

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the last day of this autumn half term. After 8 weeks, pupils are tired. It is not surprising as they have fitted a lot into the half term as they settled into the new academic year, engaged with their learning and the holistic curriculum. We started the term in September reminding ourselves of the Ethos, Values and Vision of Greenbank School. Following that, each week had a theme linked to each of these key aspects of school- Friendship, making good choices and expectations, including those around uniform. Pupil response has been overwhelmingly positive as evidenced by the number of Gold Star reward badges and stickers that have been earned by pupils. Our whole school ambition is for that to continue after a well-deserved half term break.

Thank you to Kate, Mr Power, Tracey, Stef, Jo, Miss Lobina, Brianna, Kirsty and Karl (The staff Boogie Bingo Team) and over 70 guests who were able to join school at the Halloween 'Boogie Bingo' event last night. I was unable to attend this time, but the feedback I received this morning was so positive- a good time had by all. A really good opportunity to develop the community spirit of school.

To-day there was a whole school focus on 'Literacy'. The theme was based on 'Alice in Wonderland.' The gym was transformed into a Wonderland with many activities and drink stalls for pupils to enjoy. A real triumph of promoting the importance of Literacy in all aspects of education. Thank you to Mrs Artes for leading and organising the event and to the staff team who helped to make it happen. Thank you also to staff and pupils, who fully entering into the theme, dressed as Alice in Wonderland characters.

The heating issues experienced by school this week meant we were unable to open Residential. Despite the disappointment pupils coped exceptionally well with the last-minute changes. Engineers have been on site all week and school has been able to get the heating working, but there remains a number of tasks to complete to make sure it is reliable. At this point I expect Residential to re-open after the half term break.

School considers attendance to be the first line of Safeguarding young people. If pupils are not in school, we can't support them. This half term 48 of our pupils have had 100% attendance. Congratulations! Attendance will be reported to families every half term and take into account that some absences related to medical appointments are unavoidable.

Dates for your diary:

School closes for the half term break on **Friday 24th October** and will re-open for pupils on **Monday 3rd November**.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY will visit school on Monday 10th November.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher



Headteacher: Mr M. McCann