



NEWSLETTER ~ 14th September 2018

PERSONAL BEST CERTIFICATES



This week's 'Personal Best' certificates go to:

Bilal, Dylan, Freya, Kian, Liam

All of these children should all be very proud of their achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS GREENFIELDS!

We are delighted to tell you that 2017/18 was yet another successful year for children at Greenfields, not only in terms of English and Maths results, but across the whole curriculum.

It is so important to us that our children have the opportunity to really shine in all areas, not just in the areas where there are Standard Assessments Tests. That is why we are so pleased that our work in the different areas was recognised in a whole variety of ways during 2017/18:



Greenfields was awarded the **Historical Association Quality Mark Gold award**. This award recognises the excellence of history provision in a school. We are very proud to be the first school in the North East to have been awarded the History Quality Mark and to have achieved the Gold standard. The assessor commented that the school has much to celebrate and has particular strengths, such as our approach to assessment in history.

Greenfields was awarded the **Primary Geography Quality Mark**.

Schools that achieve this award are fostering lively and effective geographical learning to raise the standards of geography teaching and learning for their pupils. Our teachers are not afraid to take risks, innovate and challenge to achieve progress in geography. Key threads through our geography curriculum are intercultural understanding, local fieldwork, environmental issues, critical thinking and sustainability. These are explored through a variety of places across the world from local to global. Our school uses creative approaches to stimulate learning and places high value on using real-life issues to promote understanding.





Greenfields was awarded the **School Games Mark** award in recognition of:

- Our clear tracking system that monitors young people's engagement in School Games activity
- More than half of our pupils took part in extra-curricular sport or physical activity in 2017/18.
- Personal Challenge is a clear and key part of our School Games provision, with personal bests awarded in all subject areas.
- School Games activities are well promoted to parents/carers and the local community via the website, newsletters, reflection events and assemblies.

Greenfields was awarded the **International School Award** by the British Council in recognition of our global work in the classroom.

The British Council commented: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy.'

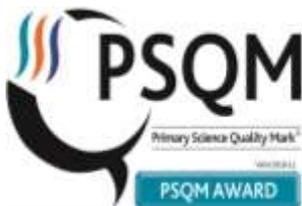


Greenfields was awarded the **Primary Science Quality Mark**.

This is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools.

The assessor commented: "I was delighted that you included children and their ideas at the early stage of bringing science to life.

Your calendar of events for the school shows a focus on links with the outside world. Delighted that your appeal for parents also helped with the shared value of science. The calendar also shows your focus on the outdoors. Your SMART week and other events alongside your whole school science principles are clearly driving science forwards."



Greenfields was also awarded the environmental accolade of a Woodland Trust **Green Tree School Gold award** for getting involved in green activities including reducing carbon emissions and recycling. We have also planted new trees in the school grounds, had Forest School sessions and joined in various other Woodland Trust activities.

Greenfields offers a range of opportunities to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom. We plan activities to stimulate children's imagination and sustain their interest in nature.



Plus . . .



☆ At the end of Reception, **88%** of our children achieved a Good Level of Development, **higher than the national average** of 72%.

☆ At the end of Year 1, **92%** of our children achieved the expected standard in the phonics check, **higher than the national average** of 83%.

☆ At the end of Year 2, **76%** of our children achieved the expected standard in all three of the end of Key Stage 1 assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths, **higher than the national average** of 65%.

☆ At the end of Year 2, **33%** of our children achieved Greater Depth than the expected standard in all three of the end of Key Stage 1 assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths, **higher than the national average** of 12%.

I'm sure you will agree ~ a very successful year all round. Congratulations Greenfields!

AUTUMN I 2018 'GOING FOR GOLD' ATTENDANCE MEDAL TABLE

Class	 99% to 100% 5 points	 97.5% to 98.9% 3 points	 96% to 97.4% 1 point	Points Total
1JC	  7/9 14/9			10
3KC	 14/9	 7/9		8
5JI	 14/9	 7/9		8
6AH	 14/9		 7/9	6
2AC		  7/9 14/9		6
Rec		 7/9		3
3CP			  7/9 14/9	2
4ST			  7/9 14/9	2
4DL			 14/9	1



286 children had 100% attendance this week. Well done to them all!

JEANS FOR GENES REMINDER



On Friday 21st September, children have been invited to come to school in their jeans and bring a £1 donation for 'Jeans for Genes'.

Children should wear their normal school top and jumper or cardigan, along with their jeans and any appropriate footwear.

PARENT/CARER FORUMS

We really want to know your views about Greenfields and to hear your thoughts and suggestions. That is why Mrs Cockman holds her regular forum meetings for parents and carers to get together for a drink and a chat about how to make our school even better.

The first meeting of this school year will be on
Thursday 20th September at 2:00 p.m.
and the focus will be:

HOMEWORK

If you have some time to spare, please do come along ~ all parents and carers are welcome.



FRIENDS OF GREENFIELDS (FOG)



Friends of Greenfields (FOG) will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 20th September at 4:00 p.m. in the school hall.

FOG desperately needs more parents and carers to join in and support the school. It doesn't have to be a big commitment; you can be involved as much or as little as you want to, but please do get involved.

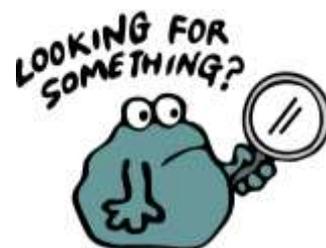
FOG raises money for the extra things that the school budget simply can't stretch to cover. In the past, FOG has funded buses for school trips, leavers' discos and bought equipment for both main school and early years. Several trips last year couldn't have taken place if FOG hadn't funded the transport, so it really does make a huge difference to the children in school.

For more information you could contact Mrs Hally in the school office, who would be happy to talk to you about what is involved. Please come along on 20th September and if possible bring a friend.

LOST PROPERTY

We already have lots of things in 'lost property' without names inside.

Please make sure that names are inside all items of clothing, including coats and PE kit, so that lost clothing can be returned as soon as possible.



FINALLY . . .

Last week children took home blank data sheets and copies of our home-school agreement.

Today, they will be bringing home the e-safety charter, photographic consent form and parental consent form for local educational visits.

Please sign and return all five documents to school as soon as possible:

- Data Collection Sheet **with at least two contact numbers**
- Yellow copy of the home-school agreement
- Good online behaviour e-safety charter
- Photographic consent form
- Parental consent form for local educational visits (EVF4)