





Week Ending: Friday 3rd March 2023

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday. It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Monday and see their smiling faces and hear their excitement about being back as there's certainly been lots to be excited about at school this week. All of the children have been taking part in Oracy Week which you can find out more about later in the newsletter as it has been such a highlight of the week. Since introducing Oracy, it has become a real strength of the school and I must say, the standards of Oracy are exceptional this year. Whenever I show visitors or new parents around school, they are so impressed that it's one of the first things they notice and comment on.

Yesterday was World Book day. The children and teachers all enjoyed a great day in their pyjamas and loved sharing their favourite stories and taking part in a range of activities designed to promote a love of reading. We even had a special visit from an author in KS1 which was the highlight of their day!

KS2 swimming lessons started this week and Year 4 have got off to a great start! MIss Palmer and MIss Llarinas have been telling me how much the children's confidence has grown throughout the week. Well done, Year 4!

I felt extremely proud yesterday as I was lucky enough to be able to go on a trip to Ludlow Castle with Year 5. The children acted as history detectives throughout the day and used their knowledge to see first hand how castles were designed in order to withstand attack. The guide showing the children around was amazed by how much knowledge and understanding they had and how well they were able to express their ideas. I was inundated throughout the day by visitors to the castle who made a point of coming to tell me what amazing, polite and enthusiastic learners we have at Green Meadow. Well done, team Year 5 - you acted as great ambassadors for the school.

And finally, you will have all received a letter from Mrs Cross yesterday about our Green Meadow Offer. Whether it's through taking children on trips, providing high quality workshops, enhancing play opportunities at lunchtime or developing ground breaking resources such as our Art Studio and VR room, we are all passionate about providing children at Green Meadow with a wide range of exceptional opportunities during their time with us and we would love you and the children to work with us in order to develop 'The Green Meadow Offer' over the next few weeks, so if you are able to, please do come along to share your ideas. After all, succeeding together is what we do best!

Have a great weekend, everyone. Miss Arrowsmith

Diary Dates March 2023

<u>Monday 6th</u> Year 4 - Swimming Lessons

Afterschool Clubs: Year 5 & 6 - Cricket Year 1 Coding CLub Years 5&6 Touch Typing Club

<u>Tuesday 7th</u> Year 4 Shakespeare Class Assembly @ 9.00am

Year 4 - Swimming Lessons Year 1 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

Year 3 PE Kit Needed

Afterschool Clubs: Year 1 & 2 - Team Building Games

Wednesday 8th

Year 4 - Swimming Lessons Year 4 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

Years 2 & Reception PE Kit Needed

> <u>Thursday 9th</u> Year 4 Tolkien Class Assembly @ 9.00am

Year 4 - Swimming Lessons

Years 5 & 1 PE Kit Needed

Afterschool Clubs: Reception - Gymnastics

Friday 10th Year 4 - Swimming Lessons

No Outsiders Open Lesson for Parents of Year 4 Shakespeare 9.00am Tolkien 2.45pm

> Afterschool Clubs: Year 3 & 4 - Basketball

Year 6 & 4 PE Kit Needed



NO OUTSIDERS OPEN LESSONS



Throughout the Spring Term, we are very excited to invite parents to No Outsiders open lessons so that you can work with your child as they learn about diversity, difference and British Values in school. The lessons will be taught by Mr Moffat and your child's class teacher and will involve a story, lots of discussion with your child followed by an art activity. They will take place in the hall and last for about half an hour. The No Outsiders open lessons are always enjoyable and we love to have parents come along to take part.

> Year 4 open lessons - Friday, 10th March Year 2 open lesson - Monday 27th March Year 5 and Year 6 open lessons TBC.

Please look out for individual class invites over the coming weeks. Thanks for your support.



PARENTS' EVENING

This term's parents' evenings will be taking place on Monday 13th March and Tuesday 14th March for all classes with the exception of Cadbury class who will have theirs on Monday 13th March and Thursday 16th March. Please look out for more details on Monday when we will open the booking system for you to book your appointments.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is back on Friday, 17th March 2023! Children will be invited to wear something red as part of our nonuniform day to raise money for this worthy cause.





Please note the change of PE days for Years 2, 3, 4, & Reception for week beginning 6th March.

World Maths Day 8 March 2023



BREAKING NEWS

On the 8th of March, your child is going to be taking part in the world's largest online maths competition, World Maths Day! World Maths Day, now in its 16th year, is a 48-hour global celebration of mathematics designed for pupils of all ages and abilities. On the day, pupils head to the World Maths Day platform, and take part in 20-60 second maths races. At the end of the event, they're given a World Maths Day score and digital certificate, and there are student and school prizes up for grabs. We can't wait for the 8th of March and to seeing your mathlete celebrating maths with other pupils from across the globe.

What does my child need to do?

- 1. On the 8th of March head to www.3plearning.com/worldmaths-day and select 'login'
- 2. Using the details below to log into the World Maths Day platform

3. Select the World Maths Day button from the right-hand side of the screen

It's as simple as that. We will be taking part during school time, but it would be great if your child spent some time at home adding to their score. Have fun!

Mrs Whettell



The children in school love OPAL and lunchtimes are going brilliantly! It is such a treat to see their enthusiasm and how much fun they when they play with other children from different year groups! This week, we have opened up the trim track which they have loved and added in more tyres for creative play and litter pickers to help look after our environment. This is what the children have shared with us this week:

"I think the carts are brilliant because you can go really fast!" "I love that we can use the litter pickers to look after our environment." "I am so happy because you can do so many different things on OPAL lunchtimes." "I love it because the trim-track is difficult. I love a challenge!"

WHAT'S NEXT FOR OPAL?

We met with School Council this week who have been working with their classes to find out what is working well at lunchtimes and what would make them even better. They told us that OPAL is having such a positive impact that we should have OPAL lunchtimes every day so that is what we are going to do! From nest week, OPAL lunchtimes will run each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so remember to bring wellies for playing on the grass and trainers to change into if you want to play football or go on the trim-track. As we get more and more resources, our aim is to have OPAL running every lunchtime by Easter!

The children have also voted to start fundraising to buy a dome for climbing and school council are thinking of ideas of how to do this.



CAN YOU SPARE ANY TIME TO HELP PLEASE?

We need your help to make lunchtime provision even better for our children! If you could spare some time to come and help us transform some pallets into a mud kitchen and storage areas for wellies and some of the loose parts we have, please contact the office on 0121 475 4505. It promises to be great fun! Thank you for your support.

Mrs Desogus – OPAL lead Mrs D'Auncy - Play lead



Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. World Book Day is a worldwide celebration of books and reading and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. It was wonderful to see children and staff joining in the World Book Day celebrations by wearing their pyjamas to enjoy a bedtime story.

In Key Stage 1, the children were visited by an author, Kirsty Field. She read her three published books to the children: Walter goes wild, Lester learns to laugh and Knitty Kitty.



The children were very excited to be visited by a published author and had lots of fantastic questions for her. Thank you to Kirsty for visiting our school and sharing your wonderful stories with the children. All the children took part in a book swap organised by The Friends of Green Meadow. The children of Green Meadow were very generous with their donations of books and it was lovely that every child in school was able to take home their own book to keep and enjoy. Thank you to the Friends of Green Meadow for their hard work in organising this event.

Finally, your child will have brought home a World Book Day token this week. Please read the information sent out yesterday on how to exchange the book token for one of the World Book Day books written for the event.

ORACY WEEK!







This week has been Oracy Week, where children have been learning the skills to be effective orators and planning towards a speaking outcome that is linked to their topic. We have had children in Year 1 presenting about South Africa; Year 2 children have been justifying why they think the Stone Age or Iron Age is the best period; in Year 3, children have been busy creating power points ready to present to and inform other children about the rainforest; Year 4 have been preparing their own Greek tragedy which will be performed next week; in Year 5, children have been debating who will become the next Witan in the Anglo-Saxon period and our Year 6 children have been inspired by Martin Luther King's I have a Dream Speech to write their own speech about equality. It has been a great week – our children are fantastic communicators and are learning how to use their voice for good! We are definitely succeeding together!



ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THIS PICTURE AND HOW IT LINKS TO BRITISH VALUES.



How does this picture link to the Equality Act? What do we mean by Gender Equality?





WEEK COMMENCING 6TH MARCH2O23



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 note that for Reception, Year I and Year 2 <u>ALL</u> children are entitled to universal free school meals.