



Week Ending:
Friday 1st December 2023



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PE Days and After School Clubs



All Autumn Term after school clubs have now finished, except Young Voices. Please keep a look out for details about the Spring term clubs on offer after Christmas.

MONDAY 4th

Year 1 & 2 - PE Please wear kit to school

TUESDAY 5th

Year 4 - PE Please wear kit to school

Year 6 - PE Please wear kit to school

WEDNESDAY 6th

Year 3 Outdoor Learning - Please bring outdoor learning kit to school

THURSDAY 7th

Reception - PE Please wear kit to school

**After School Clubs:
Year 5/6 Young Voices Choir**

FRIDAY 8th

Year 3 & 5 PE - Please wear PE kit to school

Please note change to Year 6 PE day - it will be on Tuesday this week!

Dear Parents and Carers,

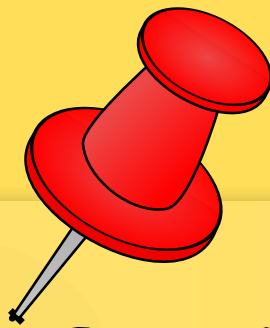
Now that December has arrived, it's certainly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here at Green Meadow! A huge thank you to our fabulous staff team for getting in the festive spirit last night and sprinkling plenty of magic around school. It was wonderful to see so many happy smiles this morning as the children arrived to see our beautiful Christmas tree and they couldn't contain their excitement when they discovered that the Christmas elves have returned! I'll leave the children to tell you all about what the elves have been up to today...they've had great fun!

We're all looking forward to getting December off to a great start at the FOGM PTA Christmas Fair after school today. It promises to be lots of fun with plenty of fun things for everyone to get involved in so do pop along if you are able to. The fair opens at 3.30pm as soon as all of the classes have been dismissed. Please remember to collect your child as normal from either the KS1 or KS2 playground before we open the doors to the fair. We will be using both sets of foyer doors from the KS2 playground and those by the water feature at 3.30pm. Thank you to the FOGM for hosting this great event and to everyone involved in its organisation! We can't wait to see you there! There are plenty of other events to look forward to before the end of term...keep reading to find out more!

Have a great weekend, everyone. There's snow in the forecast for later tomorrow...fingers crossed there's enough to go sledging!

Miss Arrowsmith





UPCOMING DATES...

Week commencing 4th December 2023

Monday, 4th December

Saturn class visiting Handsworth Grammar School for STEM Masterclass.

Tuesday, 5th December

Share the learning open afternoon for Cadbury Class (in lieu of Parents' Evening) - 1.30pm - 5pm. Please remember to book your time slot to share your child's learning with them by 9am on Monday morning.

Wednesday, 6th December

Mars class visiting Handsworth Grammar School for STEM Masterclass.

Thursday, 7th December

Basketball Competition after school - return to school by 6.20pm

Friday, 8th December

FOGM Christmas Chocolate Raffle tickets go on sale!

Week commencing 11th December 2023

Year 6 swimming week

Monday, 11th December

School Parliament visit to Parkfield Community School

Tuesday, 12th December

Professor McGinty topic workshops with Year 5 and Year 6

Friday, 15th December

Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day at Green Meadow!

CELEBRATION TIME!

ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Well done to all of the children in school who received hot chocolate nominations from their teachers for **GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!**

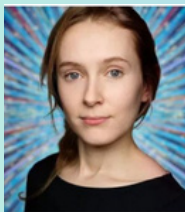
This week, an incredible 53 children from across school received nominations - that's **AMAZING!** We are all so proud of you! We hope you have your certificates displayed somewhere at home to celebrate.

House Points

A record number of house points have been awarded this week to children demonstrating our school values of **READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE** and for showing 'GMGM' - **GREEN MEADOW GOOD MANNERS!** Well done, everyone! Look how many points each house has gained already!



750



628



783



619



698



Here

Be an Attendance

H.E.R.O.

Everyday

Ready



On time

Well done to Giraffes in KS1 and Jupiter in KS2 who are our best attending classes this week and also our most punctual! They were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.

OPAL UPDATES...

We held one of our OPAL development days this week where we focus on next steps to enhance our provision for outdoor play and learning even more!

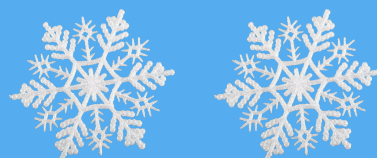
We are currently working on developing a larger digging area for the children to explore as well as finalising plans for the Green Meadow beach!

How exciting!

The play leaders who have been chosen to represent each class have been busy thinking up new ideas to challenge our children even more, so watch this space!



Wintry Weather!



Well it's certainly turned colder today! A big thank you to Mr Rose who was out really early today to clear paths for everyone so that it was safe around the school site. Please use the paths cleared when you arrive and collect children from school as the playgrounds do get really slippery when it's icy. Whilst we endeavour to avoid any disruption to school, in the event of snow or ice on the site, there are times when it is necessary to restrict entry to the school site via the main gate if conditions on site are dangerous. In the event of this happening, a text message to all parents is sent from school. In the rare event of school closure, school aims to inform you of this as early as possible via text and a message on the homepage of our website. Please ensure your contact details are up to date on Arbor.

Christmas at Green Meadow!



The countdown to Christmas is on! Would you believe that there are only 24 days 'til Christmas? We love to sprinkle a little magic in the run up to Christmas at Green Meadow so what a perfect time to share some of the events that will take up up to the end of term!

Friday, 1st December - The FOGM Christmas Fair

Friday, 8th December - FOGM Christmas Chocolate Raffle tickets go on sale

Friday, 15th December - Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - more information to follow!

Monday, 18th December @2.15pm - Reception Christmas Workshop - all parents from Zebras and Leopards class invited to come to school to join in with the fun!

Tuesday, 19th December @ 2pm - The Year 2 Christmas performance - all parents from Gazelles and Giraffes are invited to come to school to see our stars perform!

Wednesday, 20th December pm - Year 6 choir visit to Bryony House Care Home

Christmas Chocolate Raffle is drawn! Who will the lucky winners be?

Thursday, 21st December @2.15pm - The Year 1 Christmas Workshop - all parents from Tigers and Lions are invited

Friday, 22nd December at the end of the day - KS2 Carols on the playground! Everyone welcome!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

Meet Our Expert

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PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to PlayStation.com and search 'family account' for instructions.

DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

SET AN ADMIN ON PCs

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console, so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

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MENU

WEEK COMMENCING 4TH DECEMBER 2023

CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week TWO				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Lamb Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons Vegan Bites Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots Or Beans	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas	Tomato Pasta Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fresh Daily				
Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily				
Flapjack	Chocolate Cracknell	Chocolate Crunch	Jam Sponge	Strawberry & Vanilla mousse
Vegetarian Options Available Daily. For Any Allergen/Dietary Requirements Please Speak To The Catering Supervisor				

School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please keep up to date with school meal payments each week.

Please note that for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ALL children are entitled to universal free school meals.