

Green Top School

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Head of School: Kelly Overson

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I can't believe that another year has passed, and what a year it has been! The children and staff have had a fantastic year and we would like to thank you and our community for continuing to support us! Our school community continues to grow and when we return in August, we will be full in all but one year groups!

Our children have continued to show courage, respect, integrity and resilience building on their character growth through our crew curriculum, something we value and take pride in.

Both staff and children have enjoyed their expeditions this year; our curriculum continues to inspire and engage beautiful work! Some of our favourite expeditions this year have not only provided an engaging curriculum but have also ensured that learning is relevant, purposeful and authentic. This has included climate emergency, social justice and diversity and belonging.

As you may know, we invite an Ofsted inspector into our school annually to receive quality critique ensuring we are always striving to be the best we can be! This year she completed a deep dive into science, we were very pleased with the feedback we received:

- *Questioning is strong, including teachers using key terms, and ensuring children do as well, in their answers;*
- *Key information, and language, is well displayed and is part of the learning journey on walls, which children refer to in their answers, and in their independent/group work, which is pleasing;*
- *Children are well engaged and enthused, which is helped by the questioning, and the way teachers chunk key information, so that children can access the learning, but also work on their own;*
- *The practical element is well planned and supporting pupils' scientific way of working, as well as understanding the learning more deeply, which is positive;*
- *This also gives the learning real-life purpose, and the practical element is linked to an end point which children understood;*
- *The purposefulness and the practical elements really lead children to be self-propelled and enthusiastic learners.*
- *The books themselves are very fulsome in terms of providing a learning journey for the Expedition ahead, the different case studies, the final product they will produce, and the different skills and knowledge they will learn.*
- *Science is well taught, led and planned, with Expedition working very well in terms of providing children with an engaging, purposeful curriculum;*
- *Pupils speak very well of science, and can see it as a discrete subject, with strong opportunities for language and skill development, as books and lessons also show;*

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I would like to publicly thank our 'Friend's of Green Top' parent group who have not only organised lovely events for our children to attend and take part in but raised money to fund many treats for the children! This year they funded the Christmas event with the reindeer, year 6 hoodies and autograph books, playground equipment, books at Christmas, attendance rewards and more! They have exciting plans for next year and I can't wait to see what they plan for the children!

Last week we said goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children after their amazing journey at Green Top! They have made us proud over the years but their final year in Y6 has definitely been a special one! We wish you all the best for your next adventure in secondary school and beyond! Don't forget about us, we will always be your crew!



Staffing at Green Top:

Like most years, we often welcome or say goodbye to staff. This summer we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Stent-Jones who will return to her previous place of employment where she has secured a promotion! We wish her all the best for the future.

Over 5 years ago Miss Stewart and Miss O'Neill started their journey with us at Green Top as apprentices. They then progressed and secured Learning Coach positions whilst studying towards a degree in Education. Over the last two years they have both completed their degree and qualified as teachers! We are so unbelievably proud of them both and grateful that we were a part of their special journey. Sadly we didn't have any teaching positions for them at Green Top this year so they have secured teaching positions in other schools. Again, we are so, so proud of them! We wish them both lots of luck in their new schools and know that they will be wonderful teachers inspiring many children in the future!

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This year we also say goodbye to Sue, one of our school cooks. She has been looking after us all for 30 years and we will be sad to see her leave! We presented Sue with flowers and gifts today and celebrated her time at Green Top! Good Luck Sue, we will miss you so much!



Our final week has been a special one! From graduations to transition to celebrations, all with a history twist has been amazing!



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Finally, I would like to shout out to the amazing staff crew at Green Top! They work extremely hard everyday to plan the best lessons and experiences for our children! I feel so lucky to have an amazing team of people working to provide the best for our community and ensuring that Green Top is the best it can be for our children!

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 29th August. We will start the term with a focus on transition and building crew before moving onto hooking the children into our autumn expeditions the following week. The club offer for the autumn term will be shared as we return; clubs will begin on Monday 4th September. Breakfast club will be open from 29.08.2023 and sunset will be available from 29.08.2023 sunset@greentopschool.org.

Have a wonderful summer!

Kind Regards
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