

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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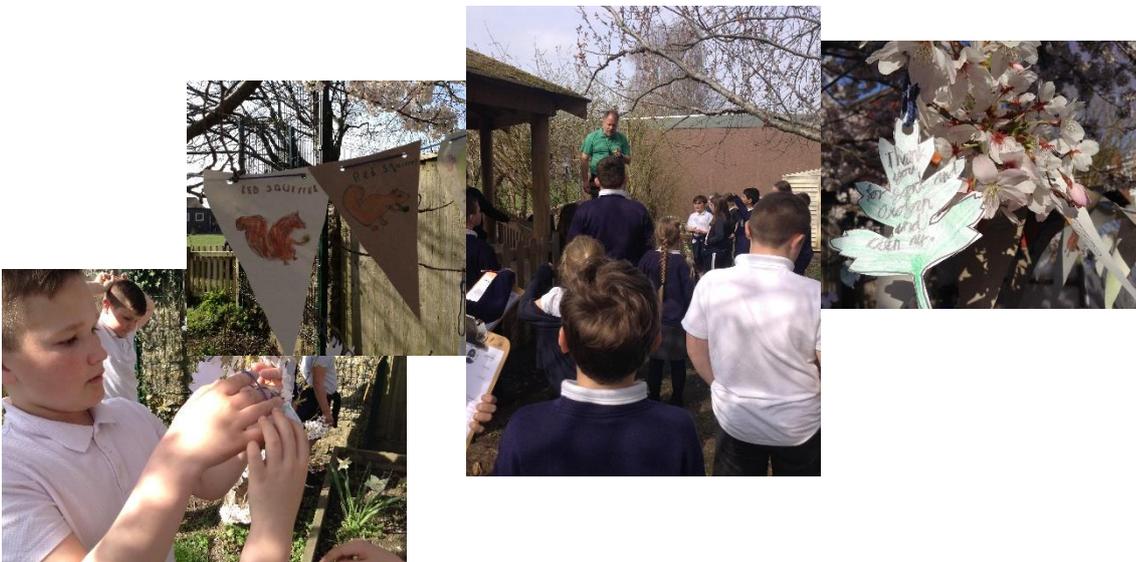
Greenfylde School goes Platinum!

Just in time for the Platinum Jubilee, Greenfylde First School has been awarded its Platinum Award in the Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools award program.

While more than 13,000 schools are signed up to the program, the platinum award - the highest level - has only been awarded to 195 schools across the country. Our Forest School Leader, Vernon Higgins, has been working towards this goal for a number of years with staff and many groups of pupils, first bronze, then silver, and then the Gold Award in 2015 and thanks go to him for his continued efforts to achieve this award.

The Year 4 pupils of Gatcombe class have been learning all about their local trees, and looking at them with a different perspective. In the autumn, they sorted through leaves and researched different tree types, mapped their wildlife sights on Herne Hill and designed a trail through the woods to showcase the best ones, and recorded an assembly to share with their school. Then in the spring, they went back to take bugs'- and birds'- eye photos, and then turned the images into paintings. They dressed a tree in the school's garden with hand-drawn wildlife bunting and wrote thanks to the trees for everything they do for us, and finished with a picnic and tree-themed games to celebrate their hard work. Thanks as well go to Emma Baker, Gatcombe's LSA has been a great support with this.

The Green Tree Schools Award program gives schools a range of practical projects and activities that help the environment and inspire children about trees, woodlands and wildlife. Greenfylde First School has had a dedicated Forest School area since 2014, with habitats including a pond, a range of native trees, and areas of meadow. All classes take part in regular Forest School activities, either as a whole class, in small groups, or after-school club, things that will continue as we move to Herne View Church of England Primary.



Hot weather

With the hot weather forecast we will be making some changes to playtimes and lunchtimes to avoid the children being out in direct sunshine at lunchtimes. We will be moving our playtimes am/pm, earlier and later respectively and at lunchtime getting children to stay inside.

Please can all children have hats, water bottles and sun cream they can apply themselves (please label this with their name). Water bottles will be kept with them and staff will supervise children applying sun cream next Monday and Tuesday.

Look at a book

This week's book is recommended by KS2. A funny book all about monsters and what it may or may NOT do!



Bring a bag

Please can all pupils bring a bag next Wednesday suitable for bringing home exercise books/art work for the end of term.

School reports

Reports will be coming out either today or Monday and if you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher please contact the office.

Covid guidance

We are seeing an increase in Covid in our school community and ask everyone to remain vigilant for this.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Herne View Uniform

Our new uniform has hit supply chain issues but will arrive in time for the start of term and we will be having times on the 1st and 2nd September for families to come and purchase uniform, further details next week.

Online safety update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Ways to Champion EQUALITY ONLINE

In terms of the esteem it's held in, women's football has made impressive progress in a short space of time. That's a bit like the online world: it's come a long way, but that doesn't mean we should stop trying to make it even better. The Women's European Football Championships are underway, and that's a timely reminder of how important it is to give everyone the respect they deserve online – regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or anything else. In partnership with the Global Equality Commission, we've produced a special guide to help young fans kick online discrimination into touch!

1 KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT

Expressing views based on prejudice about a part of someone's identity – their race, gender or a disability, say – counts as online hate.

2 WHEN "BANTER" ISN'T FUNNY

Discrimination is sometimes disguised as humour: some memes, clips or gifs that certain people try to pass off as "funny" might actually be offensive.

3 BE YOUR OWN PERSON

Set a good example through your own online communication. Think whether you'd say a thing in real life before posting or sharing it online for the world to see.

4 SEEING SHOULDN'T EQUAL BELIEVING

Sneakier, less obvious types of online abuse can stay on the internet for longer, so don't assume that something's OK just because it's not been taken down yet.

5 SEXISM CAN BE ILLEGAL

As well as being extremely hurtful to a person or a group, online sexism and prejudice against women (known as misogyny) can be recorded as a hate crime in some cases.

6 ONLINE HATE, USED AS BAIT

Sadly, it's not just that being exposed to prejudice online is upsetting – some extreme organisations even try to recruit young people to their cause.

7 GET SOME DISTANCE

If you see messages online that upset you, it's probably time to give yourself some space from that site or app. Talk to a trusted adult about how you're feeling.

8 TURN OFF THE HATERS

If someone you follow on social media is posting sexist content, you could always mute them or block them – or unfollow them altogether.

9 PLAY IT BY THE BOOK

If you see someone discriminating online, you don't have to challenge them yourself. Screenshot their post and report them to the app or site you saw it on.

10 EXPLOITING 'PACK MENTALITY'

Sexist messages aren't always sent to a target directly: sometimes, they're posts designed to provoke misogyny among other people.

11 POSITIVITY ALWAYS WINS

Go the extra mile and spread some positive vibes! Instead of just reacting to a post and scrolling past, you could add a message of support and encouragement, too.

12 CREATE THE WORLD YOU WANT

Remember, you're the boss of your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that celebrate equality and understanding: block or unfollow the ones that don't.

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FURTHER SUPPORT

If you've been affected by any of the issues mentioned in this guide, there are some excellent resources that can offer further help and support:
NOS Mental Health Guides: nationalonlinesafety.com/guides
Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk
Stop Hate UK: stophateuk.org
Ditch the Label: www.ditchthelabel.org
Childline: www.childline.org.uk



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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Please can we ask you to be extra vigilant, it would appear that COVID cases are increasing in our area.

Weather

With the increase in temperature can we please ask that all children are sent into preschool with a sun hat and sun cream on. Many sun creams last for up to 8 hours now. Should you wish for your child to have sun cream reapplied during the day, please see a member of staff to ensure the correct paperwork is signed, and provide your own sun cream.

We have also put up extra Gazebos to ensure the children have shade to play under, and are providing them with extra cold drinks.

Water Play

We have a lot of water play out at the moment to help keep the children cool, therefore could we please ask that you put extra clothes in their bags to change them.



Transition to School Visits

The children still have 1 more visit into school on 19th July in the morning. If your child is at pre-school at these times, we will take them over to their class.

Dates to remember

End of Summer Term - Friday 22 July 2022

Start of Autumn Term – Tuesday 6th September

Sunny Ile Pre-School

A lovely week at preschool has been had by all this week. We have had a really fun time outside playing with the water. The children have been busy washing babies and floating boats. We have even made our own boats with paper, straws and milk bottle tops, unfortunately we weren't very successful and many of our boats sunk



We have also been painting pebbles from the beach, and making flags for our sandcastles. We had a brilliant time outside with the parachute and some balloons that we had to keep up in the air.

Teddy bears Picnic

We hope that you have all seen that we are having a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on Thursday 21st July 1.45pm – 3pm on Greenfylde First School Field. To celebrate the end of year and also to celebrate the years of Sunny Ile and Cygnets have provided care for all the children – From September our preschools will be called 'Apple Orchard Pre-school.

We would love all parents to come along and join in the fun.

School Leavers

If you have any questions regarding your children starting Primary School in September please don't hesitate to contact us either in person, phone 01460 259732 or by email

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Cygnets Pre-School

This week at Cygnets we have been enjoying some junk modelling. Learning about sun safety and how to keep ourselves cool when it's hot. Vernon joined us on Wednesday and we had a big water fight to cool us down and then explored the Swanmead field looking for different leaves.

Teddy bears picnic

Don't forget to join us for our teddy bears picnic on Thursday 21 July 2022 from 12.45pm.

Next week

Next week we will be having a party week to celebrate the time we have spent with our big children before they finish and head off to 'big school'