













Week Ending: Friday 25th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! It's been fabulous welcoming so many of you to school this week for Parents' Evening and seeing so many smiley faces after you had had your meetings with teachers. Thank you for your feedback - it was lovely to hear how much you enjoyed looking at your children's learning and hearing just how much progress they have made since September. We are all really proud of how well the children in school apply themselves to their learning and push themselves to do more and more each day!

A big thank you to Mrs Cross for organising the school book fair this week and all of the staff who have stayed behind after school to run it! It has been a roaring success and we can't believe just how many books you have all bought! We are definitely a school full of bookworms! We have raised a phenomenal £1000 so far and it will be open on the first day back after half term just in case you haven't visited it yet. All of the money raised will be used to buy even more books for our incredible book vending machine!

Thank you to all of the parents who came along for the Year 3 and 4 OPAL open session on Wednesday! I think it's our best attended one to date with well over 90 of you there! We're glad you had lots of fun and enjoyed seeing what is on offer for the children to play with every lunchtime. A special well done to all of you who had a whale of a time jumping in the puddles and playing in the mud kitchen!

Year 4 have been on their travels this week! Yesterday, they had a great time in Egypt exploring the pyramids and looking at ancient tombs and what is really impressive is that they did this without leaving our school grounds. What a fabulous resource our VR room is - it makes it possible to go back in time and also to visit places we'd never usually be able to get to!

And finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to you, all of the staff team at Green Meadow and all of our wonderful children for such a fabulous start to the school year and such an exciting half term! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday next week and get to spend some quality time with friends and family. We can't wait to see you all when school reopens on Tuesday, 5th November at 8.35am. Take care,

Miss Arrowsmith

PE Days:



Please wear PE kits to school on PE days.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO PE DAYS THIS WEEK!

Tuesday Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday
Year 1 and Year 2

Thursday Year 5 and Year 6 PE

Friday Reception and Year 4 PE



A reminder for all parents with children who will be reception age next year that online admissions for Reception admissions in September 2025 is now open! To book a guided tour of school, please contact the school office!



The theme of this year's Art Week at Green Meadow is BRILLIANT BRUM and each of the year groups has been looking at different styles of art associated with Birmingham. Everyone in school has been inspired to create their own piece of artwork and have a go at learning a range of different artistic techniques. Without giving too much away before the whole school exhibition after half term, take a look at what each year group have been creating!

Reception have based their artwork on the automotive industy based in Longbridge.

Year 1 have based their art on Birmingham's rich history with metal work.







Year 2 have been learning all about Canal boats and folk art.





Year 3 have been learning all about Cadbury's Chocolate Factory and advertising posters.



Year 4 have been learning all about the printing industry in Birmingham and Baskerville House.







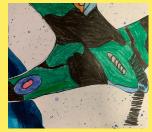
Year 5 have been learning all about street art in Digbeth.





Year 6 have been learning all about the aviation industry, in particular, the production of spitfires.







I am sure that the children will all tell you how much they have enjoyed art week - a huge thank you to our very own resident artist, Mrs Smith, for planning such and exciting week! After half term, we will be transforming the school hall into our Green Meadow art gallery and exhibiting everyone's art work in a whole school exhibition. Please come along to have a look at the fabulous artwork for yourselves!

ART EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES

Tuesday, 5th November 2.30pm - 4pm - all parents
Wednesday, 6th November 2.45pm - 3.15pm - Reception and Year 1 parents
Thursday, 7th November 2.45pm - 3.15pm - Year 2 and Year 3 parents
Friday, 8th November 2.45pm - 3.15pm - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents





Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 basketball team! They were in action this week against all of the Excelsior MAT schools and returned to school with another gold cup and clutching their gold medals! We are all so proud of you! You are stars!





Congratulations to the two families who have won the draw to see the Lionesses in action tonight! We hope you have a fabulous time!

Come on, England! A huge thank you to Mrs Mills for kindly donating the tickets to school!

CONGRATULATIONS!



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ZACHARY WHO IS AN EX-PUPIL OF GREEN MEADOW! ZACHARY WAS COMPETING AT THE WEEKEND AND HAS NOW COMPLETED THE TRILOGY, WINNING ALL THREE OF HIS NATIONAL COMPETITIONS THIS YEAR FOR TRAMPOLINING:

YOUTH BRITISH CHAMPION 2024 Y
ENGLISH CHAMPION 2024 Y
NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPION 2024 Y

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT! WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU!

After School Clubs

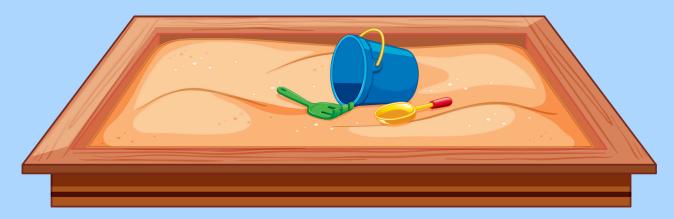


A reminder that after school clubs will resume again in the week beginning 11th November (with the exception of the Year 4,5,6 girls' football development club and cookery club which resume in the week beginning 4th November).

OPAL Updates!



Amazing news! Our OPAL nonuniform day today has raised a staggering £354.50. Thank you so much for all of your generous donations. As promised, school will match this pound for pound meaning that we have £709 to create the best giant sandpit ever for our children to play in at lunchtime!









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

This week, an incredible 96 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 friendly, welcoming and supportive we are at all times in Green Meadow. Well done, everyone! Well done Rose Ayling-Ellis house- our half termly winners. We hope you enjoy your extra OPAL play on Friday afternoon!











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Be an Attendance







Here

Everyday Ready

On time

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

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



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 **Jupiter** in 1st place, **Pluto** in 2nd and **Mars** in 3rd place! Well done to our whole-school top speller, **Aalam** in **Jupiter**, who helped his class secure top place!



A huge well done to this week's Mathletes,
Michael in Bournville, Ellie in Cadbury, Jakob in
Shakespeare, Kian in Mars, Shayla in Tolkien,
Daniel in Saturn, Gabriel in Jupiter and Grace in
Pluto.

Our top scoring classes were **Cadbury** and **Mars**. Keep practising on the tasks set by your teacher to become a top Mathlete!

A huge well done to this week's Outstanding Orators, Oakley in Leopards, Gideon in Tigers, Lincoln in Lions, Heavenly in Giraffes, Avishka in Gazelles, Ire in Bournville, Reuben in Cadbury, Finley in Shakespeare, Mahdiyar in Tolkien, Lukas in Mars, Freddie in Saturn, Sham in Jupiter and Parthiv in Pluto. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.







ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THE PICTURE WE LOOKED AT IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK AND HOW IT RELATES TO BRITISH VALUES



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Autumn 2 Week 9 wb 4th November 2024

The Royal British legion Poppy Appeal - poppies go on sale in school

Monday, 4th November 2024
School closed to pupils<u>Training Day</u>

Tuesday, 5th November 24
Art Exhibition all parents 2.30-4pm
Book Fair

Wednesday, 6th November 2024

Art Exhibition 2.45pm - 3.15pm -Reception and Year 1 parents Reception 2025 parent show arounds

Thursday, 7th November

Art Exhibition 2.45pm - 3.15pm - Year 2

and Year 3 parents

Friday, 8th November 2024
FOGM AGM 9-9.45am in Mission Control
Art Exhibition 2.45pm - 3.15pm - Year 4,
Year 5 and Year 6 parents

Autumn 2 Week 10 wb 11th November 2024 Anti-bullying Week

Monday, 11th November 2024
Reception 2025 parent tours

Tuesday, 12th November 2024
Odd socks day for anti-bullying
week - more information to follow
Reception 2025 parent tours

Wednesday, 13th November 2024 Reception 2025 parent tours

Friday, 15th November 2024
FOGM Bags2school Collection
Children in Need Day - more
information to follow.



APRU

WEEK COMMENCING 4TH NOUEMBER 2024



School meals cost £3 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.

Breakfast Club and After School Wraparound Club



Our before school breakfast club and after school wraparound club are proving to be a great success and the children love them!

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to the start of the school day and costs £2.50 per session. After school wraparound care runs from the end of the school day to 5.30pm and costs £5 per session.

To book a space, please see the clubs section on Arbor, top up your account and then choose the dates you would like to book. Remember that you need to sign our parental agreement before your child can attend.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will be happy to help.



Your school has a vacancy for a parent governor



- play a key role in the overview of our schools by monitoring progress in the curriculum
- attend five meetings of the Governing Board per year
- hold the school's leadership to account







For more information:
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