



Week Ending:
Friday 7th October 2022

@Green_MeadowPS

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday! Exciting news...our plans for converting the computer room in the annexe into a VR lab are coming along brilliantly. We've completely cleared the room and the designs are complete so the rebuild should be starting very soon! The designs look very exciting and we will be kitting them room out with 10 virtual reality bays to bring learning to life for our children. We'll keep you updated over the coming weeks!

We launched our after school clubs this week and they have all proved to be hugely popular with many of the being oversubscribed. There's something for everyone, from computing to sports and art to the largest school choir I've ever seen and the children have thoroughly enjoyed them. Thank you to all of the staff who have volunteered to lead the clubs and share their interests with the children.

We welcomed instructors from the 'Active Wellbeing Society' into school to teach Balanceability to all of our children in reception classes this week. They've had great fun learning how to ride their bikes safely and shown great skills and balance. Well done, Leopards and Zebras. We're all super proud of you!

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents from Reception into school on Wednesday for a coffee, a catch up with Miss Perry and Mrs Grimer and an introduction into how we teach phonics in school with Mrs Bestwick. If you weren't able to attend and would like a copy of the information we shared, please contact the office. We have other coffee mornings planned so please do come along if you're able to.

And finally, one of the highlights of my week was leading an assembly all about Bruno the Brake car, a new character to join Thomas the Tank Engine. Bruno is autistic and the actor who provides his voice is a 9 year old autistic boy. At the end of the assembly, one of the children in Year 3 put his hand up and said, "I think this is a great story which is representative of No Outsiders as it recognises that everyone is different and everyone is welcome, just like they are in our school". What a great response! This reaffirms how well No Outsiders is embedded in all aspects of school life.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Arrowsmith

Diary Dates

October 2022

Monday 10th

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 3 & 4 Ball Skills
Yr 3 Computer Coding

Tuesday 11th

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 2 Target Games
Yr 2 Football
Yr 5 & 6 Young Voices
Choir

Wednesday 12th

Flu Vaccinations - Whole
School

Year 2 - Giraffes & Gazelles

Outdoor learning please
bring outdoor learning
clothes.

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 1 Gymnastics

Thursday 13th

**Year 6 Trip to RAF
Cosford**

Afterschool Clubs:

Reception Multiskills
Yr 5 Art Textiles

FOGM AGM 4.30-6.00pm

Friday 14th

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 5 & 6 Dodgeball

Reminder!

Please remember to label your children's clothes and belongings so we are able to reunite them with their owners if they get lost. Thank you!



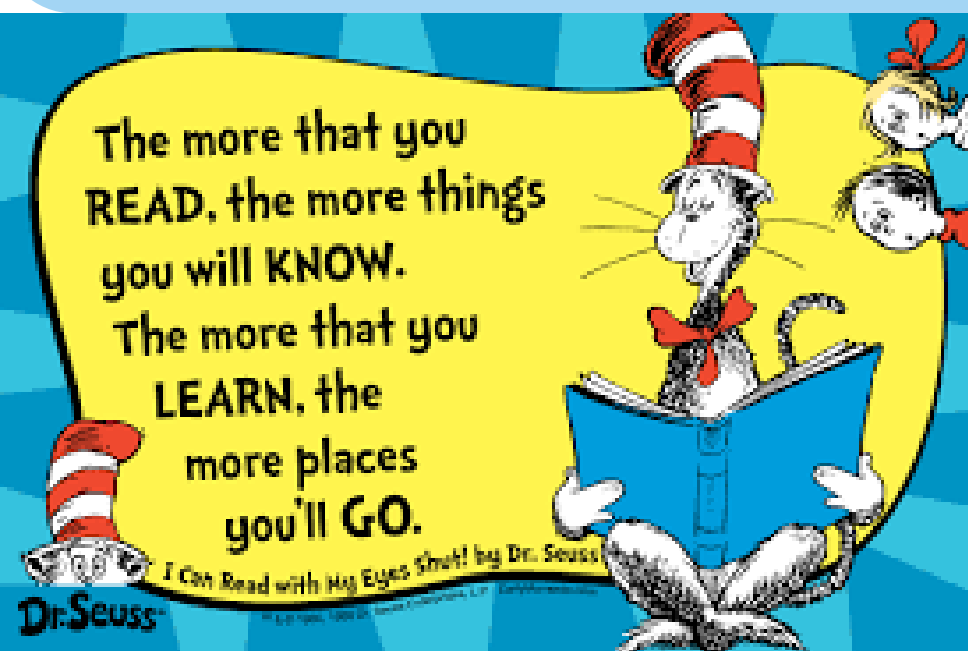
Succeeding Together

Alone you're good. Together, we're amazing.

One of our four values at school is succeeding together and it's through working together to strengthen the home-school partnership that we can support our children to be the very best they can be. Each week we will share ways and celebrate examples of how we succeed together to ensure the very best outcomes for every child at Green Meadow.

Reading at home

Reading continues to be a high priority at Green Meadow. We will ensure that your child is listened to read by an adult at least once a week. We ask that you listen to your child read their levelled school book, choice of school book or any of their favourite books from home for 10 minutes every day as it makes such a difference and is also lots of fun! All that we ask, is that when you have listened to your child read, you sign and date in one of the boxes on the bookmark. When the child has 25 signatures (from an adult) they will receive a coloured raffle ticket. For some keen readers, this may only take 25 days to complete yet for other children this may take a little while longer. Once a month, we will have a raffle draw where 5 children will receive a token for the Book Vending Machine. Every time your child completes a book mark, they will receive a new one ready for signatures. Mrs Stirrop and Mrs Bestwick



Read at



Home

ORACY OCTOBER

Oracy October is in full swing! If you haven't yet had a go at some of the ideas outlined below, why not spend some time sharing them with your child at the weekend?



Speaking like a citizen...

Speaking like a Specialist

I am Malala Yousafzai and I am from Pakistan. I noticed that girls were not going to school and getting an education. I did not think this was fair and I believe that all children have the right to learn. I decided to speak to people about what I believed and what I wanted to change. I know that if you don't speak out then nothing will ever change. Is there anything you notice around you that could be changed and made better? If so, can you tell people what you think needs to change?

Challenge: Campaign for change!

Look around your school or your classroom. What do you notice that makes your school a nice place to be? This might be artwork, play equipment, flowers or tidy spaces. What do you notice that could be improved? This might be having bins for rubbish, planting more flowers or putting things in the right place. Stand up in front of your class, small group or partner and tell them what you think.

So, when speaking like a citizen...

- I think that... helps make our school...
- I think that we need to... because...
- I think everyone should... because...
- To make our school better, we could...
- To keep our classroom..., we could...

Speak to the adults who make decisions. You could share your ideas with your headteacher or business manager.

Speaking like a Specialist

Speaking like a citizen...

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful"

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is an activist and has used her voice to fight the rights of women and children. She has shown how important it is to speak up about causes and issues that need our attention, such as climate change and gender equality. Malala uses her voice to create positive change in the world. What's important to you? What would you like to see change in the world? What would you like to speak out about?

Guidelines for speaking like a citizen...

- Share the problem you'd like to be solved and explain how it affects your audience.
- Focus on positive solutions - what small steps can we all do now to change the outcome?
- Use stories to help the audience connect to what you're telling them.
- Use statistics which might shock the audience to help them understand why we need to solve the problem.

Challenge: Campaign for change!

Talk to your friends, classmates, teachers and family members, to find out what issues are affecting the people around you and what they want to change. Choose an issue that is important to you personally, whether that's women being paid the same as men in sport, recycling or anything else. Then create a campaign for change! Remember to consider the Speaking like a citizen guidelines, and:

- How can you appeal to your audience?
- Can you use a story or statistic to help explain the problem and focus on positive solutions?
- How can you respond and adapt what you are saying based on your listeners' reactions?

Persuade one person to join your cause. This could be a friend, family member or someone at school.

Form a group and organise a peaceful protest, sharing your message. Can you create simple slogans to help get your message across?

DON'T miss it!

Year 7 School Applications

Year 7 Secondary School applications are open. To apply for a school place for your current Year 6 child in Birmingham, please scan the following QR code for the Birmingham City Council School Applications page.

The closing date is 31 October 2022 at 11:59pm.

You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after 31 October 2022 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2023.



CURRENT RECEPTION PARENTS / CARERS

Come and join us for a coffee and find out how we teach phonics in school.

Date: Tuesday 18th October Time: 9.00-10.30am

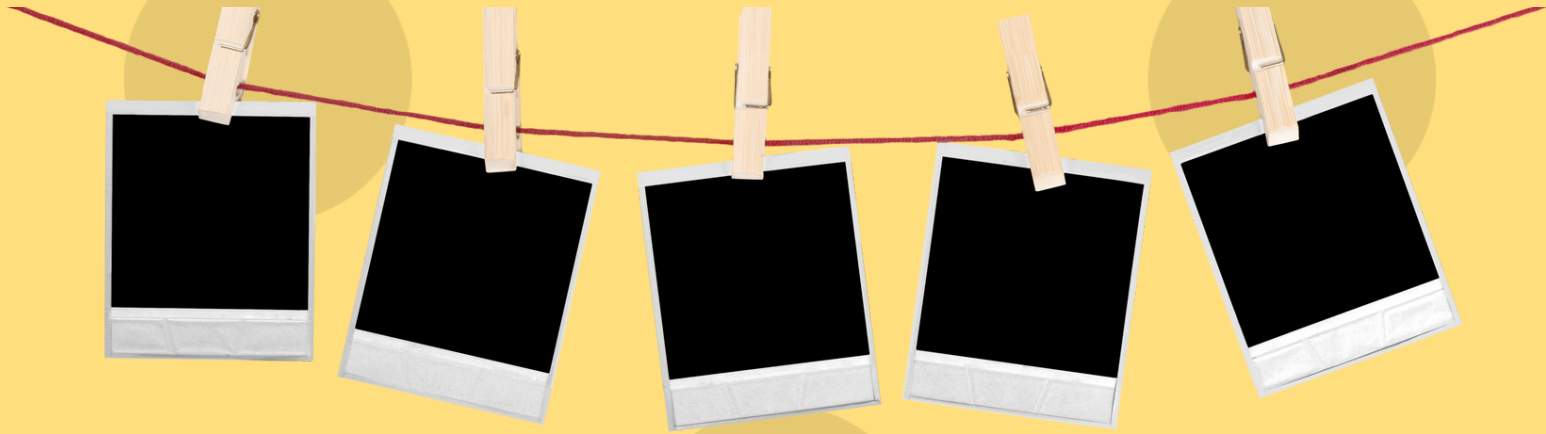
Upcoming events....

Parents of children in Year 5, please save the date

Year 5 Class Assemblies

Mars - Tuesday 18th October @ 9.00am

Saturn - Thursday 20th October @
9.00am



Friends of Green Meadow – AGM

The Friends of Green Meadow (FOGM) PTA are a fantastic group of parents who work together to organise events throughout the year to support school with fundraising. They are fabulous and a big part of our school community. If you would like to get involved or find out more, why not come along to their annual AGM in the annexe on Thursday, 13th October at 4.30pm - 6pm...it would be great to see you there!

NO OUT SIDERS

'All different, All welcome'

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

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



KS1

KS2



Menu Kids



WEEK COMMENCING 10TH OCTOBER 2022

| CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week ONE | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Spaghetti Bolognaise Vegetable Bolognaise Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Chicken Pie Vegetable Pie Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato Assorted Sandwiches | Pork Sausage Vegan Bites Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Pasta Or Diced Potatoes | Creamed Potatoes | Roast Potatoes | Creamed Potatoes Peas Or Beans | Chips |
| Carrots | Sweetcorn | Mixed Vegetables | | Baked Beans |
| Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fresh Daily | | | | |
| Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily | | | | |
| Jam Donoughts | Chocolate Cracknell | Chocolate Crunch | Flapjack | Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse |
| For Any Allergen/Dietary Requirements Please Speak To The Catering Supervisor | | | | |

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 1 and Year 2 ALL children are entitled to universal free school meals.

We are committed to keeping children safe at all times, and this includes keeping children safe online. At Green Meadow, we teach e-safety throughout the year to all children. The NSPCC offers some really good practical advice for how to teach children to keep safe online at home which can be accessed by following this link.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Staying safe the SMART way online

S**SAFE**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M**MEETING**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A**ACCEPTING**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R**RELIABLE**

Information you find on the Internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T**TELL**

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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