



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



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Report to Iminster Town Council – July 2018

Back in the Spring term of 2018 Greenfylde C of E First School held a new event with Iminster Rotary called Young Voices. This was a public speaking competition for local schools but unlike other competitions around, was devised for younger children in Years 2 to 5. Our focus for all of the talks was Fairtrade, inspired by the fact the event took place during Fairtrade Fortnight and children were encouraged to research and write a 3 minute talk, without props about any issue associated with Fairtrade. Local schools held their own internal competitions and the finalists came together at Greenfylde.

This month we were thrilled to learn that the event has won the National Fairtrade Foundation – Fairtrade Fortnight Award for Schools 2018 in the Primary category. Judges commented, 'We absolutely loved the fact that you worked with the local Rotary to create a whole new competition! Young Voices sounds like a brilliant way to show the younger children that they can have a say and be heard. It also gives them the chance to learn how to present and discuss which are such incredible life-skills.'

Our prize is £350 to spend on a Fairtrade based project and currently we are thinking of an Art based project to create a permanent reminder of our learning around Fairtrade.

Congratulations also go to Luca in Y4 who has been chosen as a trophy winner in the Primary Engineer Leaders Award South West England 2017-2018 for his design 'The Wave Absorber'. He collected his award at an awards ceremony at the University of the West of England. Other children were also selected as highly commended and their work will join Luca's in a public exhibition at the university.

June and July have also been very busy sporting months. Despite the hot weather, all the children at Greenfylde First School got into the sporting spirit with a range of activities and events including track races, hurdles, javelin, standing long jump and throwing games. One special event to celebrate the start of the World Cup, saw the Key Stage One children enjoying a morning of School Games activities focussing on some of the core sporting values such as fair play, determination and resilience which was ably led by Key Stage Two children. It was wonderful to have Cllr Julie Fowler, our Mayor of Iminster to open the event ably supported by Andrew Fox our Town Crier. To complete our sporting week, a group of children also participated in a Multi Skills event held at Wadham School again led by Key Stage Two Sports leaders. Our thanks to everyone who helped make these sporting events so successful in encouraging our future sporting stars. Finally, last week we had good news Friday when our Y3/4 tennis team became County Champions at Millfield School. This is a superb achievement and our congratulations go to the team and all who coached them.

We still have a busy few days left of the term with leavers' events and already we are planning for the events that will make our next academic year.

