



Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year 2021-22. It has been a hugely positive first half-term and the Year 7 pupils have settled in very well to their new school. We enjoyed seeing the Year 11 leavers at the much anticipated Prom at Formby Hall and hearing all about their new courses and achievements since the summer. Despite the challenges for many pupils having Covid-19 this half-term, we are pleased that children are no longer needing to isolate if they are close contacts so that as many as possible can attend as normal. Thank you for the contributions for the non-uniform day yesterday, we raised more than £900 which will be shared between the house charities. We have also enjoyed other fund raising events, including the hot chocolate and cake sale which raised over £300 for our sister school in Ghana, we are working on supporting the school to set up IT access which will hugely enhance the experiences of the children at Evergreen Blossom Academy.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with the school councils last week. They were really pleased to be able to have face to face teaching and access to the range of clubs on offer, they were also very grateful to be back in specialist classrooms and having access to all the resources including in science where between 70% and 80% of lessons have a practical element. We talked about school in general, inclusion and how we can promote and support reading. They were full of ideas and we are looking forward to putting them into practice. I also had the pleasure of having breakfast with our Year 7 and 8 pupils who came to Headteacher's breakfast, again the children were full of enthusiasm for school.

It has also been great to have live performance back in school and a huge well done to all the pupils who took part in the dance show at the start of term, Mr Raikes enjoyed his send off and we are looking forward to the next show as well as the Winter Concert both in December. Well done also to all the pupils who auditioned and will be part of Miss Bloom's panto which will take place next February.

Our inclusion group continue to meet weekly and are looking forward to attending a community event, Proud to be Black in Southport which will be hosted at the school on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. See [here](#) for further details.

I hope that you enjoy reading all about the other special activities which have taken place this half-term and wish everyone a lovely break.





## Reading /Therapy Dog

We welcomed Therapy Dog Luna to school to run Therapy Dog Nationwide's "Paws and Read" program, encouraging children to interact with a Therapy Dog by reading them a story. Luna is a great listener who will never judge so provides the perfect opportunity to help pupils improve their literary skills in a calm, relaxed way. Luna also made lots of new friends at break time and is looking forward to seeing them all again on her next visit.



## Friday for Future

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September marked the annual Friday for Future climate movement. During PDT Year 7-10 completed an environmental quiz to understand how their everyday activities impact our planet (and of course, potentially contribute to climate change).

During lunch students were invited to a wide range of activities to mark the occasion such as creating megaphones to raise awareness, designing a met-gala theme outfit and, of course, reflecting on what they could do to reduce their carbon footprint and making a climate change pledge.

It's clear that we have a number of fantastic eco-warriors in this school. Watch this space...

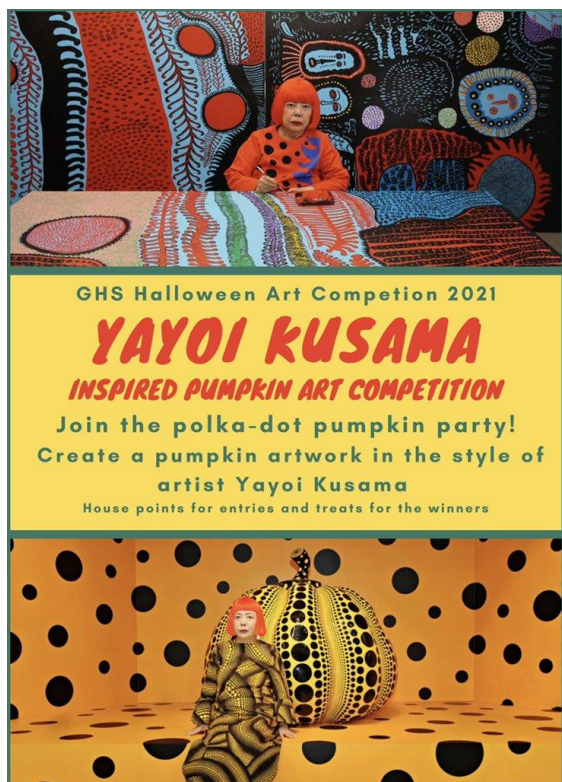






## Word of the Week

### Art Competition



Each week we have a different 'Word of the Week' that students are encouraged to use throughout that week. If they successfully use the word, they will be awarded house points.

### Word of the Week *animosity* (noun)

**Definition:** a strong feeling of dislike or hatred

**Synonyms:** hostility, antagonism, antipathy

**Antonyms:** goodwill, friendship, happiness

**Examples of how it's used:**

- (1) He no longer felt any animosity towards her.
- (2) Of course we're competitive, but there's no personal animosity between us.



### Word of the Week *beguile* (verb)

**Definition:** charm or enchant (someone), often in a deceptive way.

**Synonyms:** charm, attract, enchant

**Antonyms:** disgust, offend, repel

**Examples of how it's used:**

- (1) The magician effortlessly beguiled and amazed the children.
- (2) They were beguiled into thinking they'd heard the whole story.



### Word of the Week *capacious* (adjective)

**Definition:** having a lot of space inside; roomy.

**Synonyms:** spacious, ample, big, large

**Antonyms:** cramped, small, contained

**Examples of how it's used:**

- (1) She rummaged in her capacious handbag.
- (2) The large elephant had a capacious appetite.



## Panto Joy!

We had a great turn out at auditions for our school production this year, a Panto written especially for us by Miss Bloom and Mr Plunkett! The panel were so impressed with the talent on display and the time and effort that had gone in to so many auditions. We even managed to do some auditions via video and live meets online with those who were unfortunate enough to be isolating!

We have made a fantastic start to rehearsal with the fifty-strong cast and can't wait to get a live audience in to experience our very first panto at Greenbank! It promises to be full of fun, laughter and silliness which is exactly what we need after the last 18 months! The show will run from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be available nearer the time.



## **Greenbank High School PTA – 200 Club**

Would you like the chance to win £200 every 3 months?

Would you like to feel that you are actively contributing to make school an even better place to learn, work and play?

If you have answered 'Yes' to either of the above questions, have you thought of joining the 200 Club?

The 200 Club is a system whereby parents, staff, friends and relatives (you don't have to have a daughter in school to join) agree to pay £2 per month by standing order to the PTA. Every 3 months, half the money that has been paid in is donated to the PTA funds whilst the other half is given out as prize money.

There are 5 prizes every time:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize     50% of the prize money
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize     20% of the prize money
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize     15% of the prize money
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize     10% of the prize money
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize     5% of the prize money

The more members we have, the higher the prize money.

The odds are better than doing the lottery and the school benefits too! A win/win situation for everyone.

If you would like to join 200 Club, please fill in the attached form and return it in a sealed envelope to school addressed to: Mrs V Taylor, PTA Treasurer. Ask your daughter to hand it in at Reception.

You've got to be in it to win it!



## **GREENBANK PTA 200 CLUB - MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PUPIL'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME OF ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED: (this will be your reference) \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT:** £2.00 (two pounds) **FREQUENCY:** 10<sup>th</sup> of each month

Until you receive notice from me/us in writing

COMMENCING: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you require more than one membership, please complete a second form).

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**BANK:** Lloyds TSB  
**ADDRESS:** London Street, Southport  
**SORT CODE:** 77-32-13

**For the credit of:** Greenbank High School PTA 200 Club  
**ACCOUNT NO:** 28500160

Please return the membership form and standing order mandate to Vicky Taylor c/o Front Office, Greenbank High School, Hastings Road, Southport PR8 2LT or email: [appletv28@yahoo.com](mailto:appletv28@yahoo.com)

### **To be completed by PTA:**

Membership No: .....

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## Netball

We are very fortunate to have lots of students attending netball practices and representing the school by playing matches.

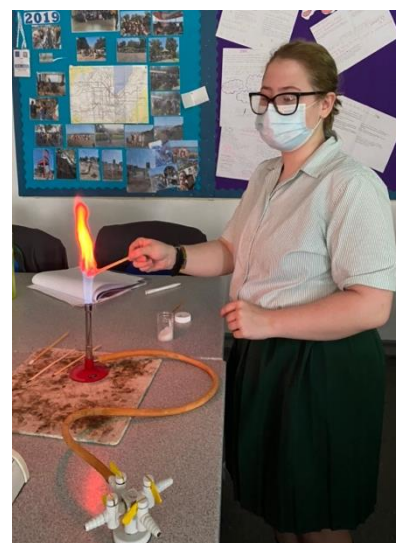
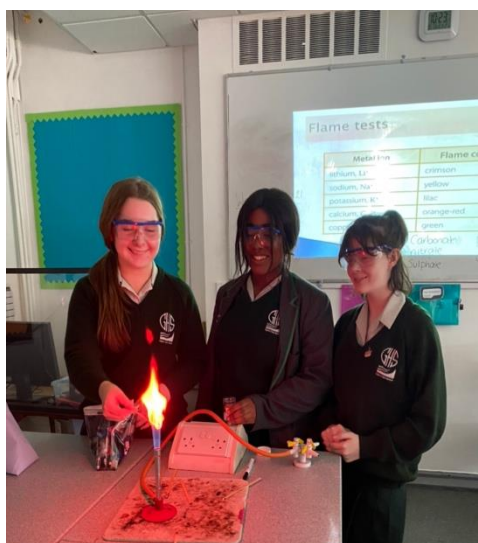






## Year 11 Separate Science

Here we have some Year 11 chemists carrying out some chemical analytics flame tests. They are loving the practical side to science now they're able to be back in the lab.





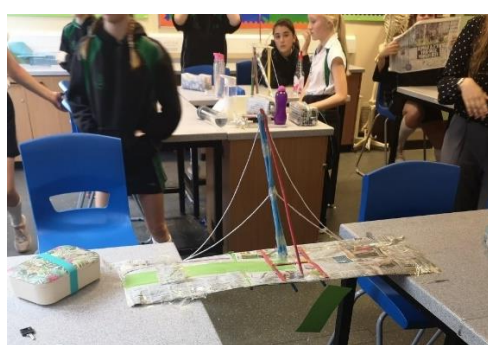
## Enrichment Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We were delighted to welcome back our full enrichment experience.

Year 7 enjoyed a day at Grasmere in the Lake District and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They enjoyed visiting Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and the opportunity to complete their first geography field trip.



A successful day with Year 8 raising awareness through STEM about career options, team skills and design in Civil Engineering. Using the platform of a bridge building challenge. Well done to all who took part. Great team skills shown by all and further enhance during the PE activities too.



Year 9 pupils became experts in their leadership fields, Year 10 explored important aspects of personal health and Year 11 spent valuable time in their option subjects.

Looking forward to our next enrichment day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November where we welcoming a range of visitors to work with Year 10 for our Maths industry day.





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