



Week Ending:  
Friday 14th October 2022

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## Diary Dates October 2022

**Monday 17th**

**SEN Information Report  
Coffee Morning @ 9am**

**Afterschool Clubs:**

Yr 3 & 4 Ball Skills  
Yr 3 Computer Coding

**Tuesday 18th**

**Year 5 Mars Class  
Assembly @ 9am**

**Reception Parents Coffee  
Morning  
9-10.30am**

**Afterschool Clubs:**

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

**Wednesday 19th**

**Year 2 - Giraffes &  
Gazelles**

Outdoor learning please  
bring outdoor learning  
clothes.

**Afterschool Clubs:**

Yr 1 Gymnastics

**Thursday 20th**

**Year 5 Saturn Class  
Assembly @ 9am**

**Afterschool Clubs:**

Reception Multiskills  
Yr 5 Art Textiles

**Friday 21st**

**Afterschool Clubs:  
Yr 5 & 6 Dodgeball**

**Dear Parents,**

Another busy week is coming to a close at Green Meadow. We have been delighted to see so many amazing examples of home learning this week. To see some wonderful photos, check out the Succeeding Together section of this week's newsletter. It always amazes us to see how creative the children are in interpreting the ideas for home learning on our topic knowledge organisers. The children are so enthused by their topic learning and are able to talk in detail about how their learning is coming to life through their experiences. They really are taking on the challenge of Oracy October and talking like experts!

To start this term, we held a combined art and personal development project focusing on expressing identity and community as a theme, with each class looking at a key book and artist. The resulting artwork has been displayed around school this week and looks absolutely amazing. We simply can't wait to showcase it for you on parent's evening.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school after half term for our first parents consultation evenings of this academic year, on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November. There will be more details of how to book appointments with your child's class teacher coming out next week. If your child has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, you can also book a separate appointment with Miss Perry, our SENDCo, to discuss provision for your child and to review their individual targets.

On the theme of SEND, Miss Perry will be hosting a coffee morning on Monday 17th October from 9am, along with James Crompton from the Local Authority Access to Education team Pupil and School Support. The purpose of the morning is to review the school's current SEND Information Report and to gain the insight of parents in how we can make the report accessible and representative of the support we can offer here at Green Meadow for different types of need. If you are interested in coming along, please see Miss Perry's message later in this newsletter on how to book your place.

Also on the theme of inclusion and provision, we wanted to let you know about a fantastic initiative we have been involved with. Developing Local Provision (DLP) is a key part of the SEND improvement programme in Birmingham. It is a two year project which aims to, track, monitor and improve progress and outcomes for children and young people with additional needs or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in mainstream schools across the city. Additional funding over 2 years, has been provided to enable schools to work together to proactively identify the needs of children and young people across partnerships of schools and provide resources and support required to meet those needs earlier. Please see the parents newsletter produced by Birmingham LA and sent out separately today for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Cross

## 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.

Look at these wonderful examples of home learning!  
A fantastic example of school and home succeeding together.



# 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.

Are you speaking at a volume so the people you are speaking to can hear you?

What key vocabulary will help you get across your ideas?

Is your idea something that people can do to make a positive change?

Can you practise saying your ideas so that you sound confident?

**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?

## ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Leave of absence (including holidays during term time)

Parents and carers should make every effort to avoid taking pupils out of education for holidays or other extended leave during term time. The school will only authorise a leave of absence during term time where there are exceptional circumstances.

To request a leave of absence, parents/carers must make the request in advance and in writing and, wherever possible, at least 4 school weeks ahead of the planned leave.

Where a leave of absence is requested as above, the Head of School will consider the specific facts and circumstances relating to the request. The decision:

- will be confirmed in writing
- is solely at Head of School's discretion
- is final.

Where permission is granted, the Head of School will confirm the number of days and dates of absence which are authorised.

If permission is not granted and the parents/carers proceed to take their child out of school, the absence will be marked as unauthorised and parents may be issued with a penalty notice or be subject to prosecution by the local authority.

# 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 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.

## LABELLING CLOTHES



**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!**

## POLITE REMINDER

Please can children (and parents) only push bikes and scooters once on the school grounds. We ask this to keep everyone safe.

## NEW POLICIES ONLINE!

We wish to draw your attention to two school policies which have been recently updated. Our updated Behaviour Policy and our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, which has been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022, are available on our website.

# CHOOSING YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL? CHOOSE GREEN MEADOW

VISIT [WWW.BIRMINGHAM.GOV.UK/SCHOOLADMISSIONS](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAM.GOV.UK/SCHOOLADMISSIONS)  
AND SUBMIT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION  
BY 15 JANUARY 2023



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Reception 2023

New Intake

Please contact the school office to arrange to have a guided tour of our amazing school on the following days:

Tuesday, 1st November 2022  
Wednesday, 2nd November 2022  
Thursday, 3rd November 2022  
Monday, 7th November 2022

## Reception September 2023 School Applications

Applications opened on 1 October 2022 for primary school applications for entry in September 2023. **The closing date is 15 January 2023 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 15 January 2023 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 17 April 2023.

Remember to list three different primary schools. Important: Make sure you include details of any siblings attending your preferred school(s) in the field (box) provided for sibling details. Sibling details included in the incorrect field (box), such as in reasons for preference, will not be counted and may prevent you from gaining a place at your preferred school. Please note if you fill in the online application incorrectly, you are responsible for not completing the form correctly, not School Admissions and Fair Access Service.

***Please scan the QR code for the Birmingham City Council School Applications page.***



# Upcoming events.....

## SEN INFORMATION REPORT COFFEE MORNING- MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 9AM

All schools are required to post on their website an SEN Information Report. The Information Report must include information for identifying, assessing and making provision for pupils with SEN and for the admission of disabled pupils. The requirements are set out in legislation (the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014). We wish to invite you to join us to help shape our SEN Information Report 2022 here at Green Meadow. If you have a child with special educational needs or are interested in finding out more about our SEN provision here at Green Meadow, please do join us for this session. Your input as a parent/ carer would be much appreciated. If you would be interested in joining us or have any questions, please speak to Miss Perry or email [enquiry@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org).

## CURRENT RECEPTION PARENTS / CARERS TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 9.00-10.30AM

All current Reception parents are invited to join us for our next coffee morning where we will be joined by Beccy from the Early Years consortium and Miss Perry, our SENCo. We will be enjoying a drink and a chat while looking at tips to support early language and communication skills, including some games you can play at home with your children. Please pop into or call the school office to let us know if you would like to attend this coffee morning. Thank you.

## YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

MARS - Tuesday 18th October @ 9.00am

SATURN - Thursday 20th October @ 9.00am



## WHOLE SCHOOL PARENT'S EVENING

Parents evenings for the Autumn term will be on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November. Information of how to book appointments with your child's class teacher and with Miss Perry (SENDCo) for children on the SEND register .

## YEAR 4 PARENT'S WORKSHOPS

The ever-popular maths parent workshops are back. Year 4 parents please save the dates of 8th (Shakespeare) and 10th (Tolkien) November. Both workshops will start at 2.15pm. More details to follow next week.

# 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 17TH OCTOBER 2022

CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week TWO				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Lamb Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons Vegan Bites Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots Or Beans	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas	Tomato Pasta Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fresh Daily				
Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily				
Flapjack	Chocolate Cracknell	Chocolate Crunch	Jam Sponge	Strawberry & Vanilla mousse
Vegetarian Options Available Daily. 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.