



Spring 1 2019

GREENFIELDS SPECIALIST SCHOOL FOR COMMUNICATION

**GSSC GAZETTE**



## Headteacher's Comments

Hello all,

It has been a busy term filled with lots of exciting learning from our new curriculum. Read on as our young people share some of their experiences on the following pages.

I wish you a restful half term as we look forward to an interesting and engaging lead up to Easter.

Warmest wishes,

Lisa Attack

Headteacher



### Dates for your Diary:

School closes for Half term Friday 15th February 2019

School reopens for pupils Monday 25th February 2019

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2019

Parents Evening Wednesday 27th March 2019

Easter Performance Tuesday 2nd April 2019

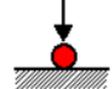
# Our learning days





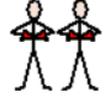


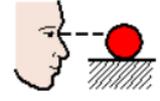
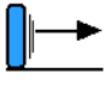


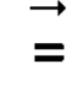
Welcome back to school hope you had a good Christmas. Here





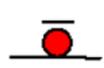



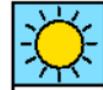


is what we are looking forward to in 2019. It will be





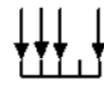







great Rock Steady, Valentine day, snow, Easter, Party in the







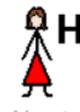





playground and lots of exciting learning. I think it is OK.




My Journey with AAC.

By Harriet







Do you feel you now have a voice?



"Yes"








How do you feel about being able to talk to new people?






"I love it I am Happy"










Thinking back to before you had a communication device, how






did you feel about communicating?







"It is not easy because difficult slow"









How do you feel about having control over the layout and







design of your Grid3 communication program?






"I think it is great"



Harriet has been working with staff and family to update and change the layout of her grid to make it as useful as possible and easier to navigate. In this interview Harriet talks about her journey with augmented communication. .

## Chinese New Year by Elliot



On Thursday 24th January 2019 we celebrated Chinese New Year. All classes had to pair up with another class, some classes did some Chinese art and made different things. Elm and Laurel class made a Chinese dish, it had noodles, veg and tofu. All the students tried different ingredients, which some we liked and others we didn't. We were very proud of ourselves trying new things.

Happy Chinese New Year  
The year of the pig.

Rock steady by Joel  
I did some signing and rock steady came in and played some songs like 'this is me' by Keala Settle and 'the greatest showman ensemble' and 'roar' by Katy Perry with the signing choir. The rock steady team played their instruments while we signed to our songs. We got filmed and I'm excited because last year the rock steady team played 'we will rock you' by Five and Queen

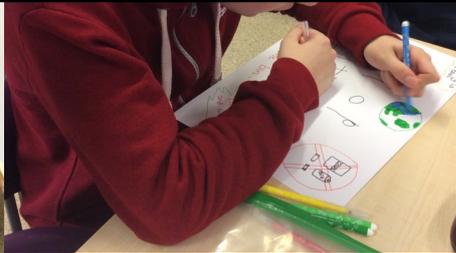
Why respite is important.

I think respite care is important because you can go there overnight and in the day, it gives your parents a break you can make new friends you can do lots of fun activities you can go outside and get some fresh air. I enjoy playing with the sensory play and playing outside on the swing.

By Ellie



Elm Class have been re-  
searching about climate  
change and pollution . We  
have made posters and writ-  
ten to organisations to see  
how we can help



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19th January 2019

Dear Sir Madam,

I was wondering if you had some  
information about litter picking and  
rubbish as we are doing about pollution  
at our school.  
Please let us know if you have any  
information that you can send to us.

Kind regards,  
Luci

Our recent " Family  
Learning" course,  
Keeping your fami-  
ly safe online was  
very interesting and  
successful, thank  
you to all parents  
that attended.

The next Craft & cof-  
fee morning looks to  
be even bigger and  
better than our  
Christmas Craft  
event, Please try and  
come, it would be  
lovely to see you all!

Amanda

## Inviting all parents to a BLOCK PRINTING CRAFT



## & COFFEE MORNING

on

Friday 8th March 2019

9:15am to 11:45am



Our last craft and coffee morning was a big success so we thought we'd do it again! This time you get the chance to print your own tea towel or bag. No artistic talent required!

This is an opportunity to come along, enjoy the pupils' cake and coffee from the café, and have a chat with other parents. We had lots of feedback from the last session that parents really enjoyed the chance to get to know each other, discuss some of the challenges we face and eat lots of cake.

Dee, a Neals Yard Remedies Consultant will also be available to do well-being treatments.

# E-Safety day

By Luci and Michael

- For E-Safety day, Elm class set up the hall and put sensory lights and displays on the wall.

And other classes came into the hall to relax and listen to our internet safety stories called: "Star in the jar" then Elm class made their own E-safety video to show the other classes while touching sensory items linked to the story whilst on the mass.

- While the other classes were listening to the story, Elm class were showing all the items to the students while listening to the stories.

- Everyone enjoyed our E-safety video whilst relaxing in the hall with the sensory lights!





# STOP PRESS



Friend of Greenfields are always looking for new volunteers and committee members.

We are always looking for new, innovative ways of raising funds for the school, whilst ensuring that we involve as many of our pupils, parents and carers as we can. If you haven't got the time to become a member of 'Friends of Greenfields' but would like to share some ideas then please get in touch

If you feel that you have time to support us, then please contact: Rebecca Thomas our Chair of Friends via the school office.

office@greenfields.northants-sch.uk

If you are worried about bullying  
 please contact any one of these adults  
 in school...  
 Claire Frogley Helen Blight Lynette Park  
 Amanda Nunn Steve Jackson School Governor

## Important Message for all Visitors to GSSC

At GSSC we have several pupils who are not able to be photographed or videoed. To ensure equality for all of our pupils and to enable everyone to take part in events within school. We operate a strict no photography or video policy at any of our events. We will however, ensure that there are ample opportunities at the end of events to take photographs of your child/young person. We would like to thank you all for your cooperation.

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