



Week Ending:
Friday 30th September 2022

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Diary Dates

October 2022

Monday 3rd

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 3 & 4 Ball Skills
Yr 3 Computer Coding

Tuesday 4th

Afterschool Clubs:

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

Wednesday 5th

Year 2 - Giraffes & Gazelles

Outdoor learning please bring outdoor learning clothes.

Reception Parents

Coffee Morning
9-10.30am

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 1 Gymnastics

Thursday 6th

Afterschool Clubs:

Reception Multiskills
Yr 5 Art Textiles

Children's Favorite Lunch Menu

Friday 7th

Afterschool Clubs:

Yr 5 & 6 Dodgeball

Dear Parents,

What a great week full of exciting learning it's been! Trips and workshops have truly brought year group topics to life for the children! Year 1 had a fantastic time learning all about what life was like in the past when they visited the Black Country Museum. The highlight of the day was discovering what laundry days were like and they loved having a go themselves using the dolly and tub before squeezing the water out using the mangle and pegging the clothes out to dry.... the children couldn't believe how much hard work it was!

Year 5 and 6 welcomed a very special time travelling professor to school for their highly engaging workshops all about the Tudors and World War II. The children have been buzzing about taking part in the workshop all week and sharing some amazing facts about both topics with me!

And now for some very exciting news. I am sure you will all want to join with me to congratulate and send best wishes to Mr and Mrs Latham who welcomed Hugo Latham into the world last Friday. Mum and baby are both doing brilliantly! We can't wait to meet the new additional to the Latham family when he's a little bit older.

A reminder that all of our after-school clubs start next week. Thank you to all of you who have signed up for one of these. For all of you who are new to school, clubs run from 3.20pm - 4.15pm. Please use the main gate entrance when collecting your child at 4.15pm from the foyer area by the water feature.

And finally, it looks like Autumn is finally here and the weather is certainly turning colder. Please remind your child to bring their coat into school every day to keep them warm at break and lunch time.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Miss Arrowsmith



Parking

A polite reminder to be considerate to our neighbours when parking cars to drop children off to school at the start and to collect them at the end of the day.
Thank you.

For our school to be outstanding beacons of equality, where pupils succeed in a safe, innovative and vibrant learning community.

Our Cornerstones of School Development

Aspiring from the start

Where ambition begins on Day One

Engaging learning

Unlocking minds every day

Succeeding together

Alone you're good. Together we're amazing

Ensuring equality for all

Equality – First, Foremost, Forever



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.



Welcome to the wonderful world of Mathletics. Your child will have now brought home their personal login for Mathletics, an amazing tool for online learning. We will set tasks for the children to complete and there are points and trophies to be won!
Good luck, Mathletes.

Pastoral Team Update

At Green Meadow we have a dedicated pastoral team who work in the SEAL room. SEAL stands for Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. The SEAL room is safe space where children can have support for their social and emotional needs.

We recognise that many children need additional help to manage their emotional well-being. This can be for a variety of reasons, that may be for a short time or a longer time. We are currently working towards becoming a TIAAS accredited school. TIAAS stands for Trauma-Informed Attachment Aware Schools. All school staff have undertaken TIAAS training. This enables us to use approaches to support children who may have experienced early trauma, leading to insecure attachments. The pastoral team can also support other types of trauma which may occur unexpectedly such as bereavement or family separation.

Alongside this, we work with many local agencies to help families with immediate needs, such as local food banks and the Northfield Families Partnership.

If you would like to discuss any of the support we can offer, please contact Mrs Robinson or Mrs Cross via the school office.

There will be opportunities for parents to join us in school to explore different ways to support children in the near future. Watch this space for dates!

ORACY OCTOBER



We are excited to announce that we will be participating in Oracy October in conjunction with Voice 21! Throughout the month of October, in school, we will be talking like a specialist within our English, Art, PE, Maths and History sessions to develop the children's oracy skills whilst also increasing their confidence within the given subjects.

We know that children flourish when home and school work in partnership.....this is when we succeed together! To support your child at home, we would like them to have a go at 'talking like a citizen' using one of the examples given. If your child presents their ideas to me, they will get a special prize! Please see below.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Bonner

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 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

You may recall the whole school attendance letter we sent out in collaboration with the Education Legal Intervention Team at Birmingham City Council on 13th September. This goes out to all parents in Birmingham at the start of the school year to thank parents for working together with schools to ensure their children are in school, on time everyday.

It also reminds you of the legal process should you not ensure your child attends school regularly.

At Green Meadow, whole school attendance is just at the national expectation of 96% so far this year. During this week and next week, the pastoral team will be contacting families to offer support where attendance is not yet meeting the magic figure of 96%. We understand that there may be times where children are ill and need to be away from school.

Please contact the school office on every day of absence. If you need any help with your child's attendance and punctuality, please engage with us during our phone calls this week so we can help your child to be an attendance HERO- HERE EVERYDAY READY and ONTIME!

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

Succeeding Together

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What creative children we have in school! We have seen some wonderful examples of great home learning in all of the year groups this week. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home by sharing Knowledge Organisers about their topics with them and having a go at some of the home learning ideas! Another great example of **succeeding together!**



Year 7 School Applications

**DON'T
miss it!**

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.

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....



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.



Menu Kids



WEEK COMMENCING 3RD OCTOBER 2022

THURSDAY IS CHILDREN'S FAVOURITES DAY, PLEASE SEE BELOW.

MENU WEEK THREE			<i>* Change of Menu *</i>	<i>* Change of Menu *</i>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Vegan Bites Jacket Potato & Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Curry Vegetable Curry Jacket Potato & Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato & Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza Fish Fillet Jacket Potato & Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cottage Pie Vegetable Cottage Pie Jacket Potato & Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches
Tomato Pasta Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots	Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Chips Beans	Creamed Potatoes Peas
Jam Doughnuts	Flapjack	Assorted Cookies	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse	Chocolate Crunch

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.