



Welcome to our newsletter celebrating the return to school.

Pupils have shown a fantastic attitude to learning over the last few weeks. We are lucky to be running our full curriculum which includes our wider ex-curricular activities, many of which are included in this edition. Some amazing sausage rolls were made at Year 7 Let's Get Cooking Club!

I was privileged to attend our first Arts Award Celebration Evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and it was lovely to see so many pupils achieving the award at various levels through their brilliant portfolios that recognise the many aspects of the arts that they have studied. We were joined by Oliva Moss, an ex-pupil who is following her dream career and is currently studying in Helsinki.

There are a wide variety of competitions going on in school so please check our social media and the VLE for some amazing opportunities.

Thank you to parents for exceptionally high engagement with our virtual parents' evenings which many parents have complimented us on. It has been lovely to meet with you and give you face to face feedback.

You will see reading features on our next page of the newsletter and it is incredibly important to encourage children to read regularly and widely to support their achievement and enrichment. The Spring Break is a great opportunity to pick up a book!

We will be issuing reward badges after the break and I look forward to many achieving their prized Green Badge for an incredible 250 points. These Year 7 pupils who I was talking to on the field at lunchtime are very close to this total.

Have a relaxing break and enjoying reading!

Ian Raikes  
Headteacher

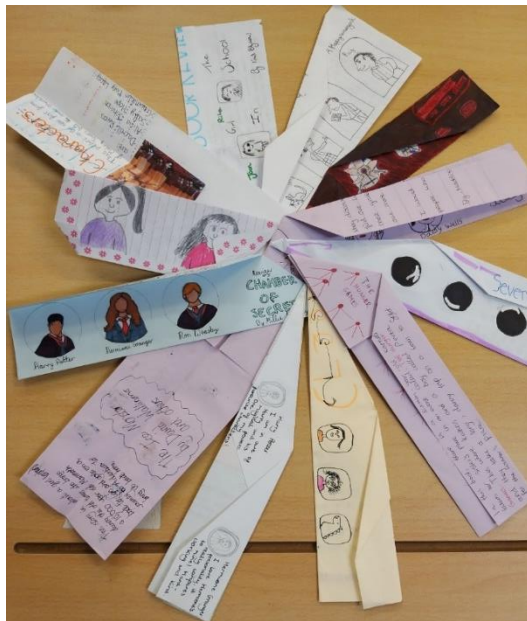




## Easter Reads

The Sefton Super Reads shortlist has now been finalised. You can be part of this local school's book award by reading and reviewing the following 6 books. Copies are available to order from our school library and can also be borrowed as eBooks from Sefton Libraries. Open to all year groups, book club will meet during lunchtimes. Please see Mrs Hunter for more details.

- 1) Crater lake by Jennifer Killick
- 2) Midnight guardian by Ross Montgomery
- 3) Voyage of the Sparrow hawk by Natasha Farrant
- 4) The Spybarian by Jon Mayhew
- 5) Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr
- 6) Boy Everywhere by A M Dassu



## Year 7 Reading Lessons

In our Year 7 reading lessons we have continued to write reviews on aeroplanes. Protagonists and Antagonists at the windows and an outline of the plot and a rating inside. The class would fly them to each other safely (!) and therefore recommend their favourite reads to each other.

## Poetry Competition

15 students from Greenbank have been selected to be published in an anthology of poetry. The 'imagine' competition had over 9000 entrants nationwide and the English department are so proud to have our pupils amongst the winners.

Well done to the following students:

Emilie Yr7, Emily Yr8, Susie Yr8, Heather Yr8, Evie Yr8, Caitlin Yr11, Jessica Yr9, Charlotte Yr9, April Yr7, Eve Yr9, Demi Yr7, Nia Yr10, Rowan Yr7, and Jess P Yr7.



## In school COVID-19 Testing.

Thank you to our wonderful testing team who conducted over 3000 tests following staff and students return to school.

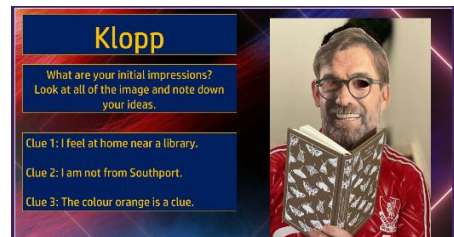
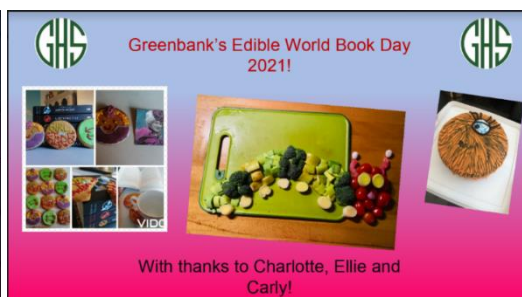


## Word Book Day 2021

There have been lots of exciting activities taking place in English over the last few weeks at Greenbank.

For World Book day, students took part in a literary quiz hosted by Greenbank's own Literacy Leaders as well as playing detective with our very own 'Masked Reader'. Others took part in the fun by constructing their favourite literary characters out of food!

We also took part in a creative writing battle with Maghull High, in the first of many creative writing competitions. The overall winner was Susie from Greenbank. We had over 100 entries to this competition across both schools! Currently, our year 7 students are practicing their speech delivery skills by creating their very own pirate characters and busy persuading their teachers to 'join their crew!'





## Biome in a box competition.

Well done to all the students who entered the Biome in a Box competition. There were so many great entries this we had a hard time choosing a winner. We are pleased to announce that this year's winners are Emilia with her fantastic Coral Reef 3D mode and Rosanna with her Rainforest creation.



## Help Us to Win a Shade Sail!

It's competition time at Greenbank High School as A&S Landscape, a supplier of school canopies, is giving away a shade sail to one school. A canopy would make a huge difference to our pupils, who are encouraged to use the outdoors regularly. It would look fantastic too. To win this competition we have to collect the most votes! Please follow this link to vote [www.aandslandscape.co.uk/competition-page/](http://www.aandslandscape.co.uk/competition-page/)

Once you have voted, please spread the message on friends, parents and supplier websites as well as social media to help us win!

## Lockdown Learning!

Leah, Year 10 – Design and Technology

Well done to Leah her fantastic hand embroidery featuring French Knots and Outline Stitch.



Well done to Year 7 artists for creating colour wheels at home.





## Extra-Curricular

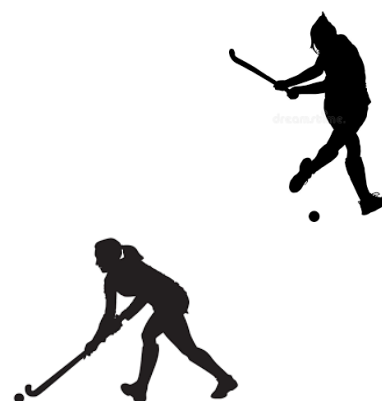
We are thrilled to have our extra-curricular clubs back up and running. Here are some photos of some of the clubs we've had up and running so far. Also, please see a copy of our PE Extra Curricular timetable.



### Netball



### Hockey





## Football



## Let's Get Cooking



## 7B Gardening Club





## Creative Space

Creative S P A C E is our Year 7 club which brings together creativity and friendship.

During lockdown our attendees met via Google Meet, we have really looked forward to Thursday lunchtimes! Since September we have grown in numbers as more friends have joined.

We've enjoyed drawing game challenges and covered a different theme each week such as Zentangles, Harry Potter, famous Artists, sharing our own artwork, computer art and we even celebrated illustrators for World Book Day. We've been busy!

We are delighted to be back at school in the Learning Zone again! Recently we celebrated Japanese Anime and we are currently using watercolours to create Easter themed artworks.






We are looking forward to more creative activities in the Summer term.



## Extra-Curricular PE Timetable March 2021



Clubs will start Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Apart from Wednesday football which will start Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Afterschool</b> 3.15-4.15pm 	<b>Year 8 – PE activities</b> (Netball and hockey) 	<b>Year 9 – PE activities</b> (Netball; football, badminton and hockey) 	<b>Week 1:</b> Year 11 - PE activities(hockey, netball, football) Year 8 – Football <b>Week 2:</b> Year 10 – PE activities (netball, hockey and badminton) Year 7 Football Week 1 and 2: Year 9 Fitness (sign up)	<b>Year 7 – PE activities</b> (netball) 	<b>Year 11</b> Yoga (sign up) 



## Outdoor and Adventurous Activity programme!

The P.E department has organised an Outdoor and Adventurous Activity programme for the pupils this term. As well as being fun and challenging, it encourages teamwork, listening skills, and cooperation. Photos show some Year 7 pupils participating.





## House News

It is hard to believe a full term has gone by already. It doesn't seem that long ago that the Hepburn, Hartley and Bronte Houses were handing out Christmas Hampers to the winners of the raffle. A total of 12 hampers were won and a fabulous £862 was raised. They hopefully contributed towards a 'Merry Christmas' for the lucky recipients.

January's return saw only the pupils from key worker families in school, but they were ably sustained in their hard work by Ms Gouldbourne and Mrs Woods, leaders for Seacole and Keller Houses respectively, who continued with the tuck shop during lockdown for the pupils in school. It seemed to raise moral and became a highlight of the day, especially for the Year 7 pupils. It continues to be run daily, with each year group having their own allocated slot. So far they have raised £436.42 to split equally between the two houses. After Easter they will be adding drinks to their stock and will consider any requests from pupils as to what they would like to see on the packed trolley

Ms Clift and Mr Whittle, who had been selling hot chocolate from a very festive stand in the quad in December, were unfortunately unable to continue in January as planned. However I am sure they have something else up their sleeve for when the warmer weather properly arrives.

Hartley's Miss Marsh had been accepting donations for Easter hampers to raffle and with the holiday fast approaching, ticket sales on ParentPay have seen a steady stream of purchases. Hartley House are supporting Greenbank's own PTA which means every penny raised, goes straight back into the school in some way.

On Tuesday lunchtime, Bronte House have begun hosting their Year 7 gardening club once more. This will run every Tuesday supported by Mr Wildman, Mrs Atherton and Mrs Mullinder who will supervise pupils as they learn if they have 'green fingers' by growing a range of vegetables and wild flowers. Who knows, maybe one of them will go on to become a champion at the Southport Flower Show?

Throughout lockdown, house points were still awarded by staff for all sorts of effort and progress. A wealth of points were added for entering house quizzes. Mrs Moran, the House Co-Ordinator, kept pupils entertained with quizzes on various fun topics that gave them all an insight into some of the staff.





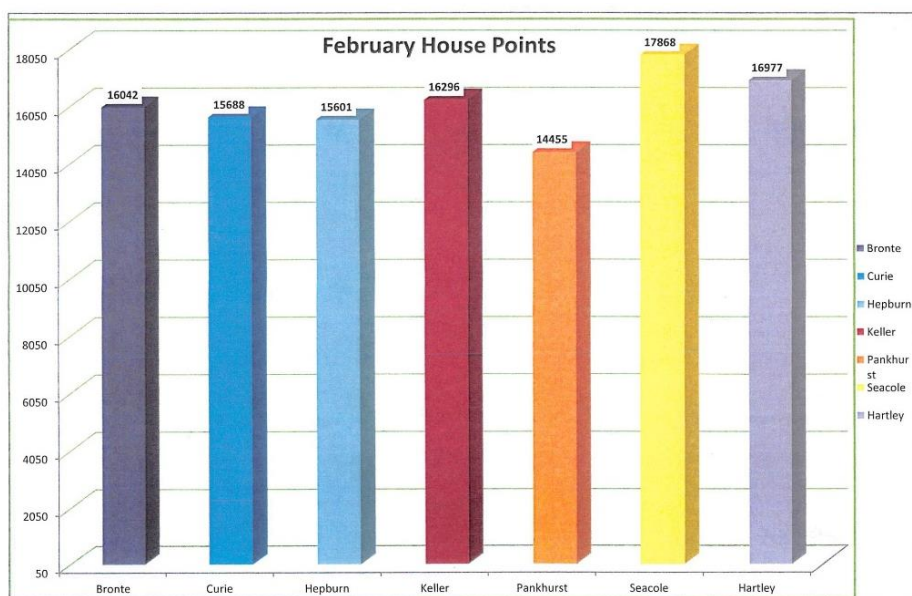
Staff who happily shared photos of their own pets, their hobbies and – to coincide with National Careers week – their previous jobs.

These quizzes were deliberately put together for a little light relief during these trying times and also, to give a glimpse of the staff as hard working, normal human beings. I think when we were all at school, many of us had an impression of the staff being robots who were kept in a cupboard all weekend and allowed out on Monday morning to teach again. The Greenbank staff are a fabulous range of individuals who have a wealth of talent, experience and caring qualities about them.

In January, house certificates and prizes were sent out to the lucky House Champions in each year group and once again at the beginning of March. We are hoping that the next awards in April can be handed out personally in school and Mr Raikes is looking forward to doing so.

Next term will see a fund raising event for Father's Day and hopefully another sponsored event for lower school, if current regulations allow for it. There will also be the House Creative Writing Competition for years 7-9.

After that, it will be full speed ahead to the final House awards in July and the presentation of the House Trophy to the winning House. Can Seacole retain their crown?





## Arts Award Celebration

We celebrated a wonderful Arts Awards Evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Congratulations to all students who achieved bronze - gold awards. It was lovely to be sent an inspirational message from alumni Olivia Moss about how her experience of the arts at Greenbank is leading to a successful career.

Greenbank High School proudly presents an



## AWARD CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate your daughter's achievement on  
**TUESDAY MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
at 7PM

## MFL Crêpe Challenge

Students were invited to create their own Crêpes from home and send photos of their creations. Well done to all who got involved.

Tête à modeler

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### PÂTE À CRÊPE SUCRÉE



#### RÉALISATION DE LA PÂTE À CRÊPES SUCRÉE :

Découvrez notre recette de pâte à crêpes sucrée à essayer de toute urgence. Cette délicieuse recette de crêpes sucrées ne pourra que plaire aux grands comme aux petits. Les crêpes sont parfaites pour la Chandeleur, pour le Carnaval, pour Mardi Gras mais aussi pour un goûter en rentrant de l'école.



#### Les ingrédients pour une pâte à crêpe sucrée :

- 250 g de farine
- 3 oeufs
- 1 pincée de sel
- 1 sachet de sucre vanillé
- 50 g de sucre en poudre
- 1/2 litre de lait
- 1 saladier
- 1 petit bol
- Un fouet électrique
- Une poêle





## Bread Art Challenge – The Great Greenbank Bakeoff

# THE GREAT GREENBANK BAKE OFF

## BREAD ART CHALLENGE

Well done to all those who entered – we had some fantastic entries showing a lot of skill and creativity

The first place prize was the latest Great British Bake off cookery book with recipes from Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood and the winner and 3 runners up received a box of brownies from local baker 'Baked with Love'



**Julia**  
**O – Year 9**

**Runner up**



**Evie H –**  
**Year 7**  
**- Runner up**



**Olivia G – Year 8**

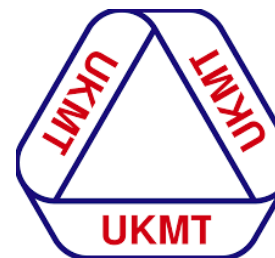
**Runner up**



## **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2020 Follow-on round**

Congratulations to Brianna Hanlon in Year 10 who achieved a Certificate of Qualification and to Erin Day in Year 10 for achieving a Certificate of Merit in the follow-on round to the UKMT Intermediate Challenge 2020.

Entry to the competition is by invitation only and is based on a qualifying score from the Intermediate Challenge. A certificate of Merit is awarded to students who achieve a score in the top 25%.



## **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2021**

Congratulations to all of the students who recently took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This year the challenge was completed online during the remote learning period. Well done to the following students who were awarded Bronze and Silver certificates:

Patricia Simion (Year 11)	– achieved a Silver Certificate and Best in Year and School
Emilie Edward (Year 11)	– achieved a Silver Certificate
Charlotte Coward (Year 11)	– achieved a Bronze Certificate
Lily Ashleigh-Reynolds (Year 10)	– achieved a Bronze Certificate and Best in Year
Lydia McCarter (Year 9)	- achieved a Certificate of Participation and Best in Year