope you appreciate the staff at GPS want to help everyone in the local community.

Should you have any questions about your child's health and wellbeing or learning please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Murray – Supported Classes, Mrs Miller – P1-3, Mrs Johnston – P4-7.

Wishing you all a happy, fun filled Christmas and health and happiness in 2022.

Kind Regards

Elaine Johnston



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### Dates for the diary

#### December

- 9.12.21 Reindeer visit to school
- 14.12.21 Christmas Lunch
- 15.12.21 Parties - room 20 am & rooms 22, 23 pm
- 16.12.21 Parties- rooms 15 & 21 am & rooms 17 & 18 pm
- 17.12.21 Nursery party
- 20.12.21 Parties- room 11 am and room 9 pm
- 21.12.21 Parties – room 14 9am, room 13 11am, room 16 pm
- 22.12.21 Parties -room 2 9am, room 3 9am, room 4 11am,  
room 5 11am, room 12 11am



#### January

- 5.1.22 Return to school

**Public Holiday Confirmation** It has been confirmed that there is an additional holiday on Friday 3rd June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The spring holiday has been moved from Monday 30th May to Thursday 2nd June 2022.

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