



Dear Parents and Carers,

The word of the week this week is definitely 'ASPIRATION' as we have seen lots of examples our cornerstone of ASPIRING FROM THE START in action across school. Science week has been in full swing and, as the theme this year is 'Change and Adapt', all of the children have been thinking like scientists and considering how the world is changing and how we can adapt to those changes.

On Tuesday, our Young Voices choir put on an AMAZING concert for week! Please family and friends after school as they raised the roof with their wear PE kits to incredible singing. What a talented group they are and it was wonderful hearing piano and flute solos as part of this. The children loved hearing them all in assembly this week too and I am sure it has inspired lots of our younger children to get involved with the musical opportunities provided in school.

Our quiz teams have also been in action representing Green Meadow in city wide competitions this week. Mrs Jones and Mrs Cross supported a team of children from Year 5 in the Little Hist competition at King Edwards. Their knowledge of key historical dates and facts was excellent and they came third out of 16 teams, missing out on first place by just a couple of points. Well done, everyone! This afternoon, our Maths quiz team are in action in the city finals with Mrs Whettell at King Edwards. We will keep you posted how they get on. Well done to all of the children involved. We are so proud of you!

I hope you all have a great weekend. Best wishes, Miss Arrowsmith



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day's 40th brithday at Green Meadow next Friday! Read on to find out more

PE and **Outdoor** earning days



PE days are back to normal this school on PE days.

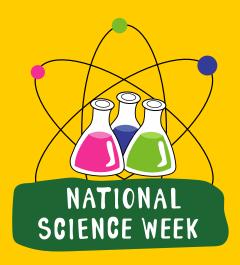
> Monday Year 2

Tuesday Year 6. Year 4 and Year 3

Wednesday Year 1 PE

Thursday Year 5 and Year 6 PE

Friday **Reception PE**this week. there will be a dance theme so there is no need to wear PE kits as it is Red Nose Day.



Celebrating National Science Week at Green Meadow!

Year 1

Year 1 brought some Antarctic glaciers into their classrooms! They looked at the impact water contact and changes in temperatures have on glaciers and investigated how they shape the landscape around them. They compared the differences in timings of the ice melting (representing glaciers) and thought about how warming global sea and air temperatures might impact Antarctica's glaciers, also observing the differences in changes of state of water between solids and liquids.









Year 2

Year 2 have been investigating how different sounds are made. They tested different amounts of water in glass containers and gently tapped the bottles with spoons, pencils and other 'tappers'. They focussed on changing the amounts of water in each bottle and used their careful listening to describe the difference in sounds each bottle made. The children really enjoyed themselves and the music that they made!

Year 3

Year 3 looked at what we can flush down our toilets, and the issues that can arise if we flush the wrong things down! They discovered that if, for example, wet wipes are flushed down the toilet, they can mix with grease in the sewer and form massive solid blocks called 'fatbergs'. They investigated which items change and breakdown easily in water and so can be flushed away.



Year 4

Year 4 took themselves off to a desert island and thought about how they might be able to change contaminated water into clean water to drink. They mixed the contaminant (food colouring) with a small amount of cold water into a larger container. They then placed a small container in the larger one and covered the larger container with cling film. They placed a weight on top, creating a dip above the smaller container and placed it into a sunny spot in their classrooms. They have already observed some clear water collecting above the dip and are very excited to see what happens next!

Year 5

Year 5 dived into the oceans and looked at the impact of microplastics. They focussed on plastic straws (which were banned in the UK in 2020) and their journey from our drinks to our oceans, and how over time they break down in tiny bits of plastic to become microplastics (less than 5mm in size). We then looked at how tiny sea creatures (e.g. zooplankton) ingest these tiny plastics, which are then eaten by larger fish (e.g. Tuna), and how in this way, humans can end up ingesting plastic, too! We had some great discussions about why paper straws are so important to use, and how we can and will make changes in our habits to help save our seas!





Well Jone to our Girls' Football Team!







A huge well done to our Green Meadow girls who took part in last week's football festival. They had an incredible day training and playing alonside 17 other teams for the Biggest Football Session Ever and came second overall! This is amazing! They kept a clean sheet and won all of their matches right up to the finals. Thank you to Matt Tally, Mark webb and M3's Coach Ella for making the training sessions so much fun and to Lou Mills and Maz Pacheco from M3 for helping make the day so memorabloe for all of the girls taking part!



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Broken Weeks and how to avoid them!

One of the things that impacts most negatively on children's progress and attainment is if children have odd days off here and there over the year that disrupts a week's learning. Those who monitor attendance in school call these 'broken weeks'. Great learning in school is reliant on building learning links, lesson by lesson and day by day. In short, every lesson counts! In addition, absence can affect friendships, with the break in social continuity, and children losing that sense of 'belonging'.

Given all of the above we would urge parents to be stringent when making the decision to keep children off school. The NHS give some very good guidance on this, making the point that even if a child feels under the weather then they need to be in school.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



CELEBRATING GREAT LEARNING!



Well done to all of the children who have been practising their spelling on **Spelling Shed** this week. Our class leader board this week has **Saturn** in 1st place, **Jupiter** in 2nd and **Pluto** in 3rd place! Well done to our whole-school top speller, **Daniel** in **Saturn**, who helped his class secure top place!





A huge well done to this week's Mathletes, Ellie in Cadbury,
Nevie in Bournville, Daniella in Shakespeare, Shayla in Tolkien,
Iona in Mars, Daniel in Saturn, Sai in Jupiter and Abiha in Pluto.

Our top scoring classes were Saturn and Tolkien. Keep

practising on the tasks set by your teacher to become a top

Mathlete!

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators, S** in Leopards, **J** in **Zebras, E** in Tigers, **T** in Lions, **Tommy** in Giraffes, **Tanvi** in Gazelles, **Senih** in Bournville, **Brady** in Cadbury, **Mason** in Shakespeare, **Jayden** in Tolkien, **Ava** in Mars, **Soraya** in Saturn, **Dolsi** in Jupiter and **Alfie** in Pluto. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.



Congratulations to our **Readers of the Week**- who get to choose their own book to take home from the world-famous Green Meadow Book Vending Machine! **D** in Zebras, **A** in Leopards, **L** in Lions, **G** in Tigers, **Harvey** in Gazelles, **Phoebe** in Giraffes, **Isabella** in Bournville, **Jude** in Cadbury **Harper** in Tolkien, **Saja** in Shakespeare, **Mohammad** in Saturn, **Emily** in Mars, **Mantasha** in Pluto and **Rayanne** in Jupiter.





ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Well done to all the children in school who received hot chocolate nominations from their teachers for

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!

This week, an incredible 54 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 they show how helpful, friendly and supportive everyone at Green Meadow is. Well done, everyone!











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Be an Attendance

E.R. C



Everyday

Ready

On time

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

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



Green Meadow will be celebrating Red Nose Day's 40th birthday on Friday. 21st March. Pupil Parliament have had their thinking caps on and come up with some great ideas to get involved and have lots of fun whilst raising money to support this amazing charity!

GUESS THE NUMBER OF SWEETS IN THE JAR!

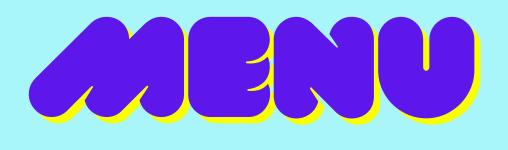
The staff at school have been busy filling a huge jar of sweets and from Monday to Thursday next week. children are invited to guess the number of sweets in the jar for just 20p a go. The person with the closest guess will win the jar of sweets and the lucky winner will be announced on Friday.

RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY, 21st MARCH

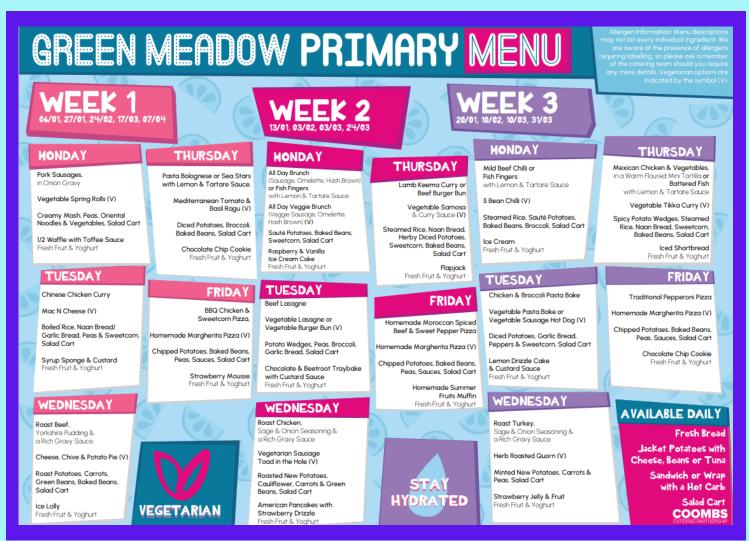
On Friday, children are invited to come to school dressed in their party clothes or dressed in red in return for a donation. Pupil Parliament have organised assemblies, class parties for the afternoon as well as a class quiz...there will also be a sweet treat for everyone to enjoy at the end of the day!

It promises to be a fabulous day!





WE ARE ON WEEK I OF THE MENU AND THURSDAY IS A SPECIAL THEME DAY!



School meals cost £3 per day, payable via Arbor, for Years 3, 4, 5 \(\frac{4}{6} \), 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.

THE SPRING EQUINOX

THE SPRING EQUINOX, IS THE DATE IN BETWEEN THE WINTER AND SUMMER SOLSTICES, AND IS THE DAY WHEN THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT ARE EQUAL TO THE HOURS OF NIGHT TIME

LET US CELEBRATE THE SPRING EQUINOX WITH A MENU OF SPRING INSPIRED INGREDIENTS



ROASTED SPRING VEGETABLE AND TOMATO PASTA (V) SERVED WITH CHEESE AND CHIVE FLATBREAD

SWEETCORN, CARROTS AND BROCCOLI

CHERRY BLOSSOM SHORTBREAD
DAFFODIL MUFFINS
BUMBLE BEE COOKIES

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Spring 2 Week 10
wb 17th March 2025
Guess how many sweets in the jar
Red Nose Day game open every
playtime Monday- Thursday 20p a go

Monday, 17th March 2025 Year 1 Local Walk

Tuesday, 18th March 2025
NHS Reception and Year 6 Heights
and Weights Check

Wednesday, 19th March 2025
Tolkien Class Assembly in the hall
9am

Thursday, 20th March 2025
Shakespeare Class Assembly in the hall 9am

Friday, 21st March 2025 Red Nose Day- Biggest Ever Party Day- see details in the newsletter! Spring 2 Week 11 wb 24th March 2025

Thursday, 27th March 2025
Cadbury class assembly in
the hall 9am

Friday, 28th March 2025 NHS Reception vision screening

Bournville class assembly in the hall 9am

Year 6 debate team at King
Edwards debate
competition pm- invited
pupils