



Greatfields Gazette

Goals for Greatfields!

- Year 7 cricket team bowled out Eastbury and scored 85 runs – Farhan was the player of the match.
- Year 7 Football team won their last 2 group games against Jo Richardson and Eastbury.
- Our Year 7 girls won 20 – 15 vs. Eastbury. Myriam scored 12 points and was player of the match. Ganiyat was a close second with 8 points.
- Year 9 Netball girls finished 2nd in the borough netball league, a truly outstanding achievement!



Congratulations to all the teams and players! The school is so proud of you! Keep it up.

School Development:

In February 2022, the schools final phase of building was completed with the beautiful addition of the Cedar block. We are so amazed to have this whole space to ourselves as a school!



School trip updates:

Year 9 – The amazing History Department at Greatfields School have put together an amazing trip to London's Imperial War Museum on Wednesday 25th May and Friday 27th May 2022. We hope they have an educational and lovely day out in London!

Year 7 – The History Department has also organised a trip to The Bank of England and Amphitheatre to encourage their study of the transatlantic slave trade. They will partake in observing the new Slavery exhibition.



Interview with librarian:

Greatfields finally opened the doors to the long awaited library in April 2022. Miss Arif spent so much time organising the books and looking for books we all enjoy. It took 3 months for the library to open for students. The students at Greatfields School were ecstatic the day the library opened and incredibly pleased with the results.

Black: Reporters – Ilhan, Adeanna, Saara, And Zoya **Green:** Miss Arif

Reporter: How long have you been librarian?

Miss Arif: Beginning of February.

Reporter: What do you think of the teachers and students here?

Miss Arif: The teachers are very hardworking and excellent and the students made me feel very welcomed at Greatfields and they are very friendly.

Reporter: What books do you recommend to students that do not like reading?

Miss Arif: Series of Unfortunate event

Reporter: Why did you become a Librarian?

Miss Arif: I became a Librarian because I love books and wanted to work in a school.

Reporter: What is the book you're currently reading?

Miss Arif: Island of abandonment by Cal Flynn

Reporter: What is your favourite book genre?

Miss Arif: Science-Fiction

Reporter: Who is your favourite Author?

Miss Arif: Octavia Butter

Reporter: What are your expectations for this Library?

Miss Arif: A hub of learning and for students to learn more about themselves and develop a love for reading.

Reporter: What is your academic history?

Miss Arif: Secondary school is Latestore and I graduated from University 2 years ago.

Reporter: What is one thing you will say to all Greatfields students?

Miss Arif: We should all be proud of ourselves.



Interview with Year 9 dancers:

By Adeanna 7M

There were 19 Year 9 students against 25 groups and they rehearsed for 5 months with Miss Haywood. Congratulations for winning the 10th place at this competition – we are immensely proud of you and we deeply appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Reporter: How was your experience in Hayes?

Dancers: It was fantastic!

Reporter: Would you consider dance as a professional career? Or just for fun?

Dancers: For us, dance is a way of expressing yourself and it helps time pass quickly.

Reporter: Will you do dance for your GCSE?

Dancers; Yes!

Reporter: What kind of dance was it that you did in the competition?

Dancers: Street Dance, Hip-hop

Reporter: When did you start dance?

Dancer: When we came to Greatfields

Reporter: What inspired you to dance?

Dancer: I have been raised around music and the dancers in Greatfields inspired me

Reporter: Was this your first dance competition? What was your previous one?

Dancer: No, we have had one at the Broadway theatre before and also at BDYD

Reporter: What's something you would improve in the competition?

Dancer: There wasn't anything we needed to improve. We did our best and that is all that matters to us.

Reporter: Would you want any more competitions like this?

Dancer: Yes, we had lots of fun. We are already planning for next year's competition.

Reporter: How does it feel to be representing the school?

Dancer: There was a lot of responsibility in it, but we felt proud for our school

Reporter: How many times a week did you rehearse?

Dancer: 8 times

Reporter: How long did it take to get it perfect?

Dancer: It took a long time, but we got help from our teachers which we really appreciate.

Reporter: Were you supported by staff or family?

Dancers: Yes, Miss Haywood did but our families also supported us and felt proud

Reporter: Was is nerve-wracking, what other emotions did you feel?

Dancers: Well, yes but at the same time no – we were very excited



Dancers:

Aamira	Erisa
Kimberly	Tiana
Jess	Sarah
Sarah O	Simran
Viktoria	Naomi
Larisa	Deimante



MIND

for better mental health

By Yessir, 7Z

What is mental health awareness week?

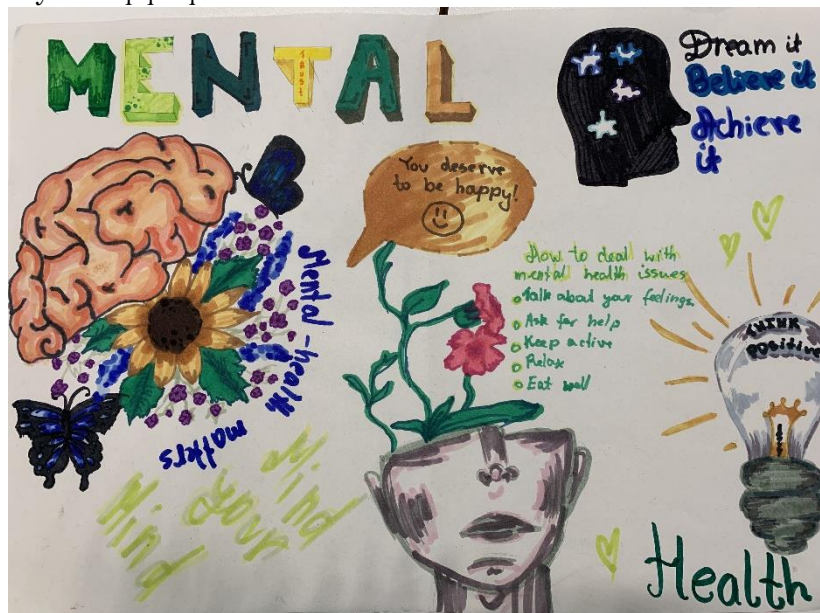
Mental Health Awareness Week is a week to discover and help people with various mental health issues like Depression, PTSD, Autism etc. And to know that they are no different than average people without mental health disorders. This year's theme was loneliness.

What is the MIND charity?

The MIND charity is a charity to support Mental Health Awareness Week and to support people with those mental health disorders and to help others be aware of it to make those people feel just as normal as us.

How did Great-fields School support mental health awareness week?

To support this charity, at Friday 13th of May 2022, we got all our students and teachers to wear green. If they did then you would bring in a pound to school to give to the charity. If not, you could wear normal clothes for students or teachers. But, if you would like to support, please donate to the MIND charity to help people with mental health disorders.





Your mental health 😊

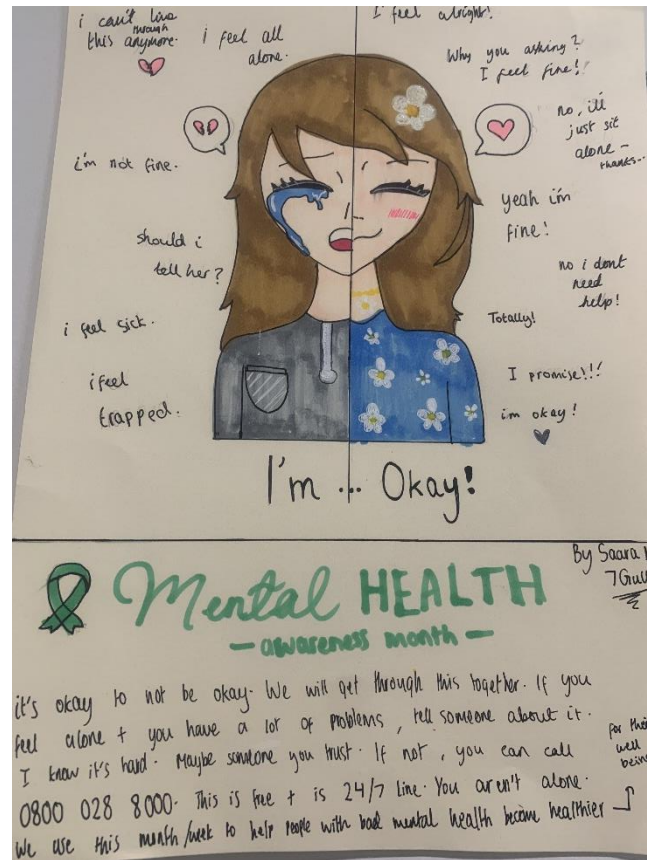
By Saara M – 7 Gull

Mental health is important
You have to stay healthy,
Don't keep it bottled up, don't be
stealthy.

Please don't be upset,
Let it all out now before you do
something you'll regret.
If you need to talk, just know I am
here,
It'll help you with your stress, your
mind will be clear.

If you talk about it, you will feel
free,
Trust me, it feels good, with me,
you'll agree.

You don't deserve to be in pain,
I know you feel locked up with a chain,
Just so you know you're as sweet as sugar cane. 😊
Fight the darkness and the black.
When you are free,
You will clearly see,
People want your love for free.
You don't have to pay, and always remember you have your own say.





Interview with Riley Pereira – 9Hart

By Alex and Elez, 7K.

A Boxing Club named, 'Box Up', located in Barking has been a hub of safety and encouragement to stop young individuals falling victim to crime and finding a new hobby. Student, Riley, sat down with our interviewers to give us an insight into how 'Box Up' helped his life and perspective.



Interviewer: What is Boxup?

Riley: Boxup is a community which helps kids develop an interest for a new sport and teaches them self-defence.

Interviewer: Why do you go Boxup?

Riley: The reason why I go Boxup, is so I learn to protect myself when I'm older and to deal with my anger issues. The school recommended for me to join Boxup.

Interviewer: What have you learnt from Boxup?

Riley: I have learnt how to stay focused after being disturbed by peers and all the people around me.

Interviewer: How long have you been at Boxup?

Riley: I have been at Boxup for almost a month.

Interviewer: Would you recommend Boxup to anyone?

Riley: I would recommend Boxup for people that want to learn self-defence and have fun.

Interviewer: How has Boxup helped you?

Riley: Boxup has helped me with my behaviour and how to control my anger.

Interviewer: How did you find out about Boxup or were you recommended it?

Riley: I found out about Boxup from teachers and friends from school.

Interviewer: Would you recommend Boxup to anyone?

Riley: Yes, I would recommend Boxup to family and friends because I believe that everyone should get an insight of this sport.

School events to look forward to:

- Greatfields Pride Bake sale on Friday 10th June 2022, outside Cedar block, come and purchase some delicious cakes! All proceeds will go to Stonewall Charity. Can't wait to see you there!
- Wizard of Oz play On Tuesday 7TH July, information regarding tickets will come out soon!

Pride Month Bake Sale

Friday 10th June 2022
Playground Outside Cedar
3pm

Let's celebrate Pride Month together with a Bake Sale.

All proceeds go to Stonewall charity.

If you are interested in participating, visit:

Ms Khanam (C216)
 OR
 Ms Windsor (BO4)

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