











#### Week Ending: Friday 19th May 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fabulous week it has been! It was wonderful to welcome a record number of parents, grandparents and friends in to school to share Reception's year group assembly and what an exceptional assembly it was! I wouldn't have missed it for the world. The children's performance was outstanding and their confidence shone through, as did their love of learning. They explained what they have enjoyed learning this year and kept us all entertained with their brilliant singing and enthusiastic actions. For me, this morning was an excellent example of SUCCEEDING TOGETHER as you could feel the sense of 'team' in every way. Magical things happen when we join together to support the children in school to be the very best they can be and there was certainly plenty of magic around in Green Meadow this morning! Thank you for all of your positive feedback and for making this morning so special for our children in Reception - I don't think any of the children will forget Leopards and Zebras first ever assembly and neither will we!

Well done this week to the Green Meadow football teams who have been in action against other schools throughout the week. On Tuesday, they competed against Chad Vale and secured an impressive 2-1 victory at home. Yesterday, the team travelled to Lordswood Boys' School for their fixture against Blue Coat Primary School for the Harborne District Cup Final. At the end of an incredibly close match with nothing between our team and the Blue Coat team, the opposition were victorious and Green Meadow were awarded with a very impressive second place. It was superb to welcome the smiling team back to school, with their medals jingling and hear just how superb their teamwork and sporting behaviour was and how well they had represented school. They may not have won the cup, but they knew they had played well as a team and were proud of their achievements and so are we. Thank you to Mr Brooks for modelling such incredible sporting behaviour and for supporting all of the school teams so wonderfully!

To launch their summer term topic, Year 4 classes had a fabulous time on their school trip to the Sealife Centre on Wednesday and returned to school buzzing about what they had seen and learned. Whilst they were there, the children took part in a workshop all about the impact of pollution which they found fascinating. The children acted as excellent ambassadors for Green Meadow and staff at the venue were very impressed with their knowledge.

And finally, well done to Year 6 who have been swimming each day this week. They have been working really hard to improve their skills and making great progress. I think they'll sleep well this weekend!

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine now that it has arrived.

Best wishes Miss Arrowsmith

## Diary Dates May 2023

Swimming for Year 6

**MONDAY 22nd** 

**Reception PE Kit Needed** 

**Girl's Football Match** 

After School Club: Reception Ball Skills

**TUESDAY 23rd** 

Years 4 & 3 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 1 & 2 Athletics

**WEDNESDAY 24th** 

Year 1 PE Kit Needed

Year 5 Outdoor Learning
Kit Needed

**THURSDAY 25th** 

Years 5 & 2 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 3 & 4 Football

**FRIDAY 26th** 

Year 6 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 5 & 6 Rounders

School closes for half term at 3.20pm.



Please note changes to PE days for Years 2 and 3 this week





There's been a watery theme during OPAL lunchtimes this week and the children have loved playing with a new water tray. They have been having great fun pouring and measuring the water and filling and emptying different containers. The children have also been great problem solvers and have explored different ways of moving the water from one place to another by creating water pipe runs. There are aprons for all of the children to to put on so they don't get wet as they splash away!

We have our OPAL grounds development day on Monday to plan what we will do next. One of the things we would like to do next is to build a giant sandpit for the children to dig and play in. We are on the lookout for ways to get this project off the ground so please do get in touch if this is something that you might be able to support us with building or if you have links with a contact who could help resource such a project (for example a builder's merchants).

Thank you as always for your support.

### Mrs Desogus





This week's whole school attendance has improved again and now stands at 96% which is nearly at our target of 97%. With one more week to go, let's see if we can improve again next week to smash our target!

Well done to **Lions** who were the best attenders in KS1 and have their special friend, Tickus, joining them for the week to mark this. **Jupiter** were the best attenders this week in KS2 and the overall best attenders in school! **Well done, Jupiter!** 

**Gazelles** were the most punctual class in KS1 and **Tolkien** were the most punctual class in KS2 with no late marks recorded at all! **Well done Gazelles and Tolkien** - you've been ready on time every day!

# **HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY**

WELL DONE TO THE 68 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 7 CHILDREN WHO WON THE HOT CHOCOLATE RAFFLE. 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 remember 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.



A polite reminder that gates on to the school site open each morning at 8.30am and close at 8.50am to ensure that everyone has time to get to classrooms and start learning promptly at 8.55am. Gates reopen at 3.20pm for the collection of children and close at 3.30pm.





# UPCOMING DATES.....

HALF TERM 29.05.23- 02.06.23

### Week beginning 05.06.23

Year 4 multiplication check all week

05.06.23 CAT PAC session 3 art studio am

07.06.23 Parent coffee morning for new Reception intake

September 2023 starts at 9.30am annexe classroom

09.06.23 FOGM discos

### Week beginning 12.06.23

**Y1 phonics screen** 

12.06.23 CAT PAC session 4 art studio am

15.06.23 Cadbury class assembly

16.06.23 Bournville class assembly







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













## FOGM Disco 9th June 2023



Disco tickets will also be on sale on the 26th May 2023 and for those parents who cannot attend school to purchase tickets you can email FOGM on:

fogm@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org and ask that we put them aside or nominate another parent to pay and collect them on your behalf.



# WEEK COMMENCING 22ND MAY 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.