



Week Ending:
Friday 23rd September 2022

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Diary Dates

September 2022

Tuesday 27th

Year 1 - Trip to the Black Country Living Museum.

Years 5 & 6 -

Professor McGinty Workshop

Wednesday 28th

Year 2 - Giraffes & Gazelles

Outdoor learning please bring outdoor learning clothes.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! And what a fabulous Friday it's been. One of our school and MAT values is succeeding together and we have seen this in abundance today. The school council and Rights Respecting Steering Group have just met together for the first time to plan ahead for the important work they will be doing this year with a focus on 'Making a Difference'. This term, they are thinking of ways to make a difference in school, before then thinking more widely and making a difference in the local community and nationally. Today, they worked together on relaunching our houses in school. They came up with some brilliant suggestions for names based on people who inspire them and will now canvas the other children in school before holding a whole school vote to relaunch our new house names. What an exciting day it has been for Year 6 today too...They have impressed us all with how responsible they are and we are proud to be able to announce our new group of School Prefects. Well done to everyone who applied for the role and were successful. We know you will act as excellent ambassadors for school and be exemplary role models at all times.

Congratulations to Anna and Blaine who have been voted head pupils in school.

Best wishes
Miss Arrowsmith

COMING SOON

Please look out for information about our autumn term school clubs next week.



DON'T
miss it!

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 following 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.

Monday 17th October @ 9.00am

SEN Information Report Coffee Morning - parent and carers welcome.

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.

Save
THE
Date



CURRENT RECEPTION PARENTS / CARERS

Come and join us for a coffee and find out how we teach phonics in school.

Dates: Wednesday 5th October

Tuesday 18th October

Time: 9.00-10.30am

Further info to follow....



20 THINGS

YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT EUROPE'S LANGUAGES



THE SILBO LANGUAGE

of La Gomera, Spain, is an ancient whistling language and is still being taught in local schools.

MALTESE

is the only European language in the Afro-Asiatic family (which includes Arabic, Hebrew, Berber, and Hausa).

Acccdmrig to a rscheearch sudty , it deosn't mtttaer in waht oreodr the ltters in a wrod are; the olny iprmoatnt fatcor is taht the frist and lsat ltters be at the rghit pclae. Tihis bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey ltteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

EUSKARA,

the Basque language, is believed to be one of the oldest European languages. Its origins are unknown.



Russian was the first language spoken in **OUTER SPACE**.

LITHUANIAN is very similar to ancient Sanskrit and is the oldest spoken Indo-European language.



It is believed that about **70,000 YEARS AGO**

a change happened in the human brain that allowed humans to suddenly develop complex language and thoughts about things that are not immediately visible. This led to the ability to develop ideas, plans, beliefs and bigger concepts and being able to express these with language.



More than half of Europe is **BILINGUAL**.

Languages have around

50,000

words or more.

Typically, native speakers know

15,000 to 20,000

word families but individual speakers normally use only a few hundred.

There are about

225 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

in Europe – roughly 3% of the world's total.

αβγδε

You may know much more Greek than you think! You are certainly familiar with alpha, beta, delta, gamma and perhaps pi and P. In fact mathematics, astronomy, biology, geography, technology, philosophy, not to mention politics, democracy and many more common terms in Europe's languages all have their origins in Greek!

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THE MOST DIFFICULT TO PRONOUNCE?

The Czech letter ř is said to be one of the most difficult letters to pronounce in the world – except if you are Czech!



The EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES

of the Council of Europe is the only treaty in the world which aims to protect and promote traditional regional and national minorities' languages.

The mother tongues spoken by most people in Europe are Russian, German, French, English and Turkish, in that order.



One of the main Serbian orthographic rules is

"WRITE AS YOU SPEAK AND READ AS IT IS WRITTEN".

This means that even proper names coming into Serbian from another language are transcribed according to their pronunciation: for instance, New York is Njujork, and Gérard Depardieu is Žerar Depardje.



More than

200 FAKE LANGUAGES

have been created for literature and cinema (such as Elvish in "Lord of the Rings" and Klingon in "Star Trek").

Recent medical studies have shown that learning a second language **MAY** delay the onset of **DEMENTIA** by several years.

INDO-GERMANIC LANGUAGES

derive from an ancient language that existed 4000-5000 years ago. Most linguistic ethnologists locate it with human cultures living somewhere in the area of the Caspian Sea. From there it spread to Europe and as far as India.

According to UNESCO, at least

43%

of the estimated 6000 languages spoken in the world are **ENDANGERED**.



KINSHASA,

the capital of the D. R. of the Congo, is the world's second largest French speaking city, after Paris, and before Montreal and Brussels.

20 years European Day of Languages
26 September





Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything. **And I mean everything.** *Jeanette Winterson*

Can you spare any time at the end of the day to listen to children in the Infants read? We would love some parents to come and listen to children read in Years 1 and 2. Training will be provided by Mrs Bestwick. If you are interested, please send an email in to enquiry@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org by Friday 30th September. Mrs Bestwick will then be in contact with you.

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 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022

WEEK TWO				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with cheese and beans	Lamb Lasagne Quorn Lasagne Jacket Potato with cheese and beans	Roast Gammon Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with cheese and beans	Chicken Goujon Vegan Bites Jacket Potato with cheese and beans	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Peperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with cheese and beans
Assorted Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese, Chicken and Tuna	Assorted Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese, Chicken and Tuna	Assorted Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese, Chicken and Tuna	Assorted Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese, Chicken and Tuna	Assorted Sandwiches – Ham, Cheese, Chicken and Tuna
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Potato Wedges Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fruit Flapjack Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Cracknell Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Crunch Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Jam Sponge Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Ice Cream Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

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.