



# GREEN GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Term Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Wintry weather

After what we thought was the end of the wintry weather, this weekend according to the forecasters is down for being not the best. Please try & ensure the children have suitable warm clothing and footwear to be prepared for this, especially if it continues into next week. Hopefully, the weather will soon complement the lighter mornings and evenings by taking a turn for the better!



### Great Fire of London

Speaking of the weather, thank you to those parents and carers who popped in briefly yesterday for the KS1 'Great Fire of London'. The wind certainly re-created the scene for us almost perfectly as the original Great Fire in 1666 spread particularly quickly due to the wind. The children in KS1 have been enjoying learning all about this important historical event. I would like to thank AP Adventures (Adam in particular, as he is a trained firefighter) for supervising the safety of this event yesterday.

### Attendance

Attendance in school Week 7 of Spring Term is as follows:

Mrs Fellows' class 98.3% 1 late

Mrs Stone's class 98.1% 1 late

Miss Roberts' class 93% 6 lates

Miss Sherwood's class 98.6% 5 lates

Miss Breckon's class 98.1% 0 lates

Miss Booth's class 93% 7 lates

Miss Parker's class 97.9% 4 lates

Miss Tierney's class 100% 6 lates

Mrs Lowe's class 96.3% 4 lates

**Attendance Goal is 96% or above**

The best attending class for this week was Miss Tierney's children. Well done to them!



The most punctual class was Miss Breckon's With NO lates.

Well done to them too!

Remember, attendance at school is so important: every day matters, every day counts!

Punctuality is also vital as missing the start of the school means your child often plays 'catch up' for the rest of the day: every minute matters, every minute counts!

Attendance for this week was an improvement as we aim for 96% as a school or better & only 2 classes were below this. Please support us with attendance & punctuality by ensuring your children are on time and in school every day.

## Contacting school

As part of our attendance policy, Mrs Jackson will contact parents/carers on our contact list, if a child is absent. She does this as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. If we are unable to speak to anyone regarding the absence, we will make a visit to the home. This is a rare occurrence and is part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures. Please help us with this by keeping contact numbers up to date, having mobile phones switched on and contacting school yourself to inform us when a child is ill or has a medical appointment. Thank you for your support with this.

## Reading: A New World 2

This week's picture to discuss. Remember, when children bring back their ideas into school they will be rewarded with smilies.



Where do you think the land has gone?

How will people survive in this 'water-world'?

Is there more land or water on Earth?

Is it better to live in a place with too much water or not enough water?

What do you think the girl had to drink when she was out at sea?

Imagine that people could no longer live on land, but had to live in the sea. What would their new home look like? Draw or write down what you have imagined.

## Read for the Stars

Since 'Read for the Stars' was introduced in 2016, we have given out over **300 books** as a reward for reading at home. To my knowledge, we are the **ONLY** school in Redcar that does this, such is the importance we place on reading.

This week, we had our another group of children who have 'reached the sun' for a second time!

**Well done to: Amelia Wilcock, Grace Proud and Megan Thompson**

Well done also to: Lily Gibbon, Finley Appleby, Dylan Smith, Willow Tibbett White, Patrick Jackson and Jack Morrow as they have now completed their first mission by reaching the sun for the first time.



Reading at home is also part of your child's Home Learning so please continue to listen to and encourage them to read.

## Easter egg raffle

We are selling raffle tickets (usual price of £1.00 per strip) in school now. It will be drawn before we break up for Easter. Children can bring money into school to buy these if they would like to.



## School uniform

Can I remind parents/carers about our uniform policy which states 'The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. The wearing of trainers are not allowed (unless they are all black) as part of a child's uniform. Children who repeatedly wear inappropriate footwear in school will be expected to change into black plimsolls provided by school'.

## Safeguarding

The staff below are the nominated people to speak to or contact if you ever have any worries or concerns about safeguarding in school: anything from the safety of the site to a worry about a child or family.

## Pastoral support

Mrs Dowson is also our Pastoral Co-ordinator. Her role is wide and varied but is all about supporting you and your family in whatever way she can. She has a lot of experience over the years in her many roles and holds drop-sessions on Wednesday mornings, if you would like to pop in for a chat. You will find Mrs Dowson out on the playground most days.



Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely, safe weekend.

*Mr Hodgson*

# Safeguarding Team

**Mr D Hodgson**  
Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



**Mrs K Lowe**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs M Dowson**  
Deputy Designated  
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**Mrs M Ovens**  
Designated Safeguarding  
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