













#### Week Ending: Friday 9th June 2023



Dear Parents,

It's been a fabulous week at school this week and there is so much to celebrate. I spent Monday afternoon with Mr Moffat and two visiting lecturers from Australia listening to the amazing speeches which were written and performed by our amazingly talented Year 6 children in preparation for the finals of the Speak Up! Speak Out competition. Their speeches were outstanding and we were all blown away by their confident performances and their passion as they talked about equality, inspirational people who have helped shaped their lives, their uniqueness and significant experiences in their lives. The winning entry from Year 6 will be invited to perform their speech in front of a packed auditorium of people and judges at the MAC in July. Having listened to the speeches, it was clear to see what a talented group of Year 6s we have and what wonderful ambassadors for school and No Outsiders they are. Well done, Year 6!

Keeping with the Oracy theme, thank you to Cadbury and Bournville for performing such brilliant assemblies this week. Both classes kept us all thoroughly entertained whilst teaching us the importance of healthy eating in a fun and energetic manner! Well done, Year 3. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to support the children.

On Wednesday, we hosted a PE showcase day here at Green Meadow. This was led by Mr Latham, Excelsior MAT PE Lead, and attended by a number of visitors, including Headteachers and teachers along with representatives from Sport England and sports providers. The feedback received was incredible and everyone was extremely impressed with the range of opportunities all of our children in school have in PE and outdoor lessons and they were exceptionally complimentary of the children's behaviour and engagement and their collaboration, creativity and problem solving throughout OPAL at lunchtime. Well done, everyone! We are so proud of you all!

And finally, over the next two weeks, all of the children will be heading to Mission Control and the VR room ready for their experiences to enhance their summer term topics! I wonder where they will all travel to this time? How exciting!

Have a great weekend everyone...it looks like it's going to be another hot so I'll be dusting off the BBQ this weekend!

Miss Arrowsmith

## Diary Dates June 2023

#### **MONDAY 19th**

Year 6 No Outsiders Open Lesson @ 9.00am

Reception & Year 6 PE Kit Needed

> After School Club: Reception Ball Skills

#### **TUESDAY 20th**

Year 5 No Outsiders Open Lesson;

> Saturn @ 9.00am Mars @ 2.45pm

New Reception Parents
Coffee Morning

Years 4 & 3 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 1 & 2 Athletics

#### **WEDNESDAY 21st**

**Year 2 Trip to Weston** 

**Year 1PE Kit Needed** 

Year 6 Outdoor Learning
Kit Needed

#### **THURSDAY 22nd**

Years 5 & 2 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 3 & 4 Football

#### FRIDAY 23rd

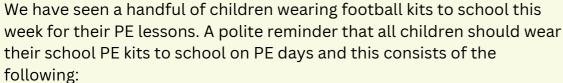
Year 6 World of Work Day Donations for the Summer Fayre

**Year 6 PE Kit Needed** 

After School Club: Years 5 & 6 Rounders







- Plain black shorts
- Plain grey or black jogging bottoms
- White t-shirt\* (no football shirts)
- Plain trainers (Velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1) or plimsolls should be worn.

For further information, please refer to the <u>Uniform Policy</u> on our website.

Thank you for your support.



## **Water Bottle**



With the hot weather finally here, we would like to remind you all to check that your child has their school water bottle filled with water each morning ready to bring to school. We have a plentiful supply of children water available to all of the children in school throughout the school day for them to top up their bottles. If your child has mislaid the bottle school supplied at the beginning of the year or if they no longer have one, we do have a supply of these in the office available for you to purchase at a reduced rate of £1.50. You can pick one of these up from the office at the start of the day when you drop your child off to school or you can purchase one from the school shop on Arbor. We would discourage children from bringing in their own bottles from home as these do not fit under our water stations in school and are not easily stored in classrooms.

Thank you for your support.

## We value your feedback!

At Green Meadow Primary School, we value your feedback and we would love to hear how you think we are doing. Each year, we collect views from children and parents about what we are doing well as well as any ideas that you may have that would make Green Meadow even better. You will all receive a link to a parental questionnaire today and your child will also bring home a paper copy. Please spend a few minutes to complete either the online version or the paper copy and return to school by Wednesday, 16th June 2023. Thank you for your support.







This week, we have added 3 big, blue barrels into the mix lunchtimes and the children have loved coming up with different ideas of how to involve them in play! They have been so imaginative and creative with them! They have been rolling them, walking with them, sitting on and balancing on them and they have even been exploring how to make see saws with them! Using what they have been learning about forces in science, they soon discovered the importance of the length of the plank on each side of the barrel and how to distribute weight to make the see saws work! We've been really impressed with their problem solving! It is a pleasure to watch the children play and enjoy our wonderful outside spaces. All of the visitors to school this week have loved seeing the children engaged and having fun at lunchtimes and they were extremely impressed with the children's collaboration and care for each other. Well done, everyone! Here is what one of our guests told us:

"The ODAL extinition at lunch time were gold standard. Children being children."

"The OPAL activities at lunch time were gold standard. Children being children, thinking creatively, risk assessing and being active."

During their experimentation, the children found out that decking boards are not great when it comes to making see saws so we are on the hunt for scaffolding planks as we think these will be stronger. Please get in touch if you know anyone who may be able to donate any to school.

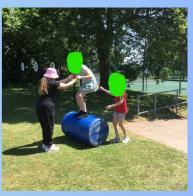
Thanks again for all your support and donations.

We really appreciate it and the children are having so much fun playing with the evergrowing collection of resources we have.











Well done to Lions our best attending classes this week.

The most punctual class in school this week was also Lions who were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.

MELL DOWE!

## (COLD) CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!

WELL DONE TO THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WHO RECEIVED HOT CHOCOLATE NOMINATIONS THIS WEEK FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND! THAT'S AMAZING! WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU. WE HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR CERTIFICATES DISPLAYED SOMEWHERE AT HOME TO CELEBRATE.

WELL DONE TO THE LUCKY CHILDREN WHO WON THE HOT CHOCOLATE RAFFLE. NOW THAT THE WARM WEATHER IS HERE, WE'LL BE ENJOYING COLD CHOCOLATE ICE CREAMS. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR CHOCOLATELY TREAT!













#### **Warmer weather**

Now that the weather is warming up, please remember to check our Uniform Policy on the school website <u>Uniform - Green Meadow</u>

(excelsiormat.org) Either grey or black shorts or red and white or green and white checked dresses can be worn with flat' black shoes (no trainers) or sandals with proper straps (no flip flop style) which are appropriate to school.

A reminder to bring a sun hat or cap and your school water bottle to school each day and apply plenty of sun cream before coming to school each day.

## **Polite Reminder**

Safeguarding is our top priority at Green Meadow. We have a number of children at school who cannot be photographed or filmed in order to keep them and their families safe. We would like to remind you that there can be no filming or photographs taken on the school site at any time, including when you bring and collect your children in the school playground.

## UPCOMING DATES.....

Week beginning 26.06.23

**Year 3 Trip to Birmingham (expect Tuesday)** 

30.03.23 - FOGM Summer Fayre

#### Week beginning 03.07.23

**03.07.23 KS1 Sports Events 9.15-10.15am** 

**04.07.23** KS2 Sports Event 9.15-10.15am

05.07.23 Y6 Blackwell residential trip leaving GM at 4pm

**05.07.23 Transition Afternoon for all classes 1.30-3pm** 

05.07.23 New reception families (intake Sept 23) meeting

06.07.23 Y6 Blackwell residential

**07.06.23 Y6 Blackwell residential returning to school** 

approx. 5pm



Are you interested in marketing, fundraising and events? If so this may be of interest to you! Excelsior MAT currently have a vacancy for a 'Marketing, Fundraising and Events Manager. Please follow the link for more details <a href="Vacancies - Excelsior MAT">Vacancies - Excelsior MAT</a> or contact <a href="https://excelsiormat.org">hr@excelsiormat.org</a> for more information.

# First Aid Update



A couple of you have spoken with us over the last week to clarify first aid procedures in school. Throughout the course of the day, whilst playing and having fun during break and lunchtimes, it is inevitable that there may be a few minor bumps and grazes. In these circumstances, first aiders in school will check that a child is OK and administer any first aid as necessary. A first aid slip will be issued and your child will bring this home to you at the end of the day. The following text will be sent to you:

Your child has seen a first aider today for a minor injury.
Please look out for the injury slip in your child's bag for
further details today.

If you receive this text, we would like to reassure you that you have nothing to worry about.

Parents will be contacted by school via telephone in the event of more serious first aid incidents, including head bumps.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch either Mrs Cross or Miss Arrowsmith on the playground in the mornings.



We have lots to celebrate on the sporting front this week!
Congratulations to Bonnie in Year 6 who plays for the Harborne
District Team as their hard work, skill and determination this
season have been rewarded with the Championship Title! What an
incredible achievement!

Our own school football teams have been in action this week too. On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team were in action against Woodhouse school and what a cracking match it was. Our girls were amazing and despite the heat, showed boundless energy and drive to secure a 2-2 draw. Bonnie scored two incredible goals, one from the half way line and one from a corner that took the goalie completely by surprise! What a great team performance and the sporting behaviour from our team was exemplary! Well done, girls. You also got a message from Maz Pacheco who plays for Aston Villa Women....... You're famous now!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 team took on St Mary's in the final match of the season. It was a close match throughout and Zachary fired home a great goal from half way down the pitch. In the end, St Mary's had a couple of lucky breaks and beat us 3-1 to win the league. Well done everyone. Your teamwork and support for each other was great.



## Northfield Town U8's Girls 23/24 Saturday 17th June 10-11:30am



NTFC will be hosting a trial training session for girls going into school year 3 (Sept 2023) with a plan to start our first ever NTFC girls team for the 23/24 season! The session is free of charge and will be held at Shenley Lane Community Association, B29 4HZ. The girls will need to bring football boots (or trainers), shin-pads, a drink and lots & lots of enthusiasm!

For more information or to register your child's interest please contact Lou (07557799358) or send us a message on Facebook #UTT



Northfield Town F.C. are a Football England Accredited club based in South Birmingham. We are proud to provide grassroots football opportunities to children with a clear pathway to open age football. All of our coaches are DBS checked, FA child safeguarding and FA emergency aid trained.









ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THESE PICTURES AND HOW THEY LINK TO BRITISH VALUES.





## Save the date for summer sports events

03.07.23 KS1 Sports Events 9.15-10.15am 04.07.23 KS2 Sports Event 9.15-10.15am









### WEEK COMMENCING 19TH JUNE 2023



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.