



# Greatfields Gazette

*Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.*



Life continues to be busy at Greatfields School. The boys' football team have reached the fourth round of the National Cup which is a remarkable achievement; the dance club gave their first performance to the year group this week, showing how hard they have been working at dance club over the past few weeks; STEM club are making advanced objects using knex equipment; and the girls' football and netball teams are busily preparing for their first fixtures before Christmas. In addition to this students from the University of East London are coming into school over the next couple of weeks to speak to our students about their career aspirations, and eventually our students will have the opportunity to visit different faculties at UEL to learn more about the courses they are interested in studying. Our School Council have also been busy introducing games at break time, a Homework club on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a number of other sensible suggestions to help improve the school.

Alongside all of this students continue to work hard in lessons demonstrating enthusiasm and a real hunger for learning. My favourite part of this job is going into lessons, talking to students and observing the learning which is taking place. The atmosphere in both lessons and around the building is calm and purposeful and it really is a wonderful place to study and work. I eagerly look forward to the rest of term and continuing to celebrate the success of our fantastic staff and students.

## Pupil of the Week



So I asked him a few questions to understand what it takes to be Pupil of the week.

1. Why do you think you are pupil of the week?  
*Because I was doing really well in my lessons this week and I worked very hard.*
2. How does this make you feel?  
*I'm really happy and proud to be pupil of the week.*
3. What is your favourite hobby?  
*I really like playing football because I'm good at it. I love playing in a team and winning.*
4. What is your favourite subject?  
*My favourite subject is PE*

Article by Brianna

Every week one of our excellent students are congratulated for their hard work during the week. This week Ethan, who is in Kangethe, was awarded for his amazing work and achievement.

5. What do you think makes a good footballer?  
*You can't be a sore loser because it can happen anytime; instead you have to push yourself to work harder. You also have to be good to your*

*team and work with all the players because football is a team sport.*

6. What do you think of school so far?  
*I'm really liking it and all the lessons, everyone works very hard.*

## The BRILLIANT Club



Tom Waterton: Brilliant Club Tutor.

*Article by Mahiba and Nameera*

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016, some students from Greatfields School had the pleasure of participating in the Brilliant Club, a programme for young children that helps and teaches them the skills you need to be able to go University. We were all thrilled to have the opportunity to take part in such an amazing programme. The journey to the University of Sussex took up quite a few hours, and was very tiring for us all. Nevertheless we still held our heads up high and were enthusiastic to learn. When they had arrived at the University there was a tour guide waiting to show

us around, and took us to a spacious hall for a welcoming ceremony, which was greatly appreciated. During the assembly, we learnt how to structure arguments – one of the skills crucial for university – and then constructed their own debates with their friends.

After the assembly the students headed over to the lunch hall, and were each kindly given a voucher worth £6 to buy their lunch with. During lunch we got to know our tour guides better and asked them a few questions about university, and what they were studying at university. After lunch we were taken to a hall to get a university style lecture from our tutor Thomas, and were told that we had to complete six tutorials to graduate from the Brilliant Club, and were determined to try their best in every assignment they were given. A student from 7-Moore commented “*The experience was lovely, I had a great time.*” and Mr Taqi – our History and Geography teacher – said it was *an incredible opportunity to see how university operates and to look forward to university.*



## Careers with UEL

Article by Nawras

On the 15 November 2016 three classes met a representative from the University of East London UEL. The lovely women who came to visit 7-Moore spent time with us and discussed our future careers. She told us that you should choose a job that makes you happy, you should apply for that job and not look for jobs that just make lots of money (but don't make us happy).

There is a strong possibility that if you choose a job 'only for the money' in your adult life then you may not be as joyful as you would want it to be. The visitor gave the pupils of 7-Moore lots of useful tips to help us choose the perfect job in the future. One of these tips were to study for everything even though you know what you want to be in the future. For example, if you want to be a Scientist in the future then you have to study Science and Maths however you might change your mind and want to become a Writer therefore you need to try everything in School and try your best in every subject.



To help us all understand how to have a successful future; I interviewed the lady:

1. What advice would you give the students to help them get a better job in the future?

*Never give up and set a high goal for yourself so you could achieve more.*

2. Have you ever had trouble in learning?

*No, not this year. I think it's because I study every day*

3. Would you rather have a job that helps your family or the citizens?

*I would like to have both because I think you need both to have a happy and fulfilled life.*

4. What are you enjoying most in your current learning?

*I am really enjoying science because I get to learn more about the universe*

5. Are you a creative type of person or a person who like to look up facts?

*Because of my Science background, I think I'm more of a person that looks up facts.*

## The Gateway Project

Article by Yash Soni

On 1st November 2016 a handful of pupils from Greatfields School went to the CEME Centre to take part in the Gateway Project activity. During this time the students engaged in numerous different workshops which were all based on coding, engineering and technology. One activity they attempted was programming a robot car to move forward and backwards and then side to side, they also made the LED light on the car to blink in time with the wheels. Our students also built things with K'nex such as windmills, cars etc and tried to incorporate a motor within. In addition we also played around with plug boards and wires. Our objective was to make a LED light shine.



During this time the students at our school enjoyed themselves thoroughly. This was due to the welcoming staff in the centre and the amazing activities they prepared for us. Also the students were extremely appreciative to Mr Malik and Mr Sullivan for organising this trip.

## Dance Greatfields Dance.

Article by Imogen

On 15 November, Greatfields School were lucky enough to experience a FANTASTIC dance performed created by Dance club and their dance teacher: Caroline. Dance club displayed to students a wide range of creativity and skills using only movement. I think everyone in the vast hall that day were thoroughly impressed from such young students who have had such a short space of time to produce an extremely impressive and high quality performance.



- 1) Who chose the music you performed to today?

*The dance teacher chose it originally and we all agreed with her.*

- 2) Who chose the dance moves?

*Some of the dance moves we came up with ourselves.*

- 3) Have you enjoyed working as a team of dancers? – What’s good about it?

*Yes, I think everyone in dance club enjoys working as a team. It’s good because then we get more ideas flowing.*

- 4) Have you enjoyed dance club so far? - What do you enjoy about it?

*Yes, the dance teacher is kind and creative.*

- 5) Are you going to any dance competitions this year?

*We haven’t got any planned, YET, but who knows what the future holds?*

- 6) What would you say to persuade those who are unsure whether to go to Dance Club?

*If you enjoy dancing, go for it, you only have one life.*

## Art Club

Article by Zenab

Art Club is an amazing club where you get to explore art techniques and try out new things you wouldn’t get to do in lessons. When art club started there were lots of people and now it has grown much larger and since this club has started a lot has happened. A hand full of people don’t like art but there is no harm in having a go at it, you never know, you may end up loving it. There is just one step for this, join art club!

As well as that, everyone would like to thank art club for the class labels in the library.

Here is the interview with Miss Knight:

### **1. Do you love teaching the art club?**

*Yes I love it, it is so much fun! And I love teaching them because it is really fun it gives students an extra opportunity to use different materials and I*

*think it is important to encourage students in art. It also makes students enjoy learning art in a more social environment and we can learn from each other and I can get to know the students better for example, Florjana is teaching me how to make an advent calendar.*



**2. Why did you chose to teach the art club in the first place?**

*Because I love art and I want to give the students an opportunity to learn more about art.*

**3. What is your most favourite thing out of everything art club have made so far?**

*I really liked the roses because they were really beautiful and I really liked the weaving as well. I thought it was really clever*

**4. What are we going to do before Christmas?**

*Well I can't tell you everything so I will tell you some of them. We are going to make recycled paper bowls, sculptures, and plastic bottle flowers, class signs for the library and Christmas decorations.*

**Model United Nations**

*Article by Nawras*

Run by Mr Taqi M.U.N (Model United Nation) is a club where students are able to argue as a

country defending their countries point of view. All our dilemmas and problems come from the news but are debated by the children of M.U.N. Recently the club had a debate about Child Soldiers. The students were put into groups which were named after countries. In these groups the pupils worked together and made a speech defending their countries point of view (the country voting for child soldiers won). One day Mr Taqi decided to engage the students and declared that his club would be debating against other schools in the future. An estimated, ten to fifteen children attend M.U.N. Hopefully others will sign up to enter this amazing club in our school.

Mr Taqi designed this club so that we would have experience of talking and debating. This club can also be used to up level you inference and spotlighting skills in English. Mr Taqi is proud to say that the pupils coming to his club are not only able to observe useful information but can also process it and use it as a point of argument.

I asked some students what there thought was on the club. One said *"I love it so much. Everyone should go."* Another stated *"it is so fun. We all get a chance to speak in front of everyone. It makes me fell powerful when I stand and speak in front of everyone."* Everyone from M.U.N. claims it is an amazing club to go to.

**Team News**

*Article by Saamiyah*



As you may know the Boy's Football team have won many matches so we decided to ask them a few questions and tips about football. We

- 1) How do you feel about being in the boy's football team?

*I feel happy as we are all friends. We are not argumentative and we always support each other.*

- 2) Who is your next match with and when?

*Our next match is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November and it is with Bishop Challoner secondary school,*

*However we have never heard of them.*

- 3) What do you think you can improve on during your football matches?

*I think we could improve by not complaining during the matches as this could help us concentrate more.*

- 4) What type of training activities do you do?

*We do matches against each other to develop and practice different football*

## The Girls Team

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November was a big day for the girls as they competed in the Borough tournament. Unfortunately the girls didn't win any of their games and will not be progressing further in the competition.

The team played three matches and the results were as follows: 1-0 with Robert Clack, 0-0 with Barking Abbey and 1-0 with Eastbury. The girls played excellently, however the other teams were really good in defence.

Despite the fact that the girls didn't win this time, we believe in them and wrote this article to celebrate their hard work.

1. Are you proud of the girls?

*I am massively proud of the girl's progress and dedication.*

interviewed the team captain: Ethan. Keep reading if you would like to find out how this team is achieving greatness:

*skills to use during the matches with schools.*

- 5) What qualities does a good football player need?

*They would need a good aim, good control of the ball and good vision of the ball.*

We also asked Mr Malaveki a couple of questions about food and keeping healthy:

What healthy nutritional foods does a footballer need to eat to keep fit and healthy?

*They would need to eat pasta and chicken, so basically carbohydrates.*



2. Are there any competitions soon to come?

*We have our first football tournament with Barking and Dagenham.*

3. Who is the girl's football captain and why was this person chosen?

*I haven't chosen a captain but I'll decide a different captain for each game to give everyone a chance.*

4. Is there anything they need to improve on?

*I think the girls really need to improve with spacing out.*

5. Are there any tips for people who are not into sports?

*You should love sports it's a great way to keep fit and make new friends.*

6. How would you describe the girls?

*I think the girls are really loud, funny, and most importantly very competitive.*



*Article by Keisha and Hadiya*

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of November Mrs Knight was pleased to announce that there would be a Christmas card competition taking place. The deadline is on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November to get your entry in it must be handed in to Miss Knight. Rules will be put onto the sheet also from Miss Knight.

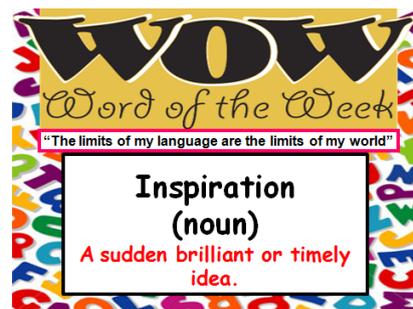
This is a great chance for us to express ourselves in this wonderful season. According to Miss Knight there will be 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, and they will receive a certificate and a prize. The first place winner gets their design put up into Greatfields School it will be shared with special helpers to the school and friends of the school.

### Miss Knight's Interview:

**1. How is the Christmas card competition going on?**

*Very well, there are a lot of students participating in the competition, which is exciting.*

**2. How did you come up with the idea of a Christmas card competition?**



*When I was at school we had a Christmas card competition, that's where I got the idea from.*

**3. Do you like this idea?**

*I love the idea it's a great opportunity for pupils to use their imagination and creative skills in an extra-curricular activity. The winning design will represent the school.*

**4. Do you have one word to describe how people are fighting to win the competition?**

*I would describe them as enthusiastically.*

**5. Do you like the enthusiasm the students are putting in?**

*Yes I am overwhelmed with the positivity and motivation pupils are showing.*

**6. How are you feeling about the competition?**

*I am feeling nervous I don't know how we will decide the winners shall be with such high quality entries.*

Christmas card competition winner will be announced at the end of term see Ms Knight for more information. Thank you.

