



Greatfields Gazette

Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.



It is with huge pride that I look back on Greatfields' first term. I believe that Greatfields is a very special place to study and work and this is because of our magnificent staff and students.

Our staff work tirelessly to ensure that lessons are engaging and challenging for students so that students are constantly learning, gaining new knowledge and acquiring new skills. In addition to this all members of staff give up their time to run after school clubs which has meant that students have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of stimulating and enjoyable activities after school. In particular I would like to thank the editorial team for their impressive work this term in producing such an in depth and informative school newspaper.

However, my greatest source of pride are our wonderful students. They are the ultimate ambassadors for the school in the way they conduct themselves in lessons, around the building, on the sports field and in the wider community. They are the driving force behind the school and all students should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievement this term.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and I hope you all have a well-earned rest.

An interview with Mr Paul

Article by Yash and Nawras

Eager, to find out our splendid Headteacher's views about our school and what he will be doing during the Christmas holiday; my partner and I interviewed Mr Paul with questions that would provide us with some insight about his thoughts and feelings. This was the outcome of the interview.

1. If you were a child and went to Greatfields how would you feel?
I would feel well cared for and highly ambitious.
2. What qualities would you like in your imaginary Headteacher?
I would like him to care for the children and have clear rules to make the school better.
3. If you had a child would you send him to Greatfields and why?

Absolutely! Behaviour is superb and there are good teachers in this school. Also we have amazing clubs.

4. If you had time to complete a book, what would you write about and why?
I would write a non-fiction historical book. It would be about the Cold War.
5. What is your favourite subject other than History and why?
Other than history, it would probably be Spanish because my wife is a Spanish teacher and I mostly travel to Spanish speaking countries.
6. What were your parents' jobs?
My father was a teacher and my mum was a school secretary.
7. Did your parents want you to be a teacher?

They actually wanted me to be anything except a teacher because they knew it would be a hard job but they still supported me.

8. How did you choose the teachers for Greatfields School?

I interviewed them all and it was a close competition between the teachers but eventually I decided these amazing teachers that you have now.

9. Who is your favourite teacher?

I have no favourite they are all hard working and caring.

10. How would our school look like when it is done?

It will be an amazing building and from the plans the outside is my favourite also the classrooms are huge.

11. What are your plans for Christmas?

Well my parents are coming for Christmas and my wife will be cooking, the main dish will be turkey. No one can go wrong with turkey!

Pupil of the Week



Article by Brianna and Leona

Every week one of Greatfields amazing students are awarded with a certificate and a small badge for their outstanding achievements throughout the week. During assembly last week it was announced that our fellow pupil Senjuti was Pupil of the week. Teachers say that she really deserved this award and I agree with that, she is a very deserving and hardworking student who has been over-achieving since the start of the year. I thought it would be beneficial to interview her for her opinion on winning this amazing prize.

1. Why do you think you were chosen for pupil of the week?

I think it is because of the way I debated in club this week and how I shared my opinion.

2. Do you have advice for any other people who wish to be pupil of the week?

Yes, they should be braver to talk more in lessons and clubs.

3. What are some of your favourite hobbies?

I really love to read books and draw, I also like cycling

4. How does being pupil of the week feel?

I feel very happy and proud of myself

5. What is your favourite subject in this school?

Science because you get the chance to learn a lot about new and exciting things

6. So far, what is your opinion on secondary school?

I'm having a lot of fun because it is a nice place to learn in

7. What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is definitely chocolate.

Newspaper Club.



Article Nawras and Saamiyah

The newspaper club is a place where students work together to write fascinating articles for their friends to read. Not only do the students of Greatfields read the newspaper but teachers and parents also read and enjoy it. Many people have been commenting on the newspaper and the club; Mr Paul said *'that he was blown away by the high quality of journalism and writing in the newspaper and that his father loves every word of it and is always eager to read the next edition'*. The other teachers stated that the newspaper club was a wonderful idea. Mr Cooke merrily said in Spanish *"me en cantar muchas porque mue interesente"* and Ms Nash stated *"I really enjoy the newspaper as I'm always stuck in my room I never actually know what is going on around the school, so the newspaper is a nice way to be updated about the school"*. Miss Knight also agrees with Ms Nash about the newspaper updating everybody about what goes on in the

school and that it is very informative and exciting piece of writing. Ms Sarwar said with pride that she was so proud of the children in newspaper club for they use of their free time to write engaging articles for the newspaper. Other feedback is that our parents at home are amazed by the student's writing.

There are about 14 students who attend newspaper club. They told me every Tuesday, they can't wait until the day is over so they can start newspaper club meaning they love the club very much. Ms Sarwar said that maybe in the future the newspaper club might be going to trips to seek more information about a company who came to Greatfields or a special person.

We hope more people sign up for this amazing club because remember **WITHOUT OUR NEWSPAPER YOU WILL NOT KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED OR WILL HAPPEN IN SCHOOL!**

Latin Club

Article by Yash Soni

Latin is the mother language of numerous modern European Languages such as Bulgarian Lithuanian, Polish etc. Latin was originally spoken by the Romans however due to their vast empire the language soon spread globally.

Fun Fact: we get our alphabet from the Romans.

As an aspiring modern school, we also have a club to learn and enjoy this lovely ancient language.

In Latin Club, we are currently studying stories and congregating nouns; all student are familiar with congregating nouns in Spanish and we hope to build on this knowledge.

Currently our club is a bit quiet as there are only two people who attend, so we are hunting for eager students who want to join. Please see me if you would like any additional information about joining.

Greatfields School's Library Competition.



Article by Keisha

On the 29th of November Ms Sarwar announced Greatfields School's first reading competition. This will be held by our special helpers (the librarians Keisha, Nawras, Amanda, Aurelija, Neha, Mehek, Jessica, Rebecca, James, Arminas, Mary, Urte), and of course Ms Sarwar herself.

Every time you finish a book, you will be told to fill in a book review and if it is approved by Ms Sarwar, you will be given a gold star. Eventually there will be a winner chosen for reading the most high quality books for their reading ability

(remember its quality NOT quantity).

Unfortunately Ms Sarwar will not reveal the nature of the prize yet, but rest assured it will be an amazing prize. Additionally there will also be a prize for the form that reads the most collectively, so make sure you are encouraging everyone in your form to read every day for a minimum of 20 minutes. The competition will end before the Easter holidays, when the winners will be announced and awarded.

Year 7s, have agreed that this will be a great way for us to improve our reading skills, and to learn lots of amazing vocabulary.

Ms Sarwar and the librarians are persuading you to use the stars as a tool of encouragement, to come to the library and read more. We also hope that the displays designed by the Librarians will inspire you to never give up your reading and we hope this will influence you to come to the library to enjoy our amazing reading atmosphere.

The library will now be open after school every day and during second break, you will be allowed to come and change your book and write a book review given to you by our librarians.

Chain Reaction

Article by Nameera

On Tuesday 15th November, a theatre company called Chain Reaction visited Greatfields School. They presented a spectacular performance based on bullying called *Knowing Me, Knowing You* and it was impossible not to be impressed. They portrayed various different characters and managed to keep their acting as natural as possible. They opened our eyes to how bullying could potentially affect others and how we should respect everyone's individualities.

Knowing Me, Knowing You has been performed to 15,000 young people nationwide! The show was originally designed for children transitioning from primary school to secondary school, to help them fight the obstacles they might have to face.

Chain Reaction are proud supporters of equality and they believe that everyone has something different about them. They do various plays about:



bullying, drug awareness, emotional wellbeing, aspirations and healthy eating. The purpose for this is to teach young people the good and bad things about life through a fun and musical atmosphere.

The students from Greatfields School hope to see another entertaining performance in the future, but until then we wish Chain Reaction the best of luck in their future performances.



Article by Tashrifa

On Tuesday the 6th of December 7 Moore delivered a wonderful assembly about Christmas. The audience listened very carefully to their fellow students as they talked about the history of Christmas and showed us clips about it evolved.

7 Moore should be proud as they performed their assembly to all of us with a lot of pride, it was

Form Assembly: Moore

very fascinating to hear about things we had never heard before.

Yash, Imogen, Florijana and Nelly were the people representing Moore in the assembly explaining how Santa Claus became a big thing, and the history of why people have Christmas trees. A very interesting fact said by them is that historically apples were placed on trees as decorations and from this old tradition we have adopted the idea of Christmas tree ornaments. It was fascinating to see how traditions have changed over time; however there is one exception and that is that Christmas is still a time to spend with your family and friends, eating food and sharing presents.

As one of the first assemblies made by a form group, Moore should be very proud and we should all be thankful for the performance.

Sports Update.

FOOTBALL

Article by Nameera

The Greatfields' Boy's Football (A team) played against a competitive private school and unfortunately lost; they have gracefully finished within the top 64 National Cup. Even though they lost, we are still immensely proud of them for challenging themselves and putting in a great effort.

I interviewed Mr Malaveci – our PE teacher and asked him a few questions about the game:

1. What was the score?

8-2

2. What school did you play against?
A school called Whitgift.

3. Was it hard to play against a private school?

Well, we did try our best to win but they were too competitive, but we hope to do well next time.

4. What did you learn for next time?

We learnt to be completely focused on the game.

5. What do you hope to do well next time?

We need to play together as a team so we will win next time.



Netball

Article by Saamiyah

Recently our Girl's Netball Team went on their first match and played against Eastbury School. They worked very hard for this and even though they didn't win, Miss Leach was proud of them. The girls were quite disappointed however they haven't lost faith in themselves and have high aspirations to win all their forthcoming matches.

The final score was 8-1. Zainab who attended this match stated that: "Eastbury were very good but Greatfields were better as it was only our first match." Nosaiba scored for the girls on our team however they said that they needed to work on a few things to win the next match. The aim now is to practice catching the ball with accuracy and spread out into open areas for no interception.

We wish all our teams the very best of luck for their future fixtures.

Non-school uniform day

Article by Zainab

We started in September and a lot has happened since then. We have been winning matches and creating an amazing reputation for our brand new school. As well as that, we have had to do quite a lot of assessments luckily for us though, our first term in secondary is coming to an end. On top of this, the last few days are going to be packed full exciting events.



Article by Imogen

Recently, Miss Knight set a very intriguing Christmas card competition for the whole of year 7. There were only meant to be 7 runner ups but due to the quality of the cards there ended up being 10! These consisted of: Nosaiba, Santiago, Mary, Mahiza, Zainab, Urte, Florjana, Kamile, Nelly and Sahnaas. Each runner up got a box of chocolates; *yummy*.

There were also a 1st 2nd and 3rd place winners. 3rd place was won by Aurelija from 7 Moore. She drew a FANTASTIC Christmas card and is a worthy winner. 2nd

One of these events was non-school uniform day which was a huge success.

Non-uniform day went excellently, everyone was laughing and having fun. Additionally, we were praised by Mr Paul and Mr Sullivan for behaving well under all the excitement. Furthermore, a lot of people were very generous and donated at least £1 towards the benches that our school will be purchasing very soon.

On top of that Mr Mahebo and Mr Taqi were wearing casual clothes too and judging by the students faces they were really amused by their attire.



place went to Keisha from 7 Gull who drew a very detailed card. Our 2nd place winner has given me a little quote about how she felt when announced 2nd place and what she won: *"It was an honour being 2nd place in the Christmas card competition. I was given a box of chocolates, a set of colouring pencils and some felts."*

Teodora from 7 Kangethe was the lucky 1st place winner. She thoroughly deserves 1st place with her colourful, creative and unique design.



On the left we have our winner Teodora Iancu and above we have our 2nd and third place runner ups Keisha Ghenda and Aurelija Zavarzinaite



Finally On Thursday 15th December Greatfields School students will be enjoying a most pleasurable Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. It will contain turkey, roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, a selection of vegetables and of course a dessert.

We all hope that this will be an enjoyable afternoon and a great end to a great end of term.

We would like to take this final opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication this term; without the support of our amazing Governors, Staff, Parents and students we would not have the foundation of a truly unique and inspiring new school.

The newspaper club would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See you all in 2017!!!

