

Greatfields Gazette

Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.

Greatfields School opens its doors to Year 6 students, their parents and our wonderful community.

Article by Saamiyah

As you may know Greatfields hosted a Year 6 open evening event, held on the 19th of September 2016. At moment's notice it got busy, with over 150 parents, potential students and their younger brothers/sisters. The teachers had worked hard for this event, especially Mr Paul our Headteacher. There were activities in every classroom, set up and ready for the children to get a small taster during their visit.

In the English, they were "matching Roald Dahl book titles to important objects found in the stories." In the maths room there were lots of problems to solve. The most exciting room was Science, they had microscopes and a machine which made your hair stand on end...it was astounding!!!

Overall I think the parents were amazed with our school and I hope we have convinced them to join our fantastic school, GREATFIELDS.

A student who helped out at this event commented: "the event was good and the teachers handled everything brilliantly, the questions, the activities were all very engaging. The best part was when Ms Sarwar gave her helpers chocolate cake, it was delicious."

Pupil of the Week

Articles by Nawras

Every week a student is chosen by our teachers to be pupil of the week. The student chosen has to display a positive, hardworking attitude and represent the core values of our school.

We are only in the first few weeks of school and a lovely young lady has already won a great achievement, she has been awarded the student of the week. She is honest, polite and a great role model. As I watch her honest deeds during school hours, I agree completely with the teachers that

this outstanding friend of ours, who is known by the name Mary deserves to be student of the week.

To have such a wonderful friend in the community is a credit, and I thought it would be nice to get to know our star better so I interviewed Mary to find out more about her.



1. How does it feel to be student of the week?
I feel very proud.

2. What advice would you give our readers, so that he or she might have a chance to become pupil of the week?

Well my advice would be is to just follow the rules and you should not do it for just the rewards but do it for yourself.

3. What are your feelings about being in a new school?

Excited we are the first batch of year 7s and when we move up to year 8 the youngers will look up to us.

4. What do you think about the teachers and who is your favourite teacher?

I feel like they are extremely talented and are great help with the schools learning. I don't think there could have been any better teachers to represent Greatfields. I do not have a favourite teacher. It would be impossible to choose.

5. What clubs have you joined?

I've joined dance, girl's football, tag rugby, model united nation and clarinet (I think that counts as a club).

6. What do you think about the clubs?

The clubs are some where we can express ourselves and work together.

7. What are your favourite hobbies to do?

I like to do athletics I like to keep my body healthy.



Dennis a fellow classmate of ours has charmed the Headteacher by showing great respect towards the school. He has shown that he is a very responsible young man who takes care and doesn't walk past

rubbish left behind by others. Dennis's actions shows how important it is to care about our environment; not to mention that you could unknowingly receive a great achievement.

Dennis has set an excellent example for all students at Greatfields, showing us how we should conduct ourselves in and out of school and has been rewarded 'pupil of the week'.

As an outstanding role model for us all, I have decided to interview him.

1. Are you proud to be chosen as student of the week?

Yes, I am proud to be student of the week.

2. Who would you recommend to be student of the week next week?

I would like somebody with kindness, generosity and somebody who tries their best.

3. What do you think about Greatfields?

I think it is really good. Everyone here is very friendly and the teachers are like classmates but older.

4. Do you like the uniform for Greatfields?

I really like it. It makes me look very smart.

5. What kind of style do you like?

I like something that looks fun.

6. Do you like football?

I love football.

7. What do you like doing in your free time?

I like playing ball games but football comes first.

So please remember the following line:

“Remember don't litter it makes the world bitter.”





Arc Theatre

Article by Nameera and Tashrifa:

On Tuesday 13th September a company called Arc Theatre came to talk to the Year 7s about terrible incidents that have happened to mainly teenage girls and boys. They talked to us, about life as we grow up, our move to secondary school and how to deal with issues that might affect us.

Arc Theatre provides the opportunity for young girls to raise awareness about problems that happen in our area. The lady, Natalie came with students from different schools in Barking and Dagenham, such as: Barking Abbey, Riverside, Sydney Russell and the Warren school. We were shown a short film that included all of the issues that were discussed. Some of the films were difficult to watch and made us think about challenging issues in our society.

We learnt about FGM, child abuse and issues about our identity; this was followed by some group discussions. The assembly and CIVICs lessons have introduced us to some new ideas which we hope to learn more about.

We strongly feel that everyone should visit their website for more information and advice:

www.arctheatre.com

Great plans for Gascoigne

Allison, someone who works with the company Bouygues came to discuss the construction of new flats in the local neighbourhood. She talked about demolishing the old flats to make room for our new school, Greatfields.

The history of the Gascoigne estate dates back to 1970 when a man called Sir Crisp Gascoigne owned all of the land. Over time, it, gradually developed and turned into a place full of small roads leading up to houses. In the Victorian times these houses were called '2 up and 2 down' as there were two rooms up and two rooms down.

The new school will hopefully be finished by early 2017 but until then, the Greatfields Year 7s are currently using the top floor of Gascoigne Primary School which the Headteacher has kindly loaned to us. All the students at Greatfields are excited to continue their education at a completely brand new school and are eagerly waiting to see the new building.



On Tuesday 4th October Greatfields School had yet another amazing visitor called Penny Taberman. She came to discuss the road safety issues that many teenagers face and made us aware about the importance of our personal safety.

Each year over 9,000 children are involved in traffic accidents in England alone; an astonishing figure.

Penny told us about a 13 year old boy who went to the Warren School in Dagenham. At the time of the incident, Warren School were especially strict about arriving on time to school, failure to arrive on time resulted in a detention. Due to this reason the children were very anxious about being on time. Unfortunately this boy, who was desperate to arrive on time was hit by a lorry whilst rushing to get to school. He was immediately rushed to the Royal London Hospital; luckily he was saved by the incredible doctors and nurses in the hospital and is still able to carry on with his life. However not everyone is that fortunate.

Our advice to the students of Greatfields is that to be very careful around roads and to be safe by following the simple instructions advised by Natalie: to listen, look and cross onto the opposite side of the road by **walking and not running** as it may cause an accident.



Mr Taqi – Humanities and more...

Article by Brianna and Leona

During school we have really enjoyed Humanities and personally, my favourite lesson was about Vikings because we were able to learn a lot of interesting facts about them. I also love History and Geography just as much as each other. However, putting our opinions to one side, we asked Mr Taqi some interesting questions about History and Geography.

1. How have you found the first few weeks teaching Greatfields students?

It's been really nice to start from the ground up and to have an influence on how the school runs.

2. How has United Nations Debate club been?

Great, we have more members every week and talk about world issues.

3. Do you prefer History or Geography?

I'm a true historian but teaching Geography gave me a new found respect for the subject.

4. If you could teach any other subject what would it be?

I'm not very bad at maths, I have an A level.

5. When you were younger what was your favourite subject?

P.E I really enjoyed it, I didn't like History or Geography.



What do you do the in school council?

We discuss possible improvements for the school

Who are the school council?

Two candidates from each class chosen by a vote lead by the students themselves.

What impact do they have on the school?

School council have the possibility to change the school and how we do things, to make it better for everyone.

What opportunities are there for school council?

For students to open up their voices, ideas and opinions and to raise problems students may have within the school.

Why do we need school council?

In order for the students themselves to make the changes they want towards the school.

How do the students in the school council feel?

They feel very proud of themselves as they are playing a huge role towards making the school a better place.

Have there been any silly requests so far for the school council suggestions?

Yes. A trampoline



Article by Zainab and Saamiyah

During the question and answer session with Miss Leach I was really nervous, but I knew I couldn't let the nerves get the better of me. Once I stepped into her room, my heart beat calmed down.

For this week's sports article we interviewed Miss Leach and Mr Malaveci. We asked them some questions about the clubs that they were teaching.

Here is the QA session we had with them:

1. Do you think any of the girls have potential to become famous netballers or footballers?

Yes, if anyone is passionate enough and they take it to their next level.

2. What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a P.E teacher.

3. What do you like to do in your spare time?

Well...I like to eat.

4. What would you spend £10000 on?

Erm... I would probably spend it on a big holiday.

5. Do you play any sports in your spare time?

Yes, yes I do. I play netball and I've been playing it since I was 10 and now I play in competitions as well

6. What do you think of this school so far?

I think it's brilliant. It's a lovely environment and the students are wonderful but the staff are even better.

7. Which room is your favourite in this school?

My room (learning mentor room).

8. What do you like about your job as a learning mentor?

Every day is exciting and different.

9. Are the netball team going to be having any matches?

Er... yes they will be having a match with Barking Abbey in about 2 weeks time.

Afterwards, we interviewed Mr Maloveci and here is his QA session:

1. What do you think about the boy's football team?

Well I think we've got a very talented team.

2. Do you think the boys have an opportunity to be in the Olympics?

Yes if some of them do try they have an opportunity to join the Olympics.

3. What do you do outside of school?

I coach a Footstall team.

4. Do you play any sport outside of school?

I play football, rugby and many more.

5. What are your favourite sports?

Football, cricket, athletics and footsal.

6. What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a famous footballer.



Greatfields Boys Football Team Creates a BUZZ

Article by Saamiyah and Imogen

Last week the boy's football team went off on a match against Sydney Russell School and came back happy and proud. Apparently because of our win everyone was asking about our school, Greatfields and who we were.

We interviewed Mr Malaveci, our P.E teacher who coached and prepared the team for this event. We asked him 10 questions about the boy's football team and a bit about him:

1) How was the team decided?

We had a 2-week trial out and I picked the best ones.

2) How do you feel about the boys winning?

Very proud and excited for the team.

3) Do you think they could be in the Olympics one day?

If they work hard enough, why not?

4) What is one of your aspirations for the boys?

To win a trophy.

5) Will you be playing any other matches?

Yes, quite a few since we are in the National Cup, Borough Cup, Borough League and much more.

6) How do you think the boys are doing so far?

They have progressed very well, from when they have started.

7) Do they collaborate well?

They collaborate very well with me and the team, my instructions also help them to focus.

8) Why did you decide to become a P.E teacher?

I wanted to help young people develop and progress in P.E.

9) What is your favourite sport?

Football.

10) If you were not a P.E teacher than what would you be?

A sports journalist.



Article by Yash

Yom Kippur is the tenth day of the seventh month in the Jewish calendar. This Jewish festival is often regarded as a day of forgiveness. Yom Kippur means the Day of Atonement in English. During this day the Jewish community contemplate about the bad or hurtful things they have done and try and make up for it.

Also, observing Jews fast for 25 hours. According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a book, the Book of Life, on Rosh Hashanah (New Year), and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jew tries to amend his or her behavior and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God (*bein adam leMakom*) and against other human beings (*bein adam lchavero*).

The evening and day of Yom Kippur are set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt. At the end of Yom Kippur, the Jews hope that they have been forgiven by God.



When Jews break there fast it is normally an event with the family enjoyed with a lovely meal which includes an array of salads.

We wish everyone a Happy Yom Kippur and hope that we can all forgive each other.