

JULY 2016



This year's prom was a beach party theme. The pupils had a fabulous time dancing, drinking mocktails and eating burgers and hotdogs. We had a 4 piece steel band for pupils to enjoy and would like to express our sincere thanks to four year 8 pupils from Aldersley High School who made a sensational start to our evening



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# PRIZE GIVING 2016

Our annual prize-giving was a huge success with a record number of students receiving prizes for their hard work over this school year.

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers, friends and family support us in celebrating the student's achievements.

We were also entertained by Mr Masson and his musicians playing on bells, drums, recorders and the trombone.



## THE WALLED GARDEN PROJECT

This term some of our students took part in 'The Walled Garden' Project.



The students have learnt how to enrich the planting beds by adding top soil and compost making the area more effective to grow crops. They have also learnt how to carry, store and use tools safely and effectively.

The students have also been busy making and filling a compost heap to use in their future projects.

The student have been learning and thinking about how food grows. They have been nurturing and looking after crops from seeds and small plants in pots to planting in the ground. They have been watering using recycled milk cartons as watering cans and enjoyed eating fruits they produced.

The students planted strawberries, squash, beans, potatoes and much more Week by week they have been watching their crops bloom. Finally we picked some of our crops that were ready to be cooked and eaten by us! We have had so much fun and new experiences in our learning too!!



# Physio News

This academic year has gone so quickly. It doesn't seem that long ago that we had new pupils in Reception and now they will be buddies to the new pupils starting in September. We are looking forward to working with the children and their families.

A huge thank you to pupils and their families for the continued support and work you do with your children at home.

To our older pupils who are moving on to new and exciting things we wish you all a very happy future.

To the class and lunchtime staff who have supported us with the children's programmes (class based or hydro) it does make a big difference and is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

The Therapy Team



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**Wheelchair Repairs: 01902 449336**

**Gem Centre: 01902 446290**

# Nursing News

As the Summer Term is coming to a close we want to thank the parents and carers for their continued support in the care of our pupils at Green Park School.

We hope that you all have a very good summer break and wish the leavers the very best for their future. We look forward to welcoming the new pupils in the Autumn Term.

In case you require medical support during the summer holidays you will need to contact your GP, however if you would like to speak to your child's consultant please call the Gem Centre on Tel: 01902 446270 and ask to speak with the secretaries who will be able to help you.

Regards Abbey, Kelly, Shona, Yvonne and Maria (Nursing Team)

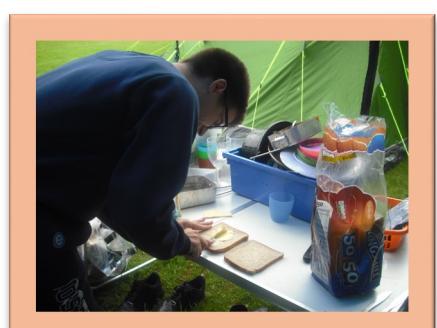
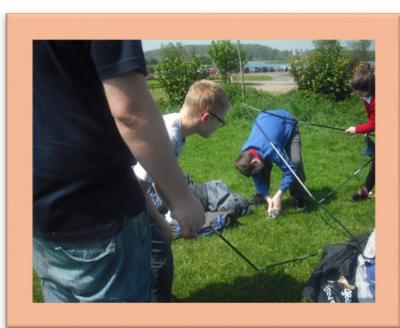


## Mayors Parlour

On the 6th July some of our young people where invited to attend the Mayors parlour as part of the Queens 90th birthday celebrations. The pupils were all allowed to try on the Mayors robes and they then got dressed up in Victorian costumes and watched a number of actors perform a sketch showing the Mayors role in the reign of Queen Victoria.



In May and June pupils took part in the expedition section of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and camped at Market Bosworth and in the Cotswolds. As part of the award they had to demonstrate good camp craft by setting up their tent and they had to cook / make their own meals. During the day walk they were required to be able to recognise wild flowers along the route. Thankfully the weather held and everyone had a fantastic time.



# Thank you

## EDUCATION HEALTH CARE TO PARENTS CONSULTATION

Thank you for the many replies that we received about the EHCP reports to parents system. We value your opinions and will work on ensuring that you receive the most effective and informative information about the progress your child has made in the year. A very popular request parents and carers would like to see on the reports are some photographs to support the teachers comments. We will also share levels of progress that your child has made during the year. Watch out for changes and improvements to our report writing over the next coming year!

## Well done, to our musicians

### ARTS AWARD

On 12th July our pupils from across the school were privileged to be asked by Wolverhampton Music School to perform with an orchestra at the Lighthouse in Wolverhampton as part of The Arts Award. They rehearsed two of the BBC's Ten classical pieces prior to the performance at the Slade Rooms and then moved across the road to the Lighthouse to perform those pieces to an audience. They were commended by the conductor as they all performed amazingly well keeping time and finishing on queue.



## Pupil Progress

This has been a challenging and interesting year for data as we have moved to SOLAR to track pupils levels and continue to use CASPA to help with our analysis.

Currently, we are pleased to say that overall the vast majority of pupils are on track in meeting their personal targets. We have yet to complete a deep analysis of progress through Progression Guidance, the wider CASPA comparison and pupils Learning Passports. However, thanks to the commitment and determination of parents, young people and staff, current information is positive. Overall, we can report that 93% of pupils are on target, 1% below target and 6% are above expected target. Our job now is to find out the best way to maintain good progress and identify strategies to both ensure that all pupils attain at least expected targets and more pupils gain above expected targets. We have worked closely with a School Improvement Leader to support us in developing progress in all subject areas so we look forward to an exciting 2016 -2017!



What fun we have had with Green Park School! These sessions of horse riding have been amazing with all the youngsters rushing to greet their ponies with big smiles! We have been particularly impressed by their eagerness to have a go at controlling their ponies and without exception their balance and poise improves each week as indeed does their confidence around the animals! We look forward to a continued relationship with the school. My staff and volunteers have really enjoyed our sessions with this super group of children!

Steph, Riding Instructor—Live the Adventure





# Crash! Bang! Wallop!

Green Cluster visited 'Crash Bang Wallop' on 6<sup>th</sup> July for our Cluster trip. Our topic this term has been 'Environment' so this was a great opportunity to get out and see something new.

The day was full of excitement ranging from riding on the bus to getting active in the play areas and exploring in the sensory room.

The slides were extremely popular with lots of us travelling to the top before we had a 'bumpy' ride down!! One of the best comments of the day was from Emilia was 'it was amazing'!



# Welcome to Green Park School



Alisia Clewley—Class 13

Olivia Cross—Class 11

Stacey Yeomans—Class 2

We have been delighted to welcome three of our new teachers to school over the last few weeks. They have made a great impact in their short time at school. Pupils have made great relationships with their new teachers and are looking forward to the Autumn Term.



## Baby News!



Mrs McCardle has returned to school following her maternity leave and we are pleased to welcome her back.

Mrs Evans and Ms Geoghan will shortly be starting their maternity leave

Jemma Geoghan will start her maternity leave October half term.

Mrs Madziak, Ms Hodson, and Mrs Dawkins welcomed little boys

Ms Thomas and Mrs Robinson had baby girls

## Goodbye Skye



Class 5 have had a fun half term visiting the Botanical gardens for a Mad Hatters Tea Party and had a jam packed activity week. We enjoyed wishing our friend Skye a happy farewell and a successful transition to her new school in September. You will be missed by everyone at Green Park.  
GOOD LUCK SKYE!!!!

# A few snapshots from our annual Activity Week

Falconer



Sports Day



Animal Handling



Mime Artist



The Wildside



YELLOW CLUSTER have had a very busy summer term. We have been out and about at PASS and SMILE sports events held at different schools. Our children experienced new skills, such as an orienteering trail using different smells and alternative swimming, jousting and horse riding. The pictures don't do it justice but the children had a fab time.

Some of yellow cluster pupils went to Sandwell Valley for outdoor pursuits and others experienced the Mad Hatters tea party at the Botanical Gardens. Both events met our children's needs and the Mad Hatters were extremely mad (or was that just the staff that went on the trip!)

Class 4 have experienced a Noah's Ark Extravaganza this term with support of Emily the youth and family worker from Bilston churches. The children responded brilliantly to all the sensory aspects of the story and made a great display for class.

Activity week had our children in yellow cluster working together on sports day, using the fire hose, experiencing a ride in the fire engine, holding an owl, making puppets, practicing circus skills, stroked Rupert The Horse and watched a French mime artist. A fantastic week was had by all!

Now comes the sad part where we have to say farewell to a brilliant year and move onto pastures new, with more exciting adventures awaiting us in September 2016. Thanks to all children, staff and parents for making this a fantastic year.



## SAFEGUARDING

The summer holidays are a great time for children and young adults! It is important to ensure that pupils remain in a safe environment. We have previously shared the importance of Internet safety and how to keep children safe when on line.

This summer, we would like to promote water safety for young people - swimming is great fun and fantastic exercise but we are aware that caution remains paramount whenever near water. Where appropriate, talk to your children about how to stay safe in water- be sure that children are well supervised in an area identified as a safe swimming area, check that a lifeguard is available - and have fun!

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# **Headteacher's comment**



As another busy and successful year comes to a close all the staff and governors would like to thank parents and carers for their support. We have had a successful year with a good Ofsted and pupil outcomes which improve year on year.

We are all a little sad to be saying farewell to some very special pupils who we have known over many years but we know they will continue to blossom in their new settings and I know they will stay in touch with school.

We look forward to seeing all our pupil's on 6th September 2016.  
Lorraine Dawney  
Headteacher

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**INSET DAYS—5TH SEPTEMBER 2016, 21ST AND 31ST OCTOBER—SCHOOL CLOSED**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY — 24TH OCTOBER — 28TH OCTOBER 2016**

**SCHOOL OPEN—1 NOVEMBER 2016**

**NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOL CALENDAR WILL BE SENT HOME IN THE AUTUMN TERM**

