



Week Ending:  
Friday 19th January 2024



@Green\_MeadowPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting news! We have lots to celebrate as a whole school community this week! As you are all aware, we are passionate about talk at Green Meadow and we have focused on developing Oracy in school over the past few years to encourage our children to find their own voice and make a positive difference in the world. We teach pupils how to speak confidently and articulately, how to listen carefully and how to agree and disagree respectfully. Above all, we value and celebrate our children's voices. I am delighted to be able to share with you that we have heard this week that Green Meadow has been recognised as a National Centre of Oracy Excellence by Voice 21! To gain this incredible award, a panel of judges met with staff and children to hear for themselves how Oracy has become embedded in our curriculum and they were blown away by the children! They couldn't believe how articulate and confident they are and were particularly impressed by how well they discuss and debate ideas in school. What an amazing achievement. Nationally, there are only 20 schools, including primary and secondary schools, who have been recognised as Centres of Excellence. Well done, everyone, and a special well done to Mrs Mullard for leading this so well in school. This is something for everyone to be really proud of!

That's not the only exciting news we have received this week...we also learned yesterday that we have achieved silver accreditation for TIAAS (trauma informed attachment aware schools). This is in recognition of how well children are emotionally supported in school. This support might come from coaching conversations with staff, from older children buddying younger ones, the use of our positive behaviour strategies in school or the opportunities that children have to develop their resilience at lunchtime during OPAL play! Another well done to everyone, and in particular, Mrs Robinson and her team of TIAAS champions in school for their lead in this area.

In other news, Year 5 and Year 6 have successfully completed their bikeability lessons this week and thoroughly enjoyed learning about road safety whilst developing their confidence. It's the turn of Year 3 and 4 next and I am sure they will do brilliantly too. Year 5 also had a fabulous time at King Edwards this week where they took part in art lessons and made clay castles. Their attention to detail was excellent. Year 4 braved the cold weather in their outdoor learning lessons and had a great time making wands and potions. Mrs Desogus was extremely impressed with their creativity and team work. What great examples of all of our four cornerstones, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER, ENSURING EQUALITY FOR ALL, ENGAGING LEARNING and ASPIRING FROM THE START we have seen in action this week.

Have a great weekend, everyone!  
Best wishes,  
Miss Arrowsmith



A huge thank you to the FOGM PTA for organising our first ever uniform Swop Shop today! What a great way to share pre-loved items of uniform for free. A reminder also that the Rubery Community Swop Shop also provides pre-loved uniform, footwear and PE kits to families for free. Please visit [www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk](http://www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk) or [ruberyswopshop@outlook.com](mailto:ruberyswopshop@outlook.com) for more information.

## PE and After School Clubs



### MONDAY 22nd

Year 2 PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

#### Afterschool Clubs

3.20-4.15pm

Year 1 - Coding Club

Year 1/2 - Team Building

KS2 - Home Learning

### TUESDAY 23rd

Year 4 and Year 3 PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

#### Afterschool Clubs

3.20-4.15pm

Year 4 / 5 - DT Club

Year 2 / 3 - French Club

Year 6 - Girl's Football Development Club

### WEDNESDAY 24th

Year 1 PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

Year 4 Outdoor Learning

#### Afterschool Clubs

3.20-4.15pm

Year 3 / 4 Netball

### THURSDAY 25th

Year 5 and Year 6 PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

#### Afterschool Clubs

3.20-4.15pm

Year 6 SATs Revision

Year 5 / 6 Handball

### FRIDAY 26th

Reception PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

#### Afterschool Clubs

3.20-4.15pm

Reception - Dance Club

# 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!**

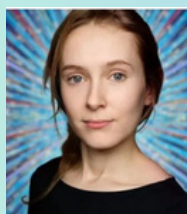
This week, an incredible 57 children from across school received nominations - that's **AMAZING!** We are all so proud of you! We hope you have your certificates displayed somewhere at home to celebrate.

## 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 making sure we have 'quiet, calm corridors'. Well done, everyone! Look how many points each house has gained already!



408



403



495



384



314



Here

Be an Attendance

**H.E.R.O.**

Everyday

Ready



On time

Well done to Gazelles in KS1 and Mars in KS2 who are our best attending classes this week.

The most punctual classes in school this week were Tigers & Shakespeare who were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.



# CELEBRATING GREAT LEARNING!

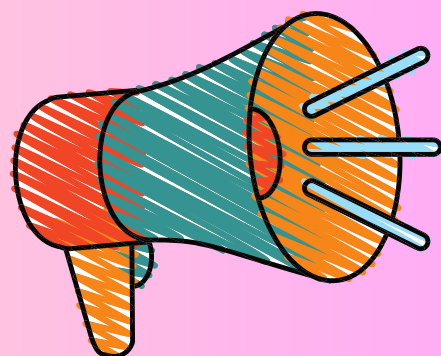
This week's **marvellous mathletes** are Timothy in Giraffes, Ellie in Gazelles, Jaanki in Cadbury, Saja in Bournville, Lailah in Tolkien, Emily in Shakespeare, Gabrielle in Mars, Parthiv in Saturn, Alice in Jupiter and Lily in Pluto.

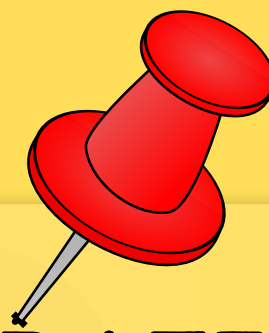
The **mathletics trophies** were awarded to **Gazelles** and **Shakespeare** this week for amassing so many points! Well done, everyone!



Well done to all of the children who have been practising their spelling on **Spelling Shed** this week. Our class leader board has **Jupiter** in first place, **Tolkien** in 2nd and **Bournville** in 3rd place! Congratulations to Oscar who has the highest individual score of the week.

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators**, Daniella in Bournville, Kaylie in Cadbury, Dylan in Tolkien, Miller in Shakespeare, Carter in Saturn, Dylan in Jupiter and Joel in Pluto. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.





# UPCOMING DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2024...

## Week 3

Spring Term after school clubs begin  
Year 3 and 4 Bikeability week

**Monday, 22nd January 2024**  
Year 3/4 Bikeability

**Tuesday, 23rd January 2024**  
Year 3/4 Bikeability  
Year 2 Reading for Fluency Parent  
Workshop 2.15pm in the hall

**Wednesday, 24th January 2024**  
Year 3/4 Bikeability  
Year 4 outdoor learning

**Thursday, 25th January 2024**  
Year 3/4 Bikeability  
Year 1 Reading for Fluency Parent  
Workshop 2.15pm in the hall

**Friday 26th January 2024**  
Year 3/4 Bikeability  
Year 5 King Edwards maths challenge  
for maths club team

**Tickets for FOGM disco go on sale on  
the playground at 3.20pm in the canopy  
area on the playground**

## Week 4

**Monday, 29th January 2024**  
Pupil Parliament visiting Turves  
Green Primary School

**Tuesday, 30th January 2024**  
Lions class assembly in the hall at  
9am  
Y2 Stoneage workshop

**Wednesday, 31st January 2024**  
Vicky (Speech and Language  
Therapist) in school  
Year 4 outdoor learning

**Thursday, 1st February 2024**  
Tigers class assembly in the hall at  
9am

**Friday, 2nd February 2024**  
**FOGM disco after school (details  
to follow)**





## Attendance: the top facts to know & share

MOMENTS  
MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.

### The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just **40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2** achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4** got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.<sup>1</sup>

### And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%)** of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.<sup>2</sup>

### But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.<sup>3</sup>

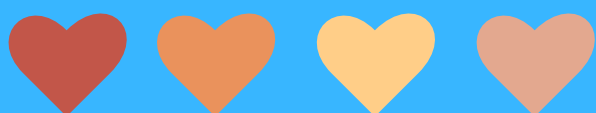
1: The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)  
2: Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)  
3: Mental Health and Attendance at School (Chapter 1) - Mental Health and Attendance at School (cambridge.org)

If your child is feeling unwell, how do you know if they should be staying at home? Have a read of this handy guide from the NHS-  
'Is my child too ill for school?'

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))

# Thank you!

Thanks so much to all the parents who came along to the Beacon Parent Workshop all about helping children through anxiety on Thursday morning this week. The next in this great series of workshops will be on Wednesday 13th March. It will focussed on 'How to help your child be happy and calm at home'. If you would like to book a place, please contact the school office.



## Rafa the Dog Mentor! Getting Rafa Ready!

As you know, at Green Meadow we are passionate about supporting our children to be the very best they can be in all aspects of their school life which is why we have embarked on the exciting journey of enlisting the help of our very own dog mentor, Rafa, in school. Our aim over the next two years is ultimately for Rafa to support children's well-being as well as their learning. Now that Rafa is fully trained for this role, before Rafa comes into school to meet each class by Easter, over the next few weeks we will be getting the children Rafa ready. We will be sharing pictures and videos of him in assemblies and inviting parents to come to school to find out more about the dog mentoring program and how it can support children in a workshop on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 2.45pm. We can't wait!

ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THESE PICTURES WHICH WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK AND HOW THEY LINK TO BRITISH VALUES.

## KS1



## KS2



**If your child is in KS2, ask them about what special day it was on Monday...**



# MENU

**WEEK COMMENCING 22ND JANUARY 2024**

CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week THREE				
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.