

Friday 29th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! I can't believe that it's already the end of September. What an exciting week it has been! We've seen the first two year groups going on trips to support this term's exciting learning in topics, welcomed over 120 parents to school to work with their children in our fabulous Maths Workshops, seen our first year group using the VR room this term as well as welcoming a team of His Majesty's Inspectors and Ofsted Inspectors into school.

As you know, we are always looking for different ways to enhance our already exciting curriculum in school and trips and wider experiences are a huge part of this. Well done to all of our children in Year 1 who thoroughly enjoying going on their walk in the local area. Luckily, they managed to avoid all of the rain and they loved looking at all of the different style of houses and buildings around school as part of their topic on Houses and Homes. Year 3 were also out and about this week - they travelled a little further afield and loved their field trip to Wroxeter Roman Village to learn all about what life was like in Roman times. I was so proud to hear that the education officer there was extremely impressed with their behaviour and their knowledge. Well done, everyone! Year 6 loved their first visit of the year to the VR room too and came back buzzing after learning more about evacuation as it 'brought it to life' for them!

And finally, a huge thank you for all of your support and kind words this week during our Ofsted inspection. It is always a pleasure welcoming visitors to school to share all of the wonderful things that stand out and make Green Meadow so special. I would like to thank the amazing staff team at school for all of their commitment and hard work, all of our fabulous children who demonstrate our values of READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE in abundance each and every day, to parents for all of your support and to everyone in the Excelsior MAT team! The inspectors who were with us in school have also asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone too. Whilst we are not able to share the judgement with you right now, we can't wait until we receive the final report so that we can share it with the whole school community as it will, I am sure, highlight just how well we all SUCCEED TOGETHER at Green Meadow! Well done, everyone!

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend - a little bird has told me that there is a heat wave on the way for us all to enjoy next week!



Secondary School Applications Do you have a child in Year 6?



Diary Dates October 2023

Bag2school drop off all week 8.30-8.50am in KS2 Playground.

<u>MONDAY 2nd</u> Year 1 & 2 - PE Please wear kit to school

<u>TUESDAY 3rd</u> Year 4 & 5 - PE Please wear kit to school

Whole School Flu Immunisations

WEDNESDAY 4th Year 2 Outdoor Learning -Please bring outdoor learning kit to school

Year 1 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

<u>THURSDAY 5th</u> Reception - PE Please wear kit to school

OPAL Open Sessions for Years 2 & 5 Parents @ 11-11.45am

FRIDAY 6th Year 3 & 6 - PE Kit Needed

PLEASE NOTE BASKET BALL CLUB WILL BE POSTPONED THIS WEEK



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

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

CHILDRENI'S FAVOURITES

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023

On Thursday 5th October we will be doing a special lunch for the children. There is no need to pre-book. If you pay for school meals please pay £2.35 via your Arbor account.



Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza



Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas with Curry Sauce

Jacket Potato with cheese & beans

Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse





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

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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For children to reach their full potential at school, it is really important that they are in school on time every day. The more children are in school, the more they will learn! Inevitably, there may be some occasions during the year when your child is not able to attend school because of illness for example. If your child is not able to come into school, please let us know as soon as you are able to by contacting the school office on 0121 475 4505.

ABSENCE...

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school between 8 and 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Thank you for your support.



FOGM have arranged a Bag2School collection on <u>6th October 2023.</u>

Parents are invited to bring their donations of good quality items in plastic bags and place them under the canopy in the playground from 8.30am-8.50am on Monday 2nd October 2023 until Friday 6th October 2023.

Your donations are greatly appreciated as they raise money for the children of Green Meadow.

Please look out for the leaflet that has been given to your child for further information on Bag2School.

The school are taking part in the Cauliflower 2023 Christmas Project.

Children are invited to design a picture that can feature on a range of Christmas items that parents can order.

All orders raise money for the children of Green Meadow.

Artwork must be returned to school no later than the morning of <u>21st October</u> <u>2023.</u>

Please look out for the artwork/ order sheets that has been given to your child.



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 42 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 showing 'GMGM' - GREEN MEADOW GOOD MANNERS! Well done, everyone! Look how many points each house has gained already!











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Congratulations to MARS class for being our super spellers of the week! They have amassed an incredible 11million points this week!

SUCCEEDING TOGETHER



It was fabulous seeing our school values of SUCCEEDING TOGETHER, ENSURING EQUALITY FOR ALL, ENGAGING LEARNING and ASPIRING FROM THE START in action so strongly throughout the week as we welcomed so many parents from Year 3, 4 and 5 to school to take part in the fantastic Maths workshops. The children loved having the opportunity to work with you and the feedback we have received is really positive and we know that everyone loved finding out how to support maths at home in such a fun and lively way! Thank you for coming along!

Wondering how to support your child's learning at home? Come along to one of our fabulous drop-in sessions to find out!

We are excited to share with you four upcoming reading and spelling drop-in sessions.

Friday 13th October

9:00am to 9:30am - How to support your child with spelling by using Spelling Shed 2:45pm t0 3:10pm – How to support your child with reading at home

Friday 20th October

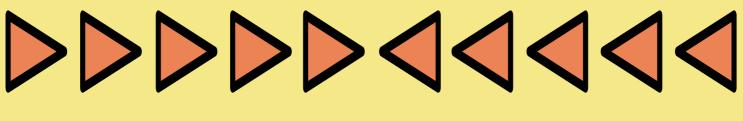
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Please follow the link to confirm your place for one reading and one spelling session. These drop-in sessions are for parents and carer

Please click the following link to book your space on the drop in sessions https://forms.office.com/e/V6ZddH02G8

Congratuiat fons

It's official! Mrs Boston is our new Office Manager at Green Meadow Primary School! I am sure you will all want to join me to say CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Boston - You thoroughly deserve this and we know you will be the best Office Manager in the WORLD!



Parent Workshops

We are delighted to announce a series of parent workshops being delivered by Beacon School Support here at Green Meadow. We are often asked by parents how they can support their children at home so we thought this opportunity would be a great way for parents to hear from experts and share ideas. We will let you know shortly about how you can sign up to be part of this exciting new initiative.

- Tuesday 10th October- How to coach kids through strong emotions
- Thursday 18th Jan- How to support your child through anxiety
- Wednesday 13th March- How to help your child be happy and calm at home

OPAL OCTOBER! Come along and enjoy the fun!

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is back in full swing at lunchtimes and the children are loving it!

OPAL is all about getting outside and using your imagination to engage in a huge range of activities, using all the resources we have on offer. It is a chance to create, play, collect, explore, build, risk take, climb, swing, express yourself and develop personally.

We want to welcome you onto our school grounds during the month of October to come and find out about and experience all the OPAL fun with your children.

Here are the dates for OPAL open sessions: Thursday 5th October - Year 5 and Year 2 at 11 - 11.45pm Thursday 12th October - Year 3 and Year 4 at 11 - 11.45pm Thursday 19th October - Year 6 and Year 1 at 11 - 11.45pm Thursday 26th October - Reception at 2.30-3pm

We will be running OPAL open play sessions each term so don't worry if you can't make this one, there will be other opportunities to come along and experience OPAL with your child.

For those of you that like a challenge, there will be a competition for the best built den.

We really hope you can make it and we can't wait to see you at this exciting OPAL open event!



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PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK COMMENCING 2ND OCTOBER 2023

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| Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots Garlic Bread Potatoes Or Sweetcorn Peas Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fres | Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted | Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted | With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted | Favourites Menu Please see | a cuire |
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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.