



GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

including Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre-Schools



Report to Iminster Town Council March 2020

Community remains a strong influence in our provision as we move into the second half of our academic year.

Our Young Voices Public Speaking competition was a great success and the final saw 16 pupils from nine local schools presenting a two minute talk on 'someone who inspires them'. This topic was chosen to support our commitment to careers education and raising aspirations with youngsters at an early point in their lives. The competition itself had even more impact as with internal competitions it supported 154 young people aged 4 to 10 in developing public speaking skills. Our next competition will be the Poetry Recital competition at the Iminster Literary Festival which is open to young people aged 4 to 18. So far we already have thirteen schools signed up to the competition which is now in its fifth year.

Giving children responsibility as always been a focus at Greenfylde with our school council, sports council and pupil voice groups and now we have another group to extend this with our Reading Ambassadors. Charged with helping others develop a love of reading fostered by their own enthusiasm, these children will have regular opportunities to talk to their classes about the books they have read and for our youngest children to actually go into class to read and discuss stories with them.

Following discussions in the Town Council PACT meeting we are addressing concerns about road safety and pupils by taking part in Beep Beep! Day through Brake, the road safety charity this month. This will ensure we talk to all pupils about road safety and we will be sharing resources with parents and families via our newsletter. We hope this will remind our children to stay safe when travelling through Iminster.

Above all, as a school we want to ensure our curriculum offer goes beyond knowledge and subject skills to offer the chance to develop wider life long skills that support future careers and wellbeing. Plans are now being put in place for our Careers Week w/c 1st June and we would welcome any involvement from our local Town Councillors in talking to the children about careers and aspirations

If any Councillors would like to get involved in any of our other learning opportunities or have ideas for future activities please feel free to contact me at school.

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