



Week Ending:
Friday 6th October 2023



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Diary Dates October 2023

MONDAY 9th

Year 1 & 2 - PE Please
wear kit to school

TUESDAY 10th

Year 4 & 5 - PE Please
wear kit to school

WEDNESDAY 11th

Year 2 Outdoor Learning
- Please bring outdoor
learning kit to school

THURSDAY 12th

Reception - PE Please
wear kit to school

OPAL Open Sessions
for Years 3 & 4
@ 11-11.45am

FRIDAY 13th

Year 3 & 6 - PE Kit
Needed

Spelling workshop @
9-9.30am for Years 3, 4, 5
& 6 Parents only

Reading workshop @
2.45-3.10pm for Years 3,
4, 5 & 6 Parents only

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a wonderful week! It's certainly been an exciting one here at Green Meadow! On Wednesday, Year 1 had a fabulous time at the Black Country Museum finding out what life was like in the past as part of their Houses and Homes topic. They loved rolling up their sleeves and getting in a lather during their wash day workshop and have told me how much hard work it was! The children were also on their best behaviour when they visited the school house for a lesson all about handwriting. They couldn't believe how strict the teacher was and neither could Mrs Ankorn or Mr Bestwick who apparently, I am reliably informed, got told off for not paying attention!

It was fabulous welcoming so many parents to school yesterday for the first open OPAL session and the feedback was so positive! No one could believe just how much there is to do during lunchtime at Green Meadow with the range of resources we have to encourage the children to collaborate, problem solve, get creative and take risks. We have open sessions running throughout the whole of October so please come and join in with the fun if you can!

And finally, a huge well done to Jesse Cook from Year 2 who single-handedly raised over £85 in school this week by wearing grey for brain tumours. You are a star, Jesse, and we are all so proud of you and your passion for supporting such a wonderful charity.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the warm weather when it arrives! I'm off to read through our Year 6 prefect applications and can't wait to share who has been successful with you next week!

Best wishes

Miss Arrowsmith



Secondary School Applications

Do you have a child in Year 6?



You must apply for your child secondary school place before 31st October 2023. Please see the link

below for further information:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

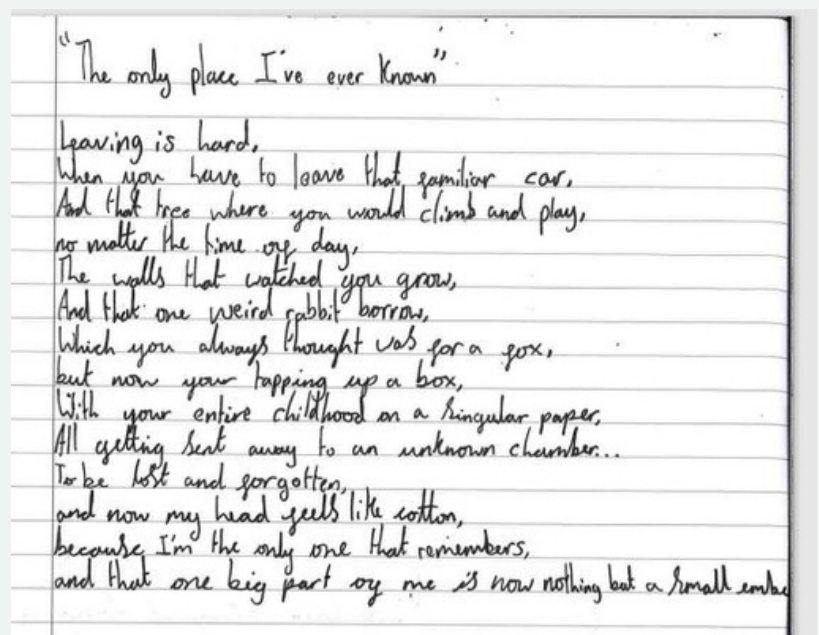
NATIONAL POETRY DAY 5TH OCT 2023

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Yesterday, we celebrated National Poetry Day. This event is celebrated annually in the United Kingdom and it is a chance to enjoy, discover and share poetry with others. This year's theme was 'Refuge'.

Each Year group studied a poem based around this year's theme. The poems were recommended by The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education. They discussed their selected poems in groups and linked to them to their own experiences. Here is a selection of poetry written by the children at Green Meadow. National Poetry day links to our school values of SUCCEEDING TOGETHER, ENSURING EQUALITY FOR ALL, ENGAGING LEARNING and ASPIRING FROM THE START.



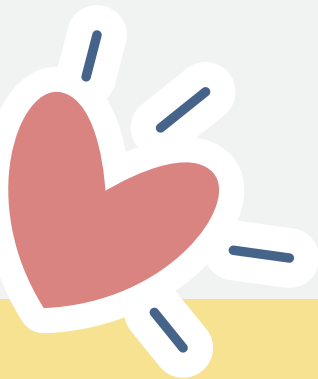
Year 6

My saviour

Thank you, for all you give
If it wasn't for you, I couldn't live
I always forget you; clearly I can't see
The presents, gifts, everything that you have given me
I'm sorry I never ~~remember~~ remember about your victory
Your spirit is within us all... Including me
You always care for me and I should share
Your everlasting love; it'll never wear
Jesus ✕

Year 5

Thank
You



On behalf of FOGM - Thank
you so much for your
Bag2School donations which
were collected this morning.

You need to leave
I'm sad to give
It's not safe to stay
So you got to go stay
Across the sea
I just to glee
I'm the sky
Going to fly
On the road
Within the load
Now you've arrived
Glad you survived
Sad to leave
But you had no choice
But kept your voice
Now you're home
Not alone
I'm the arrival
You're adapted
To the land
Where your friendship will

Year 4



Date for your diary - Don't forget to bring in your
children's completed artwork and make your online
orders no later than 21st October 2023.

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!

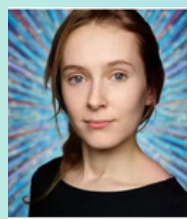
This week, an incredible 49 children from across school received nominations - that's **AMAZING!** We are all so proud of you! We hope you have your certificates displayed somewhere at home to celebrate.

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!



2367



1961



2414



1929



2071



Congratulations to Pluto class for being our super spellers of the week! They have amassed an incredible 13million points this week!

SUCCESS TOGETHER

Wondering how to support your
child's learning at home?

Come along to one of our fabulous drop-in
sessions and workshops to find out!

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOPS

Calling all parents in Zebras and Leopards Class! We are passionate about all children developing a love of reading at school and our daily phonics lessons help our children develop this from day one at school. Please pop along to a RWInc workshop with Mrs Bestwick, our RWInc lead, and classteachers for an opportunity to find out more and to work with your child in a phonics lesson. To book your place, please RSVP to the invites sent home this week.

Monday 16th October - 2.30 - 3.15pm - Leopards class

Tuesday 17th October - 2.30 - 3.15pm - Zebras class

We are excited to share with you four upcoming reading
and spelling drop-in sessions.

Friday 13th October

9:00am to 9:30am - How to support your child with spelling by using
Spelling Shed

2:45pm to 3:10pm - How to support your child with reading at home

Friday 20th October

9:00am to 9:30am - How to support your child with reading at home

2:45pm to 3:10pm - How to support your child with spelling by using
Spelling Shed

Please follow the link to confirm your place for one reading and one
spelling session. These drop-in sessions are for parents and carers.



Please click the following link to book your space on the drop in sessions

<https://forms.office.com/e/V6ZddH02G8>

IT'S ELECTION TIME AT GREEN MEADOW!

This year, we are launching our first ever SCHOOL PARLIAMENT, which will include MPs elected to represent classes from Years 1 – 6 and our very own Green Meadow Prime Minister from Year 6.

MP elections will take place in school next week.

If your child would like to run for a place on our School Parliament, their role will include:

- allowing pupils at Green Meadow Primary School to have a voice
- identifying ways that to improve our school and community
- being part of the decision-making process in school
- helping to improve learning in the school
- taking part in interviews for new teachers and learning walks
- being a role model for others in their classroom and around school.

Skills/Qualities required. To be elected as an MP in school, you need to:

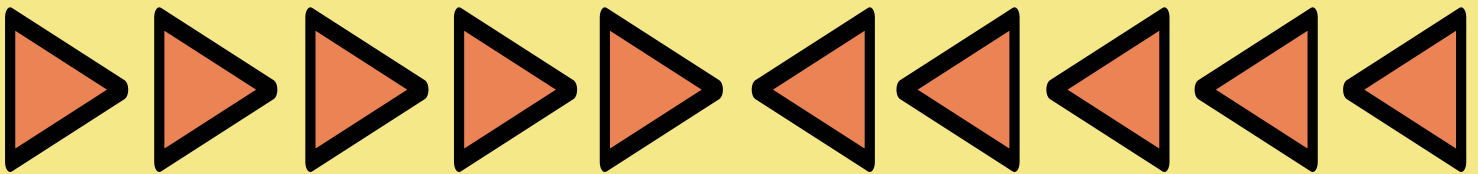
- be committed to the role
- demonstrate excellent manners
- be patient and calm
- respect and value the opinions of others (even when you disagree with it)
- be able to express your ideas clearly
- be approachable
- be ready, respectful and safe at all times and role model these values to everyone in school
- always try their best with their learning
- always wear the correct school uniform and be well presented
- always makes excellent choices in the classroom and around school.

Children should prepare a short speech to present to their class outlining why they would like to be a member of our School Parliament and be ready to share this with their class on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Elections will then take place before we announce our class MPs and new School Parliament. How exciting!

Parent Workshops

We are delighted to announce a series of parent workshops being delivered by Beacon School Support here at Green Meadow. We are often asked by parents how they can support their children at home so we thought this opportunity would be a great way for parents to hear from experts and share ideas. We will let you know shortly about how you can sign up to be part of this exciting new initiative.

- Tuesday 10th October- How to coach kids through strong emotions
- Thursday 18th Jan- How to support your child through anxiety
- Wednesday 13th March- How to help your child be happy and calm at home



Green Meadow School Uniform

At Green Meadow Primary School, we place a high priority on our children wearing the correct school uniform to school each day. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school other than on their PE day, unless this is short term with prior agreement. For details about our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.



As we are a Voice 21 school, we will be celebrating Oracy October this month! Each week the children will be given a challenge around the theme when 'Talk gets challenging!' This week's challenge was to talk to someone new. Please ask your child about how they got on and how they found asking questions to someone they had never spoken to before. What oracy skills did they need to use? Look out in the newsletter each week to see what challenge the children have been set.



OPAL OCTOBER!

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to work with children in Year 2 and Year 5 and enjoy our first ever OPAL open session yesterday! It was fabulous to see so many of you enjoying yourselves and having a fabulous time problem solving, getting creative and even collecting creepy crawlies!

Not even the rain dampened spirits and everyone left with huge smiles on their faces!

The bar has been set high for the den building competition too and we saw some great examples yesterday. Well done, everyone!



Mrs Desogus and Mrs D'Auncey will be running our open OPAL sessions with classes throughout October so do come along to find out more and experience all the OPAL fun with your children if you can.

Here are the dates for the remaining OPAL open sessions:

Thursday 12th October - Year 3 and Year 4 at 11 - 11.45pm

Thursday 19th October - Year 6 and Year 1 at 11 - 11.45pm

Thursday 26th October – Reception at 2.30-3pm



MENU

WEEK COMMENCING 9TH OCTOBER 2023

| CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week THREE | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| FishFingers Vegan Bites Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Chicken Curry Vegetable Curry Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Cottage Pie Vegetable Cottage Pie Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn | Rice Carrots | Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables | Creamed Potatoes Peas | Chips Baked Beans |
| Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fresh Daily Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily | | | | |
| Jam Doughnuts | Flapjack | Assorted Cookies | Chocolate Crunch | Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse |
| ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY Vegetarian Options Available Daily. For Any Allergen/Dietary Requirements Please Speak To The Catering Supervisor | | | | |
| MADE FRESH | | | | |

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.



Did you know that Birmingham City Council have funded a free parenting course for every parent in the city?

With subjects as diverse as Understanding your Child's Brain to How to Support your Child's Mental Health follow this link to access the courses.

[Click here to view courses](#)

Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim.

