



Week Ending:  
Friday 21st October 2022

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## Diary Dates October & November 2022

**Monday 31st**

School Re-opens at  
8.30am

**Wednesday 2nd**

Year 6 Trip to  
RAF Cosford

**Year 2 - Giraffes &  
Gazelles**

Outdoor learning please  
bring outdoor learning  
clothes.

**Parents' Evening by  
appointment**

**Thursday 3rd**

Parents' Evening by  
appointment

**NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS  
THIS WEEK DUE TO  
PARENTS' EVENINGS,  
CLUBS WILL RESUME NEXT  
WEEK FROM 7th  
NOVEMBER.**



School closes today  
at 3.20pm and will  
re-open on Monday  
31st October 8.30

Dear Parents,

Happy Friday everyone! I can't believe we're at the end of our first half term - how the time has flown by!

We have held the first class assemblies of the year this week. Mars and Saturn class both did an amazing job of sharing their knowledge and everything they have learned so far in history about the Tudors. Their presentational skills were superb and they kept us all thoroughly entertained with their acting skills and their enthusiasm. Thank you team Year 5 and thank you to all of the parents, friends and grandparents who came along to enjoy the assemblies. It's always great to welcome you into school.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a slot ready for Parents' Evening. We hold two Parents' Evenings throughout the year in the Autumn Term and Spring Term and they give you the opportunity to share your child's books with them to see all of their fantastic learning and discuss their progress with class teachers. This year, all of our consultations are face to face with every child having a 10 minute slot for you to meet with teachers. More details about the organisation of this will follow in the first week back after the holiday. If you haven't booked your slot yet, there's still time! The booking system will be open until Monday, 31st October.

Oracy October has proved to be a great hit with the children and we have been all been blown away by how well they have risen to the challenge of speaking as specialists in all of their lessons and how confident they are! Well done, everyone and thank you to Miss Bonner, Oracy Lead, for organising this initiative.

And finally, well done to our team of footballers who represented school at the Excelsior MAT competition so well at King Edwards School yesterday afternoon. With the MAT growing, we faced even more competition this year but rose to the challenge superbly and came second overall. Our teamwork was commendable and a great example of succeeding together. We would like to congratulate the team from Turves Green for being overall winners. Thank you to Mr Brooks and Miss Evans who cheered the team on so well.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and get to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Best wishes

Miss Arrowsmith



**DON'T FORGET**

**The clocks go back 1 hour at  
2.00am on Sunday 30th  
October 2022**

## 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.

# 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.

- 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?

**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 for 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

Keeping children safe at school is our number one priority. To support us with safeguarding, a polite reminder to contact the office on 0121 475 4505 between 8am and 9am if your child is unwell and not able to attend school. **For absences which last longer than one day, please remember to phone school on each day that your child is unwell.**



# 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.

## 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.***



**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

Proud to be part of **Excelsior**  
[WWW.GREENMEADOW.EXCELSIORMAT.ORG](http://WWW.GREENMEADOW.EXCELSIORMAT.ORG)  
T: 0121 475 4505



**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



# First Aid

We have a number of staff in school who have received first aid training and emergency first aid training. If a child is ill or has an accident at school, we will contact parents if we feel it is necessary. We will always contact parents straight away if there is an emergency concerning their child. For this reason, it is important that parents keep contact details up to date on Arbor. Please contact the office if you would like some support with this.

The safety and well-being of the pupils in our care is always a priority at school and communication with parents and carers regarding issues of safety is important. The procedures we have in place for notifying parents are as follows:

- If a child has a minor injury, this will be recorded in a first aid book. You will receive a text from the office and a first aid slip will be sent home with your child.
- If a child has a head bump or more serious injury, you will receive a phone call from the office and your child will be monitored at school. A first aid slip will also be sent home from school.
- If a child is sent home due to an injury, the office will inform you by phone.

# Upcoming events.....

## WHOLE SCHOOL PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evenings for the Autumn term will be on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November. Please log into your Arbor account and go to 'Parents' Consultations' to book your slot. Bookings can be taken until 11.00pm on Monday 31st October.



## YEAR 4 PARENTS' 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.

## YEAR 6 TRIP TO RAF COSFORD

Wednesday 2nd November, Year 6 will be going on their re-scheduled trip to RAF Cosford.



# 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 31ST OCTOBER 2022

CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week ONE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetable Bolognese 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  Carrots	Creamed Potatoes  Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes  Mixed Vegetables	Creamed Potatoes Peas Or Beans	Chips  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.

The  
**Friends of  
Green Meadow  
PTA**



Hello pupils, staff, and families of Green Meadow

We wanted to share with you all the exciting events we have planned this half term.

For those who don't know we are, the Friends of Green Meadow (FOGM) are a friendly team of parents, relatives, and friends of pupils in the school, who are DBS checked. We arrange and supervise fun events such as **DISCOs**, **SUMMER FAYREs**, **CAKE SALES**, **RAFFLEs** etc.

Over the years, the vital funds we raise for the school means that the children can have extra educational resources and treats such as **CHRISTMAS GIFTs** and **PANTOMIMEs**, **SPORT and PLAY EQUIPMENT** and **BOOK BAGs** to name just a few.

This year, the money we donate to the school will be used for the school virtual reality room and to purchase books for the library. We will also fund a pantomime for the whole school and a Christmas present for every child. We have plans for more fun events in the Spring and Summer terms.

If you would like to get involved with FOGM or find out more about what we do, then please email [FOGM@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org](mailto:FOGM@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org). It is a great way to offer practical help to the school, meet new people and use your skills and talents. Children love to be part of the action too! We hope to see you there!

**We are delighted to announce the following events this half term:**

**AUTUMN CAKE SALE** more information below

**WINTER DISCO** date to be confirmed

**CRAFT FAYRE** (we would like to gauge interest from any parents, families or friends who might like to purchase a stall for a craft fayre to be held in the school hall at the end of a school day. For more information and to register your interest please email [FOGM@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org.uk](mailto:FOGM@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org.uk)

**CLASS CHOCOLATE RAFFLES** available during December

**PANTOMINE**

**VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS** with a present for every child

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** more information below

Keep a look out for flyers (via Arbor and email) for details of all upcoming events. Thank you in advance for all your support.

*The Friends of Green Meadow*





# **AUTUMN CAKE SALE**

## **Monday 31 October 2022**

**Please bring your pocket money to our cake sale after school on Monday 31 October 2022.**

**We will have all the usual goodies including cupcakes and donuts. This year we will also have a limited amount of Krispy Kreme donuts! First come first served!**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

# **CHRISTMAS ARTWORK PROJECT**

**For the first time, we are helping children create Christmas cards and gifts for their families this year. The children's exciting designs can be professionally printed on a range of products including cards, tags, wrapping paper and gift mugs.**

**All children will come home today with information on how to create their very own artwork and pupil order form. Please read the artwork guidelines printed on your child's order form.**

***For inspiration go to [www.cauliflowercards.co.uk](http://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk) and view their gallery.***

**If any other members of your family would like to join in then we do have a few spare order forms. Each order form has a unique code so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family. Instead, please ask at the office for extra copies.**

**Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.**

**All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by:**

**MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2022.**

**Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.**



# easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Friends of Green Meadow Primary School with easyfundraising?

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greenmeadowprim/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greenmeadowprim/?utm_campaign=raise-more) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to Friends of Green Meadow Primary School - Birmingham at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges, and Friends of Green Meadow Primary School - Birmingham will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

*The Friends of Green Meadow*