



GAP Express

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NEWSBITES and COMING EVENTS

St Patrick's

Year 6 had a terrific weekend at Water Park Adventure Centre in the Lake District. They spent time sailing, rowing and learning new skills.

The children in Unit 3 went to Colne Valley Museum in June. They spent the time washing and cooking Victorian style!

Saint Patrick's have competed in many sports competitions over the past term. Well done to the golf, rounders and football teams!

Saint Patrick's KS2 playground has had an amazing transformation. Artificial grass, a new seating area and a water feature have been installed.

The children in Saint Patrick's have enjoyed learning about local wildlife during their Science fortnight.

All Saints'

On 17th April All Saints' had some unusual pupil's in the Key Stage 1 playground. Fishers Mobile Farm came to visit and brought with them a range of animals such as pigs, goats, lambs, calves, chickens and ducks. Some of the younger children were very lucky and were able to feed and pet the animals while the farmers explained more about them. An enjoyable day was had by all.

To celebrate St George's Day on 23rd April the Friends of All Saints' organised some fun stalls for the children and parents to go to at the end of the school day. There were games to play such as pin the tail on the dragon, welly throwing, penalty shoot out, hook a duck and pluck a duck as well as the always popular cake stall, which sold out very quickly. The event was a huge success.

Greenbank

Sports week- 17 July
All pupils took part in sports week, playing games and eating healthy food. Congratulations to all competitors.

September- Year Six outdoor residential at Brathay Hall in the Lake District.

MOVE UP WEEK – 1st July
For move up week pupils at Greenbank will be moving up a year for one whole week and will find out who their new teachers are!

SPECIAL EFFECTS CLUB – 18th June
The special effects club will be for year 5 and year 6, in this club lots of new techniques will be learnt. Also if you join you will be sure to have a good time!

ATHLETICS EVENT KINGSWAY PARK – 19th June
This special event will take place at Kingsway Park on the 19th of June and will be very energetic!

BASKETBALL CLUB
Basketball club takes place every Thursday at three PM and lasts until four PM. In this club you can learn the proper rules of the game so that you can play at home with friends. This club is open to year 3's and year four's.

YEAR 1
In year 1 they have been writing fantasy stories and have made a mysterious forest to help enhance their imagination. They have also kept butterflies and on the 18th of June they then released them on the school field! Also they have been keeping stick insects and tadpoles.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING
In year 4 for the past couple of weeks they have been learning how to swim at Whitworth swimming baths. During these lessons they have been learning how to hold their breath under water.

Welcome to the first edition of the GAP Express Newspaper.

GAP stands for Greenbank, All Saint's and Saint Patrick's. Six children from each school have been chosen to make and write a newspaper about our schools.

The newspaper will be published three times every year and will celebrate the children's talents, hardwork and achievements.

We hope you enjoy our fantastic articles and photographs in our first edition.

By St Patrick's



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THE AMAZING CHARLOTTE'S WEB

On Tuesday 4th June the pupils of St Patrick's Primary School watched Charlotte's Web in the school hall. It was a treat for the whole school as well as being part of Year 6 topic work.

Charlotte's Web told the story of Wilbur, who is a pig, and Charlotte, who is a spider. Wilbur was going to be killed for meat but he was saved by Fern, the farmer's daughter, as he was the runt of the litter and Fern wanted to keep him as a pet. He became friends with Charlotte. Charlotte became ill after having babies but she still helped Wilbur through a competition even though she was weak. At the end Charlotte died and Wilbur looked after her babies for her. Delphine, 10 from Year 5 said that, "It was funny and sad at the same time and quite surprising. I liked the scenes when it changed."

Charlotte's Web was acted by four actors however there were twelve characters. This meant that they had to change their costumes quickly and remember lots of lines. Also the scenery had to be changed. They used the same board but turned it around to show the different settings. Every time they turned it around, it was different.

It wasn't just the actors taking part there was audience participation too. All the children were involved when the farmer asked questions like, "Where's my pig?" and all the children and teachers answered. Plus some of the children asked questions during the show and the character had to answer even though it wasn't in the script. Also Wilbur got the

teachers involved when he took the farmer's hat and placed it on a teacher. Everyone also was involved when the characters sung popular songs, joining in with singing and clapping.

Overall everyone enjoyed the show. Qudsia, 10 from Year 5 said, "It was really entertaining. The way they acted it was like it was real. It was similar to the book."

By All Saints'



To All Our Readers, have a fantastic Summer holiday and remember...Keep safe and have fun!

Professor Brainstorm - Magical Science!

Professor Brainstorm visited All Saints' on the 22nd of May and did an astonishing science show. The audience was very surprised by how fun science could be!

Highlights from the amazing show included Professor Brainstorm choosing a person from the audience to try and hammer a nail with a banana. The boy started hammering it but the banana couldn't hammer it in. Then Professor Brainstorm took the banana, put it in a bowl and put some liquid nitrogen inside. A few moments later he took the banana out and told the boy to hammer the nail. To their amazement the nail was actually hammered into the piece of wood! Then he put some flowers in the same bowl (upside down) so the petals would freeze. He asked two girls to put on some gloves on, and to squish the flowers' petals. When they squished them, the petals fell to the ground like broken glass. This was because the liquid nitrogen was very cold, (-200 degrees) and made it freeze.



Finally, he got a pipe and said that he would make a spud out of it. He then got the pipe and put some potato on both ends of the pipe. Then, he got a stick (small enough to fit through the pipe) and pushed it through one of the ends of it. The pipe was full of air, unable to escape because of the potatoes at both ends. The potatoes got closer and closer because of the stick, and the compressed air couldn't hold the pressure anymore and finally, the other end of the potato went flying across the room and smashed on the wall.

The rest of the show was wall to wall experiments and fun. Loud bangs from electric sparks in cases with metals to metal cans rolling on their own (the 'magic' of static electricity) by way of human circuits lighting up bulbs and even disappearing water using chemicals from nappies!

Pupils from year 3 to 6 enjoyed the show, clapping excitedly and gasping in awe at the unbelievable sights and sounds. The most popular moment was the spud gun which raises cheers and wild clapping. Jade said, 'I really liked it.' Other pupils commented, 'Wow! I didn't think science could be that much fun!' and 'It was a great show!'

The Amazing world of Professor Brainstorm showed that science is actually fun and can be more amazing than Magic!

By Greenbank

Greenbank's Adventurous Head



On 21st May we interviewed Mrs Hartley at Greenbank Primary School. We were interested to find out more about her and her school.

Mrs Hartley has been the head teacher at Greenbank Primary School in Rochdale for 4 years and 3 months however she has worked at many different schools and has also been a deputy and head at other schools. She started teaching in Brixton, London at Charlotte Sharman Primary School before moving to Brunswick Park Primary School. Then Mrs Hartley moved to Rochdale and worked at Meanwood.

She then became a deputy head at Brimrod and then Harwood Park in Heywood. She returned to Brimrod to become a head teacher for 9 years and 1 term before starting at Greenbank in 2009. Also, whilst in London, while teaching Mrs Hartley worked 2 nights a week as a Youth Worker for troubled teenage girls.

Mrs Hartley always knew that she wanted to work with children however her dream job when she was younger was to become a nun because she is Catholic. Then she wanted to be a child psychologist but she didn't get the grades that she needed so went to Southampton University to train as a teacher.

As a head teacher Mrs Hartley said that everyday was different and she enjoys giving extra support to all the children in her school. She said that there was not much she didn't enjoy but she doesn't like it when sad things happen and all the extra pressure put on children from SATs testing.

When at school herself Mrs Hartley enjoyed dissecting a frog in biology and going outdoors in geography work. This hasn't really changed and although she doesn't teach much now she still likes to teach the subject and her school do lots of exciting outdoor activities such as kayaking and biking.

Although Mrs Hartley works hard at Greenbank she enjoys spending time at home too. She has two children, Amy, who is 17 and Alicia, who is 10. She likes to do activities such as dog walking, puzzles, camping, going to her holiday home in Wales and listening to music. As she enjoys the outdoors her favourite sports include water skiing, jet skiing and wakeboarding. As you can see she really is an adventurous head teacher.

By All Saints'

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www.greenbank.rochdale.sch.uk

www.allsaintsce.rochdale.sch.uk

www.stpatricksrc.rochdale.sch.uk

10 Minutes with Mrs. Barber

The Saint Patrick's reporters went to All Saints' for 10 minutes with Mrs Barber the school administrator.

Mrs Barber (the school administrator) is a kind woman who always wanted to be a teacher ever since she was a child. She has now worked at All Saints' for 8 years and would never swap her job for any other.

She deals with various situations like: dealing with visitors, answering phone calls and helping children and parents.

"We have a fantastic team here at All Saints'. Everyone is very friendly and I especially enjoy talking to our amazing children," said Mrs. Barber.



We hope you have enjoyed reading 10 minutes with Mrs. Barber and we look forward to interviewing someone else in our next issue.

By St Patrick's

St Patrick's School Council- Making Things Better!

On Tuesday 7th May 2013, GAP Express journalists from Greenbank Primary visited St Patrick's school to attend the School Council meeting.

A warm welcome was extended by St Patrick's school councillors as they showed the visitors into the Parish room (Pennine suit). The meeting began with a prayer and then continued with a welcome from the chair of the council, Emma Waldie. Other key members of the council are the vice Chair, Ellie, and the Treasurer, Ged.

GAP Express probed into the councils work with a range of searching questions which the councillors answered in knowledgeable and informative ways.

The councillors explained that becoming a school councillor involved each person writing a short speech explaining why they should be a councillor, each then class votes to choose their councillor. Year 6 also votes for the chair and vice chair.

When elected, Saint Patrick's school councillors go around hunting down bits of the school that could be improved.

Latest updates to their school include the sandwich bar and horse shoe flower patch.



The St Patrick's School Councillors

Emma and Ellie explained, "We are going to insert a new water feature near the door way and hopefully it will help people feel more welcome."

"We have also made an indoor classroom to watch movies and to do arts and crafts. Our next project is making time capsules to bury under ground," remarked Emma.

With the help of Mrs Walczak and Mr Lomax, the school councillors are making a real difference to life at St Patrick's, they are making things better!

By Greenbank

