



# GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL *including Sunny Ile Pre-School*



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## Update for Ilminster Town Council – November 2016

At Greenfylde, our term continues to be a busy one with lots of activities linked to learning and community.

Recently we have received another award, this time for our sporting provision. Over the last three years we have made a commitment to developing our sporting provision so that not only do children have more opportunities to participate in sport but also get to try a wider range of activities. Through the support of our regular coaches Bob Brunt and Germaine Tuff, who work alongside our teachers, we have been able to provide more inter school competitions and allow children to participate in inter-school competitions. Every year our sports provision has grown and we were thrilled to have this commitment acknowledged through the award of a School Games Gold Kitemark. This follows our previous bronze and silver award and recognises the high quality of sport offered at Greenfylde. Events throughout the year have included a range of intra school festivals as well as inter school events for Gymnastics, Football, Athletics, Tag Rugby and Boocia to name but a few and celebrations through our Sports Days from track and field events and our own mini Olympics with an opening ceremony opened by the Mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Val Keitch. Our aim is to give children a wide range of opportunities to try a breadth of sports so they can experiment with which they enjoy and show a talent for, hopefully sending the message that exercise and looking after your body can be fun. Our sports are varied including street dance, fencing and archery alongside more traditional dance and team games and include a range of sports seen in Olympic and Paralympic competitions. Even though we now have this award we aim to endeavour to continue maintaining a gold standard year on year and already started our next development introducing indoor Kurling to our sporting provision.

This was the comment from our assessor, Steve Gass from SASP:

'A superb school that demonstrates that First Schools can achieve a Gold Mark Award. It has not been easy, but with a Head Teacher that believes sport can improve academic attainment coupled with great staff the School has managed to achieve Gold. The children have some good opportunities to participate in sport that allows them to challenge themselves or challenge others. Well done Greenfylde!'

We now have a whole group of enthusiastic Scientists thanks to a recent visit to the Science Museum, London. Following our recent sleepover we have now been for a day visit when the whole of Year 3 went to explore the hands on Wonderlab and enjoy a range of Science shows and talks from costumed characters. This was one of our prizes from the National Pupil Premium Award we received earlier this year and visits to London have become a bit of a theme this term as ten staff were also able one Saturday to visit the Royal Academy in London and receive a day of training there with an artist.



This last week has been our Maths week with lots of activities both in school and within the community. STEM activities are very important for our children's future and the Maths week is the first of three themed weeks that we will be undertaking this academic year,

Community events in November/December include:

- Guy Fawkes Competition – Ilminster FC
- Victorian Day inc singing in market square at 10.30am
- Lantern Parade
- Remembrance Day & Sunday
- Shoe box collection
- Civic Carol service
- Singing at Residential and Nursing homes
- The Minster Christmas Tree Festival
- Visit by MP to talk to School
- Visit by the Parliamentary Outreach team

Claire Oaten, Headteacher

