



GRESHAM'S
WELLBEING
PROGRAMME

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So this is it...our last newsletter!

Lego-tastic!

For our very last half term's activity, we chose "Lego" – what better way to end!

Each class was tasked with trying to build things that related to the country assigned to their class back in September.

We provided the children with some inspiration each week with photographs of famous landmarks, country flags and animals, then set them to work in small groups to see where their imaginations would take them.

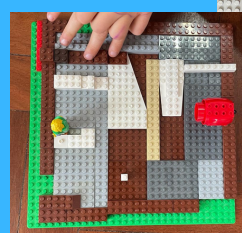


Each group's interpretation was so different to the next – with some wonderful creations on display at the end of each session. Each group was asked to show off their finished masterpiece to their classmates.

Massive thanks to those of you that have kindly donated your unwanted LEGO to the Wellbeing Programme – you can now see that it was put to very good use! The Lego stash will be kept in school for them to use with the children for many years to come!



The Turkish Flag



An interpretation of a backgammon board!

Laser Tag!

Our sixth reverse school trip was brilliant chaos! It was quite an impressive sight on the school field at drop off.

During the course of the day, each class was invited to participate in a laser tag tournament.

Each class was divided into small groups of up to 6 children. Tournaments, comprising of two teams at a time, lasted 3 or 4 minutes before the next two teams were tagged in. Most teams were able to have at least two turns in the inflatable maze.

It was amazing to see all the staff joining in the fun too. We aren't sure who enjoyed it more!

The leader board was quite tense – Green teams were leading across the classes up until lunchtime, but the Red teams made an impressive gain from lunchtime onwards. At the end of the tournament it was a genuine draw across the school.

The children were all so excited and the staff manning the activity were very complimentary about their behaviour.

It was a wonderful day!



"That was so much fun!"

Mrs Patel

"I was in stealth mode the whole time!"

Year 6 Pupil

"It was so cool firing at my teachers!"

Year 4 Pupil

"It was so funny ... can we do it again?"

Year 3 Pupil



All good things must come to an end...

As we stated in our last two newsletters, the Wellbeing Programme was designed to be a one year only programme to lift the spirits of our lovely school community after such a fractured two years. Therefore, we wanted to remind you all that the "Friday afternoon" programme has now sadly ended. It has been our absolute pleasure to spend time with Gresham's children and staff this year. Thank you for having us!

We will, however, continue Reverse School Trips for another academic year from September 2022. These are the events that take place once per half term where an external "provider of fun" sets up camp in school for the day to share their skills and energy with the children and staff.

Further to this, the Gresham Parents' Association (PA) have committed to continue to sponsor these and have donated £3,000 (raised at the Platinum Jubilee Summer Fair) to cover the bulk of the cost.

"Over the past year, the Wellbeing Programme has provided the children with many different and exciting opportunities. It has been heart warming to see them having so much well deserved fun and sharing new experiences. I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in terms of funding these events and I can assure you that every penny has put a smile on a child's face. Without the enthusiasm of Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Cusworth, none of this would have taken place and all of our Gresham family want to say a huge THANK YOU !

Ms Steele

One final shout out to the Gresham Parents' Association:

Huge thanks one more time to the Gresham Parents' Association for funding the Wellbeing Programme.

In total we have spent £4,270 of their fundraising on this programme. That's not an insignificant amount of money!

£1,390 of this was spent on materials for the Friday afternoon activities (lots of which were subsequently donated to the school).

£2,888 of this was spent on five* of the Reverse School Trips.

* The sixth Reverse School Trip (Laser Tag) cost £900 and was funded by the TwosDay sponsorship raised by Gresham's children in February 2022. Rather incredibly there is still sponsorship left to put towards another event next year. A huge 'well done' to all the children that raised this money!

The PA's unfaltering sponsorship was fundamental to the success of the Wellbeing Programme – without it, it simply wouldn't have been possible to share any of the experiences with your children and their staff.

The school (and parents) have not had to shoulder any of the costs, which we really hope you'll agree is a remarkable achievement. Wellbeing all round!

If you'd like more information on how to get involved with Gresham's Parents' Association, please contact Andy and Yas (Co-Chairs) at greshamschoolpa@gmail.com. We know they'd love to hear from you.

We sincerely hope your children have enjoyed all of their encounters with us, we have certainly had a lovely time hanging out with them!

We look forward to seeing them all again after the summer break for the forthcoming Reverse School Trips!

We wish you all a lovely summer break!

Best wishes,

Ali & Sarah