













Week Ending: Friday 20th October 2023

@Green_MeadowPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! Well Storm Babet has certainly taken us all by surprise today - I can't believe how wet and windy it is! Luckily there are lots of exciting things to share with you to brighten up such a rainy, grey day!

Thank you to Year 5 for sharing the first of this year's class assemblies with us this week. They have certainly set the bar high as both Mars and Saturn kept us all entertained with their wonderful plays all about Henry VIII and his reign. They have obviously been thoroughly enjoying learning all about Tudor times and their knowledge and recall of facts is superb. We were particularly impressed with the children's confidence during assembly and their wonderful presentation skills. Well done, team Year 5!

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 loved visiting the VR room this week with Miss Spencer and Mr Evans. They couldn't wait to tell us just how much they learned. Year 3 travelled back in time to see for themselves what it was like to live in Roman times and Year 4 went on a polar expedition to Antarctica without even leaving Green Meadow! We are so lucky that we have such a great learning resource at school which we are able to use to bring the children's learning to life. In the words of one of our children, 'It's like travelling into a classroom of the future when we get to learn in the VR room!' - I couldn't put it better myself!

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported all of the workshops we have held this week. There was an excellent turn out for the Reception Phonics workshops led by Mrs Bestwick and the Reception team and it was great to see so many of you come along to the reading and spelling drop in sessions run by Mrs Stirrop and Mrs Cross. Thank you too to all of the parents who came along to the open OPAL session yesterday and took part so enthusiastically in all of the activities. A great time was had by all!

Next week is Art Week at Green Meadow. This year's them is CELEBRATE! All of the children in school will be learning about different celebrations from around the world and this promises to be great fun. All of the children will create a special piece of artwork which will then be displayed in a whole school exhibition for you to come along to after half term - more information to follow next week so keep a look out in Friday's newsletter.

Have a great weekend everyone! Remember to wrap up warm and stay dry! Best wishes.

Miss Arrowsmith



Secondary School Applications

Do you have a child in Year 6?

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

below for further information: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Diary Dates October 2023

MONDAY 23rd

Year 1 & 2 - PE Please wear kit to school

Book Fair

TUESDAY 24th

Year 4 & 5 - PE Please wear kit to school

Book Fair

Parents Evening -Tolkien Class only 3.50pm-6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 25th

Book Fair

Parents Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

THURSDAY 26th

Reception - PE Please wear kit to school

OPAL Open Sessions for Reception 2.30-3pm

Parents Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

FRIDAY 27th

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM

DAY

Year 3 & 6 - PE Kit Needed

PLEASE NOTE THAT
THERE ARE NO
AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
THIS WEEK!
Clubs start again in

the week beginning
13th November 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 88 children from across school received nominations - that's AMAZING and the highest number of nominations received in a week so far this term! 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! I wonder which house will be crowned this half term's winners next week? It's very

close at the moment!











3124 3006 3079 3087 3098

Be an Attendance

Here Everyday Ready On time

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

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

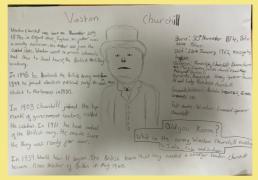
Super Home Learners!

We've all loved seeing the children bringing in the projects they have been inspired to have a go at this week and we have seen some wonderful examples of home learning. Take a look! What talented children we have at Green Meadow!

Wonderful model houses from Year 1



A great information text from Year 6



A fabulous diagram of a volcano from Year 4





The Great Fire of London from Year 2



A superb fact file all about the Tudors from Year 5

Congratulations to Cadbury class for being our marvellous mathletes of the week!

They have been awarded an incredible 10020 points this week whilst doing home learning as well as sharpening their maths



Some incredible Roman artefacts from Year 3





skills!

Congratulations to Tolkien class for being our super spellers of the week! They have amassed an incredible 68 million points this week whilst practising spellings at home!



The Oracy October challenge this week was to use talk when you cannot answer a question. Children were encouraged to use clarifying and probing questions to help them such as, 'Can you tell me more about? 'Does that mean?', 'Can you explain in a different way?' This has been increasing children's confidence when they are unsure of something and giving children the tools to help them solve problems.

Children have been really enjoying using their Oracy skills that they have been developing over the past few years. We are looking forward to next week's challenge about using talk appropriately when we disagree with someone! Watch this space!



GREEN MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL HARVEST COLLECTION

Our newly appointed school prefects would like to hold a NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY next Friday, Friday 27th October 2023, in order to support a Harvest Collection for Life House Foodbank at Christ Life Church in Selly Oak.

These donations will be used to help support those in need in our local area.



If your child would like to donate an item in exchange for wearing nonschool uniform on Friday, 27th October 2023, please bring your donation to school from *Monday 23th October 2023* until *Thursday* 26th October 2023.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

- -tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- spreads (butter, jam, honey etc.)
- long-life milk, juice and drinks
- dried pasta
- cooking sauces
- condiments
- tea and coffee
- rice
- cereal
- toiletries

Please double check best before dates on any of the donations you bring to school.

twinki.co.uk

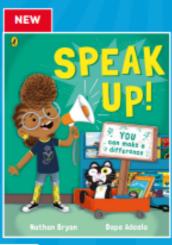
FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR! A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2,99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE







£7.99



£7.99







£7.99



£6.99

Date:

Monday 23rd October to Thursday 26th October in the hall. Please enter the hall through the fire doors at the end of the school day to browse and buy from the great selection of books! The book fair will also be open during parent's evening on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th.

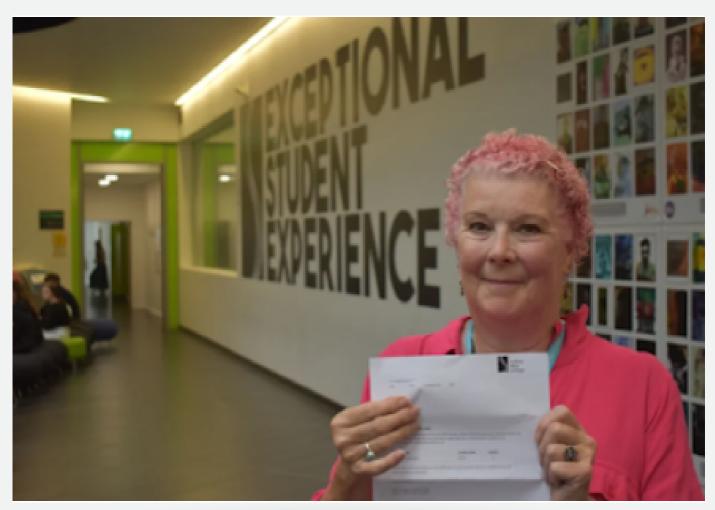








ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THIS PICTURE AND HOW IT LINKS TO BRITISH VALUES.

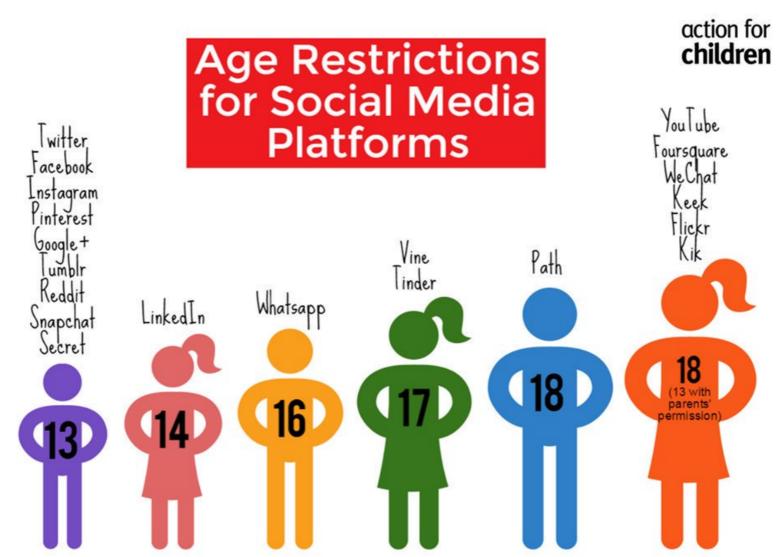




Congratulations to Noah and Sonia from Year 6 who have been selected as our Head Prefects in Year 6!

We know you will be exemplary role models to everyone in school. Well done!





At the end of the day, to help teachers ensure that all of the children in their class are handed over to their adult, please could you wait for your child to be released to you rather than coming to the doors to collect your child. Thank you for your support.





Breaktime snacks - As a healthy school, we have a fruit snack each morning. Please support school by sending either fruit or vegetables for your child's snack rather than cereal bars which contain lots of sugar.

OPAL OCTOBER! Come along and enjoy the fun!

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to our Year 6 and Year 1 open OPAL session yesterday. An incredible 52 children's adults joined in the fun! From swinging on tyre swings to creating a track for the bikes and even braving the slide on the climbing frame, a great time was had by all! The den building competition is going from strength to strength and we saw the tallest den ever built at Green Meadow yesterday! Here are some photos to see what we got up to.





On Thursday 26th next week, we are holding our last open OPAL October parent session for Reception at 2.30pm. We really hope you can make it to join in the fun with us outside.

Thank you to all the children who put themselves forwards to become an OPAL playleader. We will be announcing these in assembly next week.

Now that the wet weather has arrived, the field is getting muddier so children will definitely need wellies and old clothes to change into to be able to play in the muddier areas of the school site. We do have a limited number of wellies available to borrow in our wellie library and a selection of waterproof clothes, but please do remember to send children in with spare clothes and old shoes to change into at lunch times if you are able to so that uniforms don't get too muddy!

Thank you so much for your continued support.





Please note change of menu for Thursday this week.

WEEK COMMENCING 23RD OCTOBER 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 keep up to date with school meal payments each week.

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