



Autumn 2019

GREENFIELDS SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION

GSSC GAZETTE

# Headteacher's Comments

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful Autumn Term despite the 'bug blip' which we hope all will be recovered from in time for Christmas!

The new RIDE Curriculum is showing some fabulous impact on our pupils here at GSSC in their resilience and engagement in learning and raising their self-esteem and confidence and pupils are working to their personal best.

We have had a couple of festive events that you will be able to read about in the newsletter as covered by our Newsroom team. The bake off and Mince Pie Night was of an exceptional standard this year and we raised lots of funds for school projects so a huge thank you to you all for supporting us in buying cakes and pupil class enterprise.

The Christmas performance this year was completely different to how we usually do it and I can say that it was brilliant – every pupil took part and the show went on despite the fire alarm and evacuation on the first performance! Thank you for all the lovely comments in home school communication books praising the performance and the staff alike.

After a long drawn out battle with AMEY, I am relieved to say that our hydro therapy pool is finally cured of all its ailments and is back up and running – so please send swimming kits in with your child when they return in January.

As much as the Christmas break can be joyous, fun and exciting it can also bring with it stress and concern, therefore if you are concerned about a child's welfare then do not hesitate to follow the instructions overleaf as it is better to seek support than not.

Mental Health and Wellbeing of both Staff and Pupils is of paramount importance to us as a leadership team here at GSSC. Myself and my Assistant Head teacher Claire Frogley are the staff Mental Health First Aiders and we have recently trained eight teachers as Pupil Mental Health First Aiders. Another eight will complete their training in the new year. Amanda Nunn will be organising training for Parents/Carers in the New Year. It is as important to look after our mental health as well as our physical health.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break on behalf of myself and my fantastic team of staff.

We will look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Happy New Year to you all too!  
Best wishes

Lisa Atack  
Head teacher

## Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

### What should I do if I am worried or concerned?

If you are worried or concerned about something that has happened to you, a friend or someone you know, please call us on 0300 126 1000.

### What happens when I raise a concern?

Where there is reasonable cause to suspect a child is suffering significant harm or is likely to do so, we share and use information to help us to decide on the best course of action. This is likely to include more detailed enquiries by social workers and partner organisations. If we decide that a case does not meet the threshold for significant harm and does not need social care involvement, we will recommend alternative forms of support that are available to the family.

### What will reporting a concern involve?

Parents and carers reporting a concern will be expected to provide various details about themselves, the child, the family and the concern. This information will be recorded and may be shared with relevant partners. However, should you wish to do so, it is possible to report your concern anonymously.

### What will happen after I raise a concern?

After a referral is made the concern will be assessed, further information may be collected with our partner agencies and, where appropriate, the family of the child will be contacted. Working with partners, your concern will be assessed and appropriate actions will be taken.



### Dates for your Diary:

Training day for staff—Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

School re-opens for pupils—Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Storytelling week - 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

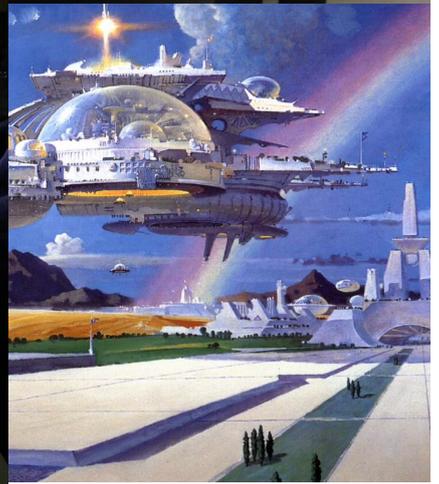
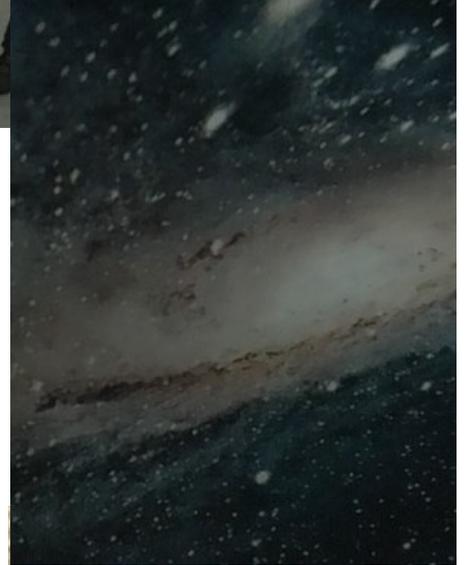
Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

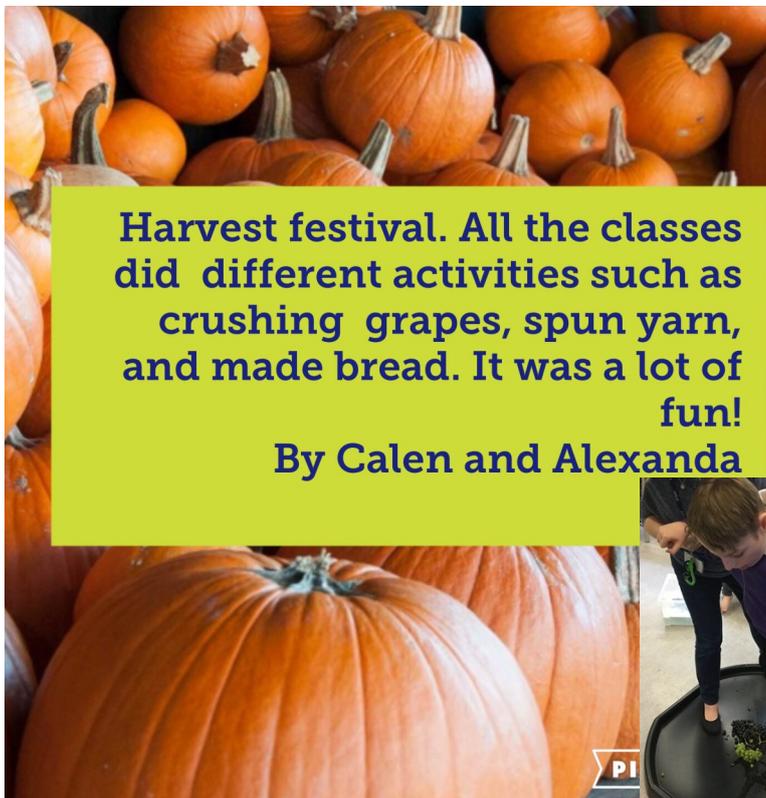
FUN Night - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

# Our learning days



This term we have been learning about space and have been undertaking lots of exciting activities, beginning with a fabulous visit from a Planetarium that whisked us all around the galaxy!



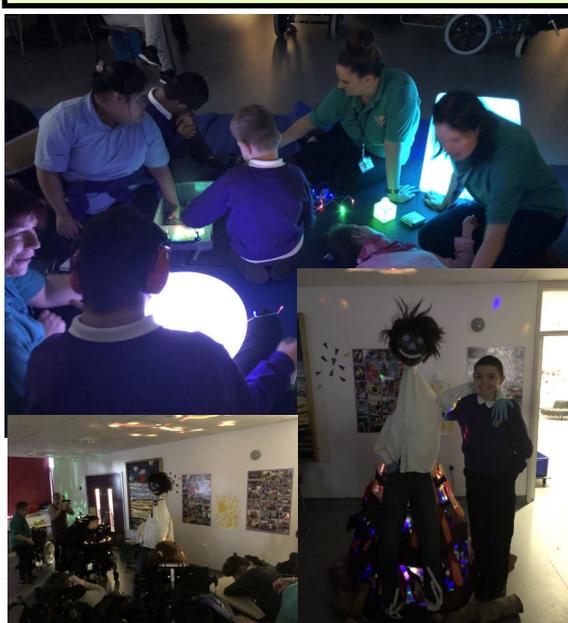


**Harvest festival. All the classes did different activities such as crushing grapes, spun yarn, and made bread. It was a lot of fun!**  
**By Calen and Alexandra**



### Bonfire disco by Luci

Ash class organised a Bonfire disco and all the classes came down for a dance or a sensory relax on the floor. There was music and colourful lights and lots of sensory activities in the hall. I really enjoyed dancing with my friends and everybody said they loved our Bonfire and our Guy Fawkes that we made for the Bonfire disco. Everyone worked very hard to organise our Bonfire and all the children tried out different activities. There were fireworks on the Big screen, later all the classes had a photo with the fireworks. After all the children had gone back to their classes we all had a photo together as a class, then we all went back to class and got ready for dinner.



Students from across the school enjoyed the Transitions event and got to ask questions and think about where they would like to go in the future.



We have had an excellent new piece of equipment installed in our hall and the students have been testing out all its features and trying to beat their personal bests!





## Friendship buddy article

Every lunch time the friendship buddies go around the classes and ask the student's questions like – are you ok, do you want to talk?

The friendship buddies wear aprons, in the pocket there is two yes + no switches + some question cards, we use them to talk to the students.

My favourite part of doing the friendship buddies is – seeing my friends around school and asking questions to the students to see if they are ok.

By Ellie

My favourite part is – helping people and telling them my jokes off my eye gaze

By Josh



Canine Concern Care dogs Bella and Bear have been making weekly visits around the school this term. They have brought lots of love and waggily tails with them!



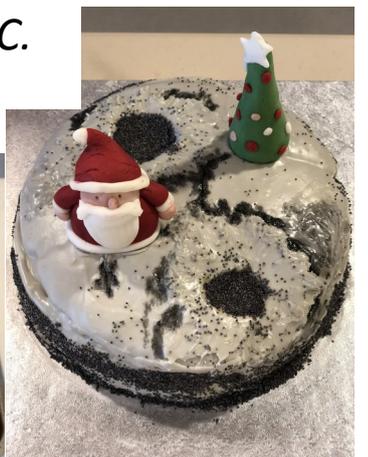


**Rock Steady by Marion**  
**Rock Steady is Every Friday**  
**Morning, Kieran And Tom come to**  
**teach children to try play some**  
**instruments like piano,guitar etc.**  
**They are very good teachers**  
**because they are helpful and they**  
**are nice. I'm enjoying Rock Steady**  
**because I'm signing Diamonds by**  
**Rihanna and I play the piano. They**  
**are making me very happy and**  
**helping me to sing.Rocksteady is**  
**going to help me getting my music**  
**and drama qualification.**





*Our Mulled Wine and Mince Pie evening was held on Friday 29th November 2019 and was a huge success. Our Signing Choir were amazing and wowed us with their wonderful performances. The whole evening was very well attended and 'Friends of GSSC' would like to say a huge thank you to all parent/carers for their support - it is much appreciated. Massive thank you to all the staff who worked behind the scenes and all day in the run up to the event - we could not pull it off without you all! We raised a grand total of £1641.87 on the night which is amazing! Special mentions must go to Jo Ashworth, Sarah Wakelin, Carmel Cameron for all their help and also to Kingsthorpe Snooker Club who sold so many raffle tickets! Happy New Year 2020 everyone from Friends of GSSC.*





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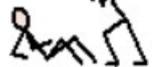


Friends of Greenfields are always looking for new volunteers and committee members.

We are always looking for new, innovative ways of raising funds for the school, whilst ensuring that we involve as many of our pupils, parents and carers as we can. If you haven't got the time to become a member of 'Friends of Greenfields' but would like to share some ideas then please get in touch

If you feel that you have time to support us, then please contact: Rebecca Thomas our Chair of Friends via the school office.

office@greenfields.northants.sch.uk 01604 741960

 If  you  are  worried  about  bullying  
 please  contact  any  one  of  these  adults  
 in school...  
 Claire Frogley  Helen Blight  Lynette Park  
 Amanda Nunn  Steve Jackson  School Governor

## Important Message for all Visitors to GSSC

At GSSC we have several pupils who are not able to be photographed or videoed. To ensure equality for all of our pupils and to enable everyone to take part in events within school. We operate a strict no photography or video policy at any of our events. We will however, ensure that there are ample opportunities at the end of events to take photographs of your child/young person. We would like to thank you all for your cooperation.

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