

NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2

DECEMBER 2021

Hello again! What another amazing 6 weeks we have had on the Wellbeing Programme. It has been wonderful seeing all of your children again – we are slowly starting to recognise faces and names. We have had a lot of fun and really hope they have too!

Gresham's Thinking Tree

This half term we have created a "Thinking Tree" mural as a celebration of Gresham's uniqueness, particularly the strength and growth of our community.

The tree itself was beautifully painted by one of Gresham's parents. Each class was assigned a colour of the rainbow and this colour will stay with them through the remainder of the Wellbeing Programme. Each week a class, along with their staff, was invited to paint their hands in their respective colour and create a handprint on the mural. The overall effect being a colourful rainbow canopy of handprint leaves.

The tree trunk has a wipeable surface and children and staff are invited to write anonymous messages or statements on the trunk when it suits them. These messages can be expressions of feelings, relating to now, the past or the future. They could also be a way of sharing achievements, such as house points, Pupil of the Day or awards both in and out of school. Simply put, it serves to allow the Gresham community to have a quiet anonymous voice about things they wish to get off their chest. The trunk will be wiped clean at the end of each day. Staff will monitor the tree throughout each day.



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By xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx



Gresham's Thinking Tree continued...

In between "hand painting" the children had fun playing lots of energetic team building games in small groups and as a whole class – not to mention the now infamous feather boa conga lines!



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By xxxxxxxxxxxx

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This term's reverse school trip:
**Immersive Theatre
Planetarium**

**Our second reverse school trip saw the school hall turned
into an inter galactic chill out zone for the day.**

Each class was assigned a time slot to spend in the inflatable dome watching various 360 degree educational films about space. Expert presenters were on hand to share fascinating artefacts and answer any questions the children had....blah blah blah {will need to pad this out once it's actually taken place}.

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A big 'Thank you!' to...



Those of you that have volunteered with us this half term - it wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of your time.

Also, to the Gresham Parents' Association for, once again, funding the entire programme this half term - from silly glasses, to paint, to inflatable theatres! Without their funding, none of this would have become such a wonderful reality!

Please contact Claudia and Andy via email:
greshamschoolpa@gmail.com

if you'd like more information on how to get involved with Gresham's Parents' Association.

Lastly, we'd like to thank say a special thank you to Tamsin (a Gresham parent) for creating our brilliant logo and branding and for all her creativity!

Can you help?

Could you spare a few hours on a Friday afternoon?

If you would like to understand more about volunteering in any of the forthcoming Wellbeing Programme activities, please contact Ali and Sarah via email: sarah.burwood@btinternet.com

Or if you cannot spare the time but think you could help us in any other way, please do get in touch! We'd love to hear from you!

We hope your children have enjoyed our activities as much as we have enjoyed hosting them. We can't wait to see them all again next half term for more exciting new adventures!

We wish you all a lovely **festive** half term break!
Best wishes,

Ali & Sarah

Lego Donations

We need a large quantity of Lego pieces for one of our Wellbeing Programme activities in the Summer.

We do not need complete sets - we simply need random pieces - all colours, shapes and sizes. So if you have any at home that you think you could

part with, we'd be ever so grateful. There is a red bin (pictured right) by the blue bench as you exit the school via the red gate. Please place any lego donations in here and we will empty it regularly. Thanks

Ali & Sarah

