

NEWSLETTER Spring Issue 3 Friday 15th February 2019



Dear Everyone,

If you have been looking at the new website, you will have seen just how much learning everyone has been enjoying. We are having a little challenge in redirecting our old website address. Please do use www.littlegreen.herts.sch.uk to access the new website and view what your children have been learning. Some more recent events include: a whole school reflection on what makes learning memorable; the beginnings of a Year 3 70th Celebration giant canvas and a range of sporting triumphs. I am also delighted to tell you about a Parent Voice conversation on year 4s trips (more details below) and a feedback

network event we organised allowing local schools and professionals to learn from and with other educational experts in the community. Thank you to all involved with a special thanks to Dr. Deborah Jones of Brunel University for sharing her research into what makes verbal feedback effective...lots of food for thoughts and opportunities for even better practice – we are all learners!

Yours sincerely, Mr Roberts

Homework review:

Thank you to the parents who have shared their views on homework either on the website or via a letter or email. We will be focussing our parental survey on homework considerations and look forward to hearing the views of the community.

Building a Resilient Community:

If you are keen to learn more about how, as a community, we can support mental health, please do try and attend one of the workshops at Watersmeet on the 3rd April. Here is the link – more details after half-term - https://my.threerivers.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-2fdc6cc0-65cb-44b6-b19f-c5fa4fd0a39c/AF-Stage-4bc0b686-f5fb-4ce0-be82-273adbd379d2/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en

Parent Voice – Year 4 Trip focus feedback

We had an open and honest debate at our parent voice on Monday. As a school, we could share some of the factors that have impacted on the ease with which we are able to offer some more expensive trips including reduced contribution from parents; difficulty and cost in arranging coach trips and the administrative burden of such trips. Parents in attendance shared their own and their children's positive valuation of an overnight experience for Year 4 children both, to allow them a unique whole class experience and to prepare them for the Year 6 week long Little Canada PGL trip. I believe both positions felt it useful to hear the other side and, after discussion, the suggestion of an overnight camp at school (instead of the planned British Museum trip) was suggested. After gaining teacher support (teachers are not generally paid for overnight trips) we took this debate to the people who have the most important say – the children. Year 4 children were given the benefits of both experiences and asked to vote. Overwhelmingly, 85 children voted in favour of a Year 4 overnight camp. We will be planning the event and in contact with more details in the summer term. It's good to talk!

Upcoming Events

- **HALF TERM**
18th – 22nd Feb
- **Parent Consultations**
5th & 7th March
- **Yr3 Trip Celtic Harmony Camp**
19th March

Parent Governor Vacancy

We will be advertising for a Parent Governor after half-term. Start to consider if this is something you may be interested in. There will be more details and a chance to discuss the role at this point.

Thank you

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Smithard for her sterling work re uniting the lost property with it owners.

May we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to please name **EVERYTHING** belonging to their child. Any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of every term.

Please could parents be mindful of where they park or drop off their children to school? We have received a number of complaints about dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking from both parents and our neighbours. **We would encourage any incidents witnessed to be reported to 101.**