



@Green MeadowPS

Week Ending: Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful break over half term. It was fabulous welcoming everyone back to school on Monday. It's another short half term so it's been full steam ahead at school this week and there have been lots of shining examples of one of our MAT cornerstones, 'Engaging Learning', in all of the year groups! Year 1 have been on their travels this week which has been really exciting. Both classes visited the local library and had a great time exploring all of the books available. On Wednesday, they travelled even further afield and went on African Safari in the VR Room. They learned so much about the climate, the landscape and the big five and returned to school buzzing about what they had seen and learned!

One of the highlights of the week for me was hearing the excitement in both reception classes. The children in Leopards and Zebras have been inspired by Mrs Latham's and Miss Spencer's retelling of Goldilocks and they were not impressed by her behaviour in the story at all. They have made superb wanted posters, made porridge, created collages of the bears and in their drawing club lesson, they have designed a contraption to catch her and even had a go at making their designs. What fun they've had - it's what learning is all about! Year 5 had a great time yesterday on their Digital Futures day as part of the KEVI project. They focussed on how technology can be used for good and carried out some great research to come up with innovative ideas for how technology could be used to help the environment in the future.

I hope you all have a great weekend...let's hope that the sunshine returns soon! Best wishes,

Miss Arrowsmith

A very special visitor!



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome a very special guest to school...Mr Whittaker who taught in Green Meadow over 50 years ago! Pupil Parliament did a fantastic job of showing him around school and holding a question and answer session with him to find out just how much school has changed. Mr Whittaker had a fabulous time sharing what school was like in the 1960s and was incredibly impressed with the resources we now have in school, the children's attitude to learning, their exemplary manners and just how much better school dinners are now...no lumpy custard at Green Meadow now! A huge thank you to Mrs Cross for organising the day, to our Pupil Parliament who are such great ambassadors for school and to Mr Whittaker for answering all of the children's questions and for his very generous donation to school funds.



PE and After School Clubs

<u>MONDAY 26th</u> Year 2 PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

Afterschool Clubs <u>3.20-4.15pm</u> Year 1/2 - Team Building KS2 - Home Learning

<u>TUESDAY 27th</u> 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 1 - Coding Club Year 6 - Girl's Football Development Club

<u>WEDNESDAY 28th</u> 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 29th

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

Afterschool Clubs 3.20-4.15pm Year 6 SATs Revision and Maths club Year 5/6 handball

FRIDAY ist Reception PE Day - Please wear PE kit to school

Afterschool Clubs 3.20-4.15pm Reception - Dance Club

CELEBRATION TIME!

AREVE 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 <u>24</u> 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!



370

372

392

303

292



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

The most punctual class in school this week is **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 W in Giraffes, E in Gazelles, M in Cadbury, L in Bournville, M in Tolkien, Ethan in Shakespeare and Gabriel in Mars. The Mathletics trophies were awarded to Gazelles and Giraffes this week for amassing so many points! Well done, everyone! What superstars you are!





Well done to all of the children who have been practising their spelling on **Spelling Shed** this week. Our class leader board has **Pluto** in first place, **Tolkien** in 2nd and **Shakespeare** in 3rd place! **Who could be the highest individual scorer of the week? You've guessed it...it's Joel for a fifth week running! This is a new record for Green Meadow! Well done, Joel.**

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators**, **A** in Lions, **J** in Tigers, **N** in Giraffes, **Z** in Gazelles, **P** in Bournville, **K** in Cadbury, **Noah** in Shakespeare, **L** in Tolkien, **Dolsi** in Mars, **S** in Saturn, **Sophie** in Jupiter and **L** in Pluto. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.





Book Fair returns to GM! From Thursday 29th February- Tuesday 5th March

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Book Fair after school each day from Thursday to Tuesday! Last time the Book Fair came to school we managed together to raise over £1000 to be spent on books for school. Let's see if we can smash that total this time!

Spring Term Parents' Evening Dates

This term's parent-teacher meetings will take place after school on Wednesday, 13th March and Thursday, 14th March. During Parents' Evening, you will have the opportunity to share your child's learning and discuss their progress, achievements and next steps with teachers. A reminder that one 10 minute appointment is allocated per child and you will have the opportunity to sign up to your appointment on Arbor once the appointment system goes live...look out for more information about this next week.

For all parents of children in Year 6!



SATs week for Year 6 is Monday, 13th May 2024 to Thursday, 16th May 2024. During this week, all Year 6 children will sit assessments in Maths, Reading and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Writing is assessed by teachers until the end of June.

It is important that children from Year 6 are in school for the whole assessment period so please do avoid booking any holidays during this time to support your child with their learning.

Spotlight on Sport

Celebrating Success!



Well done to our under 9s school football team who competed in the Harborne District Cup tournament on Tuesday! They were amazing and showed superb sporting behaviour and incredible team work! Twelve teams took part, we did not concede a single goal or lose a match and brought home the winner's cup! Well done, everyone! We are so proud of you!

Well done too to our Year 5 and 6 athletics team who took part in the Spark Active athletics event against other local schools! The children were amazing and their true grit, skills, speed and determination secured them a place in the finals in March and earned them all a wonderful silver medal! Amazing! Congratulations, everyone! We are all really proud of your achievements!



A huge thank you to Mr Brooks for coaching the children and being so enthusiastic with his support at both events and to Mr Latham for making sure that the teams arrived in style in our new Excelsior minibuses!



Thank you to the Friends of Green Meadow PTA for organising such a great way to raise funds for school!

Please look out for the bag2school bags in your child's bag today! All donations are greatly appreciated





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



KS2



KS1

WEEK COMMENCING 26TH FEBRUARY2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Lamb Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons Vegan Bites Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots Or Beans	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas	Tomato Pasta Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fresh Se		ailable Every Day W	'ith Bread Baked Fr Available Daily	esh Daily

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.

As you are aware, Excelsior MAT have subsidised the price of our school dinners over the last couple of years. Due to further cost increases from City Serve, it will be necessary to increase the price of school meals after the Easter break. We will, of course, confirm new prices with you before this but wanted to make you aware of this price increase as soon as possible.

UPCOMING ĎATES FOR SPRING TERM 2024...

Week 7 FOGM Bags2school collections all week under the canopy

Monday, 26th February 2024

Drop in session with Mrs Cross for any last minute questions about the Year 3/4 residential in the hall 3pm

Tuesday, 27th February 2024

Year 6 SAT meeting for parents in Year 6 with Mrs Stirrop in the hall at 2.45pm and 4.30pm

Wednesday, 28th February 2024 Tolkien class assembly 9am

Thursday, 29th February 2024

Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school

Friday, 1st March 2024

Shakespeare class assembly 9am Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school Week 8 Bring in pre-loved books for FOGM World Book Day Book Swap

Monday, 4th March 2024

Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Ingestre Hall Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school

Tuesday, 5th March 2024

Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Ingestre Hall Scholastic Book Fair in the hall after school

Wednesday, 6th March 2024

Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Ingestre Hall

Thursday, 7th March 2024

World Book Day - more details to follow!

Friday, 8th March 2024

Tickets on sale for the FOGM Grand Easter Egg Draw - more details to follow!