



Green Meadow Primary School

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Week Ending:
Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents,

I think that February has brought Spring with it this week! I love it when the days start getting longer and it's certainly been lovely to see blue skies and the sun making a very welcome appearance to brighten up the day! This week, we've started working on our outdoor environment so that everything is ready for the children to enjoy now that the weather is improving. The allotments are all cleared and prepared ready for planting up by classes later this term, the sensory garden at the front of school is having a bit of a makeover to spruce it up after the winter months and we have been clearing the paths through the wildlife trail. A huge thank you to Mr Waldron who has been sourcing some beautiful log seats for the outdoor classroom too. I have tried them out and they are very comfortable! The children will love using them!

It's been another great week for learning at Green Meadow. When I've been speaking to the children throughout the week, they have all been telling me how much they are enjoying the new class sets of books we have bought for them. This morning, a group of children from across school celebrated their achievements by visiting our popular 'book vending machine' in the library to choose a book in recognition of the amount of reading they have been doing at home. Well done, everyone.

We are passionate about reading at school - it is always wonderful to hear how much our children love reading as it has such an impact on their learning across the whole curriculum. We have included some top tips in this newsletter for how to develop a love of learning at home which we hope you find useful. Five to ten minutes of reading at home every day not only helps your child with their learning, it is also great fun! Next month is world book day and we will be celebrating this in school so please look out for next week's newsletter to find out all about it.

I hope you all have a great weekend! Let's hope there's plenty of sunshine.

Best wishes,

Miss Arrowsmith

Excelsior Vision

All our schools to be outstanding and beacons of equality, from where pupils aspire and succeed in a safe, innovative, vibrant learning community.

Dates for your Diary 2022:

☺ Monday 7th Feb
Year 1 & 2 Target Games
Afterschool Club
3.30-4.30pm

☺ Monday 7th Feb
Year 5 Selected students
Maths Club

☺ Tuesday 8th Feb
Year 5 & 6 Cricket
Afterschool Club
3.30-4.30pm

☺ Thursday 10th Feb
Reception Multiskills
Afterschool Club
3.30-4.30pm
Year 6 Selected students
Maths club

☺ Friday 11th Feb
Year 3 & 4 Football
Afterschool Club
3.30-4.30pm

☺ Friday 11th Feb
Year 5 Selected students

Good luck, Zachary!



Everyone at Green Meadow would like to wish **Zachary** from Year 5 'Good Luck' for his first GB squad camp at Lilleshall this weekend! We are all so proud of you.



attendance
MATTERS
every student • every day





Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat. Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:
Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.
- 4 Read the whole story first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation.
Oh I think what's happening here is that.....
- 5 Chat about the story:
I wonder why he did that?
Oh no, I hope she's not going to.....
I wouldn't have done that, would you?
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (*e.g. The reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again. Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment. If you're enjoying it, your child will too.





Exciting news! After half term, we will be running a series of parent workshops which will focus on fact fluency. Fact fluency is a fundamental foundation for maths learning.

Why is Math Fact Fluency Important?

- contributes to students' ability to solve more difficult problems quicker and more accurately.
- leads to success in students' future mathematics courses and careers.
- builds confidence in students' math ability.

Each year group will have the opportunity to work with their parent/ carer, and teacher, sharing ideas of how these skills can be further developed at home.

Make a note in your diary for your child's planned workshop.

Year 4 - Tuesday 8th March (Shakespeare) Wednesday 9th March (Tolkien) 2.15pm

Year 5 - Tuesday 15th March (Saturn) Wednesday 16th March (Mars) 2.15pm

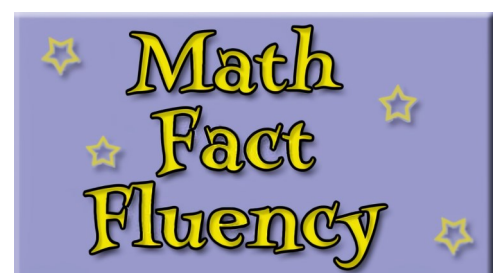
Year 1 - Tuesday 22nd March (Tigers) Wednesday 23rd March (Lions) 2.15pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 29th March (Giraffes) Wednesday 30th March (Gazelles) 2.15pm

Year 3 and 6 will be scheduled for after Easter.

Please look out for your class invites.

I look forward to seeing you there,
Mrs Whettell (Maths Lead)



A# Attendance

Whole school attendance this week 90.2%

Attendance figures for Friday 28th January—Thursday 3rd February 2022

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Unauth. Absent R/C: Students	Late R/C: Marks
Form LEOPARDS	90.0%	3.8%	1.0%
Form ZEBRAS	87.4%	20.0%	4.6%
Form LIONS	90.7%	10.3%	5.5%
Form TIGERS	94.8%	3.6%	1.7%
Form GAZELLES	94.1%	0.0%	2.4%
Form GIRAFFES	88.7%	10.3%	4.8%
Form BOURNVILLE	82.5%	10.7%	0.0%
Form CADBURY	84.5%	10.7%	0.0%
Form SHAKESPEARE	88.1%	6.7%	2.1%
Form TOLKIEN	88.5%	0.0%	3.0%
Form MARS	92.4%	6.3%	1.5%
Form SATURN	94.8%	6.7%	1.6%
Form JUPITER	93.6%	7.7%	1.4%
Form PLUTO	92.0%	3.4%	0.4%

Each week, our target for attendance is **97%** or above. This week's whole school attendance was a little bit low at **90.2%**.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

The classes with the best attendance and punctuality will be celebrated each week and children and classes will be awarded with certificates and class prizes.

Reception & Key Stage 1

Congratulations to Tigers class this week who are the overall attendance heroes with **94.8%**. Well done to Leopards who were the most punctual class all week.

Key Stage 2

Congratulations to Saturn class this week who are the overall attendance heroes with **94.8%**. Well done to Bournville & Cadbury who were the most punctual class all week.

Let's see if we can all get here on time, every day next week! Remember that gates are open at 8.30am and closes at 8.50am so that everyone is in class ready for learning on time.



Be an Attendance



Here

H.E.R.O.

Everyday

Ready



On time

Celebrating our Super Spellers!



This year, we have provided everyone from Year 2—Year 6 with Spelling Shed to support children to learn their spellings in a fun and interactive way.

Every Thursday, we celebrate our super spellers in our Celebration Assembly.

Class scores:

Giraffes—55 million, Pluto—54 Million and Tolkien—25 Million

The individual winner this week is in Gazelles class





Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to the children in school who have gone above and beyond and received hot chocolate nominations this week.

Six children with nominations were picked from the hat to enjoy their chocolate treat.



Running Totals :

				
Clare Balding	Mo Farah	Stephen Hawking	J.K. Rowling	Steven Spielberg
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Lunchtime Arrangements

NEW MENU

Monday 7th –Friday 11th February 2022

☺ Hot dinners and a selection of sandwiches will now be available.



WEEK 2 NEW MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie or Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Lamb Lasagne or Quorn Lasagne Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Gammon or Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons or Vegan Bites Jacket Potato & Cheese or Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza or Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese / Beans
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Creamed Potatoes Mixed Veg	Potato Wedges Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fruit Flapjack Fruit / Yoghurts	Chocolate Cracknell Fruit / Yoghurts	Chocolate Crunch Fruit / Yoghurts	Jam Sponge Fruit / Yoghurts	Ice Cream Fruit / Yoghurts