



GREENSHAW NEWS

MAY 2011

Greenshaw pays tribute to Mr Stone

It was an evening of memories, laughter and tears, as around seven hundred and fifty people gathered at Greenshaw to celebrate the life of Steve Stone, Head of Geography, who died on 23rd April, his fifty-seventh birthday.



The school welcomed Mr Stone's family, representatives from his two fishing clubs, many friends and neighbours, as well as past and current pupils and staff.

The touching service was led by The Reverend David Stephenson, who is the parent of a Year 10 student. Mr Jemson, Mrs Brown, Mr Smith and Mr McManus, a past pupil and friend, spoke about their memories of Mr Stone.

We also saw a photomontage of some of the highlights of Mr Stone's life, showing how little he had changed over the years. Musical highlights included a performance of *Lullaby* by Miss Laurent and Mr Doherty.

Headteacher, Mr Smith, said: "Mr Stone has truly devoted a very large part of his life to supporting and nurturing generations of students at Greenshaw.

"I have nothing but the utmost respect for everything he has achieved. He will leave a remarkable legacy and we will miss him sorely as a teacher and a friend."

Mr Stone requested that, instead of sending flowers, donations should be made to the RNLI. These can be made at www.justgiving.com/steve-stone.

At the chalkface

'Where cliffs are of resistant rock, wave action attacks any line of weakness such as a joint or a fault.'

– David Waugh

By a decade he was the last man standing at the blackboard, delicately nuancing the shading on a headland or the shy curvature of a tributary holding the minds of tired teens trained on the tips of his dusty thumbs.

He was at home with thighs stood strong against the rush of the Usk taking muddy measurements of the bed's depth or controlling the clustering of kids with clipboards across Monmouth High Street.

He'd stand over the eroding arch of Durdle Door explaining the land's battle with abrasion and attrition extolling our fortune at seeing it in arch before its fall to stack or stump.

Versed in men's war with the waves he'd lament the thwarted intentions of groyne placed to slow the sand's spread along the coast our best efforts swallowed by swash pulled under the plunge line.

His arms raised and spread dancing the drama of convection currents or his fingers would clamp as teeth to give a visual for a cow hoof compacting the soil about the gate.

He'd mastered the art of the tack was at one with a topper sailing solo in circles around us as we faltered with jibs and slack sheets flapping; he was always the wind's favourite.

He was my mother's finest example of friendship a welcome addition to Christmas dinner always careful not to exhaust a welcome that could never be outworn.

He'd skin a fish with the best of them and took pride in sharing everything all he caught in the water and raised from the ground.

He took comfort in the reliability of the familiar yet never stopped exploring and when discovering some new gem he was never satisfied until it was passed on to his friends.

More than funding hikes, renovations, cohorts, school status, training drives, intakes or canteen food, he was so much of what makes a home of a place, he wrote all his words in chalk but they will never be erased.

By Mr Brown, *English Teacher*





Portrait by Sandhya (Year 13) for her A level coursework. (Oil on canvas).

Extraordinary art

Congratulations to all the KS4 and KS5 art and photography students on the successful completion of their recent exams. Miss Vilday, Head of Art, said: "We are extremely proud of their high level of attainment, commitment and focus."

Their art work will be on show at the Greenshaw Summer Art Show on 24th (GCSE) and 30th June (A level).

Let's Get Cooking!

Thousands of children and their families around the country recently took part in a day-long community cooking event – *Let's Get Cooking BIG Cookathon* competition.

Over 70 of our Year 7 students and staff took part by cooking fajitas, guacamole and fruit kebabs for lunch. Students enjoyed working with staff and parents to cook and eat a healthy meal, learn new skills and take the recipe home to share with others.

The Food Technology Department, in association with EcoLocal, is also inviting Year 7 students and staff to help start up Greenshaw's very own kitchen garden. The course will focus on learning about growing plants, rotating crops and cooking with fresh produce. If you are interested, please see Miss Allen or Miss Parsons.



Greenshaw celebrates students' achievements

Greenshaw recently held two awards evenings to celebrate the achievements of students in KS4 and the Sixth Form.

At the KS4 Awards in April, Year 10 and 11 students collected their diplomas of achievement, and subject and house prizes in front of their families and school staff.

In addition to hearing an address by Mr Smith, Headteacher, the audience enjoyed musical entertainment from Year 11 students, Ibitayo and Sagana.

The KS4 Evening was closely followed by the Sixth Form Awards Evening on Thursday 5th May, where students

proudly received their diplomas and subject awards from Head of Sixth Form, Mr House, and Mrs Wallace, Deputy Headteacher. Winner of the Sixth Form Art Award, Sandhya, entertained the audience with her delightful version of *Tambourine Man*.

Congratulations to all of the Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who received diplomas or awards in recognition of their high commitment to learning. We wish them, and all of our students, the very best of luck in their forthcoming examinations and look forward to seeing the results of their hard work in August.



Mr Fuller returned to present his eponymous award.

Business students graduate in style

Nine Greenshaw students attended the Career Academy graduation ceremony at the Institute of Education, London, on 4th May. The Year 13 students graduated from the Greenshaw Career Academy – a two-year programme which raises the aspirations of sixth formers and boosts their work prospects by giving them real experience of the workplace.

Our students received their certificates from Sir Win Bischoff, Chairman of Lloyds Banking Group and Alison Brittain, Executive Director of Santander. James McCreary, Career Academies UK's Chief Executive, journalist and TV presenter Evan Davies and motivational speaker David McQueen offered the students words of encouragement and gave them tips on how to fulfil their ambitions and achieve future career success.



Sixth Formers scoop award at Young Enterprise final

Our group of budding entrepreneurs, the Cut Here Web Design Company, scooped a coveted award at the final of the South London Young Enterprise Company Awards at Whitgift School on 13th May.

Our six Year 12 students competed against seven other finalists from the South London area. To participate, they had to submit a company report, give a formal presentation and set up their trade stand. Their professional and well-presented display

scooped them one of the top awards of the evening – Best Trade Stand. They also gave an excellent and polished performance of their company presentation, but lost out to St Paul's, the overall winners. The other schools that won awards included Tiffin Girls' School and St Olave's Grammar School.

Miss Mountford, Director of Enterprise at Greenshaw, congratulated the students, saying: "This is the first year that Greenshaw has taken part in the event and our

congratulations go to the boys on their fantastic achievement. Our thanks also go to the staff that supported them."



Consultation on primary school expansion

Due to the rising demand for primary school places in the borough, which is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, the London Borough of Sutton is planning to increase the number of primary school places from September 2012.

They are now consulting with parents, carers and professionals working in education and related sectors to find out their views on the suggestions for the expansion of primary schools. Copies of the consultation document can be downloaded from the council's website at www.sutton.gov.uk or by email from primaryexpansion@sutton.gov.uk.

There will be a series of public meetings held at each of the schools which are the subject of this consultation. The latest date for responding to the consultation is 30 June 2011.

Application for Academy Status underway

Following an extensive consultation with stakeholders, the Governing Body decided to make a formal application to the Department for Education for Greenshaw to become an Academy.

Greenshaw High School has now been granted an Academy Order, that means that it is likely the school will become an academy on the 1st June. Part of being an academy means that we will continue to work very closely with other primary and secondary schools and the local authority to plan for and shape education for Sutton's young people; but students and parents will not see any changes to the education we provide and we will continue to be called Greenshaw High School!

Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the process.

Mr Smith, Headteacher

In brief



Jack Petchey winners

Greenshaw participates in the Jack Petchey scheme, which rewards and celebrates the achievement of individuals who have made a positive contribution to the school or local community, or have been recognised for personal development.

The winners receive £200 to be spent on a school project of their choice. Six students have recently received awards for their contributions this year: Tizayi, Sarah and Michaela in Year 7, Amy in Year 9 and Jean and Matthew in Year 10.



Peace cranes

Students in Year 7 have been very busy making Origami paper cranes and selling them in school to raise money for the British Red Cross Japan Tsunami Appeal. They take about ten minutes each to make and one student produced 90!



Achievement Lunch

Forty Year 9 students were invited to the achievement lunch on Tuesday 26th April to join in celebration with Mr Smith, other senior staff and the House teams. The event was held to recognise the students' efforts in the recent profile reports. Mr Smith addressed the group, highlighting the positive attitude and approach that all had taken. This clearly gives confidence to the Year 9 students as they embark on the new GCSE options timetable in June.

Sports shorts



Cinderella

On 5th May, 27 students from Years 7 to 12 enjoyed a spectacular performance of Matthew Bourne's *Cinderella* at the New Wimbledon Theatre. The ballet was magical, re-telling the well-known story in a new and exciting way. All students and staff had a great evening and were inspired by the excellent dancing, costumes, set and special effects.



Insight into London 2012

Miss Povey and Mr Carter accompanied seven Year 12 PE Students to the London 2012 Olympic Park where they were able to tour the prestigious venue for the most eagerly awaited Olympic games in years. The group were given a tour of the site and opportunities to learn how London will benefit both locally and nationally from this global sporting event.

Anyone for tennis?

The Greenshaw Tennis Team were victorious over local rivals Carshalton Boys on Monday 9th May at Sutton Tennis Centre, with stellar performances from Josh and Jamie.

Year 8 Cricket

Our Year 8 Cricket Team narrowly lost by 12 runs in the U13 County Cup to St Andrew's Church of England School – more exciting fixtures to follow.



Kwik Cricket

Year 11 cricket leaders presided over a Kwik Cricket Festival at Westbourne on 18th May. Well done to all who participated.

Rain stops play?

At the beginning of May, twenty of our Year 12 students braved the horrendous weather to undertake their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition.

Despite torrential rain and thunderstorms on both nights under canvas, and faced with heavy rain showers during the day, they remained full of enthusiasm and self-motivation, successfully completing all their planned walks and activities.

Miss Fingleton congratulated them on their excellent teamwork throughout the weekend. She added: "They are now well prepared for their assessed hike later on in the summer term."



Trekking in the North Downs

Friday 13th turned out to be a good day for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards group, as they set off on their practice hike in the spectacular North Downs under beautiful sunny skies.

Spirits remained high, even when the route became steep and difficult. Once the campsite had been located, the group put up their tents, prepared meals and built an impressive fire. Most then enjoyed a good night's sleep before completing their route the next day.



The Year 9 students have been preparing their routes, skills and equipment for weeks. Mr Collman and Miss Beaton congratulated them on their positive attitude and levels of stamina. "We are now looking forward to the challenge of the assessed expedition in July."



Dates for your diary

A complete list of school events can be found on the school website at www.greenshaw.co.uk.

Half Term	30th May-3rd June	Billy Elliott – Drama Production	5th-8th July
Borough Sports Day	14th June	Y6 Induction Day	7th July
Y6 Interviews	20th, 21st June	School Sports Day	12th July
Inter-House Music Competition	23rd June	Lower School Awards Evening	14th July
Y9 Science Award Day	24th June	Grand Summer Fete	16th July
Y6 Interviews	27th, 28th June	Summer Term ends (12.30pm)	22nd July
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hike	1st-2nd July	Inset Day	5th September
Y11 Prom	1st July	Autumn Terms starts	6th September

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