Dear Parents,

Natural learning through digital creativity.

It has been a very exciting half-term at Green Meadow as all the children have taken part in an Art and D.T. project developing their knowledge of design and how to use digital media to present their ideas.

It all started in Year 2 when the children explored the school grounds to gather ideas to create our Green Meadow Story. The story focused on an ‘Orange Break Dancing Spider’ that wanted to teach all the other minibeasts to dance!

The ‘Orange Break Dancing Spider’ story was developed and presented in a variety of ways, including an audio book and animation — Traditional Tale character.

On Thursday 7th March Year 5 went on a School trip to Singers’ Hill Synagogue. As we entered the synagogue, a dazzling sight met our eyes — there were so many stained glass windows and the building was huge! First we went into the children’s bit of the synagogue and a woman named Monica was our guide for the day. When we got in to the building we sat down to listen what Monica said. We played a game and we had to see how many symbols of Judaism there were in the children’s prayer room. This included the Star of David, Menorah, Everlasting Light, Torah scrolls and Ten Commandments. We learnt that all manners of respect should be paid in the synagogue, for example, men and boys must always wear a kippah on their head. We went to the synagogue because we were learning about Judaism in RE. The best part of the day was when we went up stairs and sat down on the balcony because adults would throw sweets down to the children and some were still in the chandeliers!

Yours sincerely,

H. Setchell
Headteacher

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**ENTRY DAY TO OUR NEW TOPICS**

After the Easter break we are starting our new topics with our usual ‘sizzling start’. On Thursday 11th April 2013 please can the children come to school dressed up. We have lots of workshops, visitors etc arranged so that we can enjoy this start to our new topics. Please see below as to the class themes.

**Reception**
- Traditional Tale character.
- Light & Dark — To wear Light and Dark clothes

**Year 1**
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**Year 2**
- Seaside — Holiday clothes

**Year 3**
- Plants and Gardeners

**Year 4**
- Tudors — Kings or Queens etc.

**Year 5**
- Be good to yourself — Sports Clothes.

**Year 6**
- A Character from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

**SCHOOL MEALS / MILK PRICE INCREASE**

School was informed at the beginning of the month that school meal prices would increase and school would be charged extra. It was recommended to us to increase the cost of a daily meal from £1.90 to £2.00 per child. The Governing Body met to discuss whether this price increase would be met by school or paid for by parents. In the hope of being supportive to you the Governing Body has generously decided that school will cover the price increase and school meals will remain at a cost of £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week) to you. Tuck prices also remain the same.

- Toast — 10p
- Milk — 20p
- Fruit Juice — 20p
- Pupils Puddings — 40p
- Pupils Drinks available after the Easter break — 25p

**LA Induction Day**

The LA have advised us to alert parents as to the date of the Secondary Induction day. Our present Year 6 pupils will attend their new Birmingham Secondary school on:

**WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY 2013**

Please note this date for your information. This day will be when all classes move to their new year group.

**Reminder School is closed on:**

- Monday 6th May (May Day)

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**Coming Events:**

- Quiz Night — Friday 26th April 2013 from 7.30 p.m.
- Spring Disco — 17th May 2013
- Summer Fete — Saturday 22nd June 2013 12.30—3.00 p.m.

Thank you for your support.
SCHOOL WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE
We are currently reviewing and updating our school website and are seeking your views. Please complete our website survey through the Green Meadow website: www.greenmeadow.bham.sch.uk by the end of April 2013. We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

OFSTED PARENT VIEW
We are always keen for you to be as fully informed about school as possible. Ofsted provide a site called ‘Parent View’ which gives you the chance to tell them what you think about your child’s school. By sharing your views you’ll be helping your school to improve. You can access this site through www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk.

PARENTS EVENING
Many thanks to all those parents and pupils who joined us for our Spring term Parents’ Evening. In total 93% of our families were represented and feedback highlights that it was a positive experience for all involved. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR ONE
Read a recount of one of our creative Art/DT workshops

PRE-SCHOOL REQUEST
We would be grateful if parents support us in the following:-
(i) Ensure that pupils are not on site before 8.40 a.m. (unless they have a pre school job).
(ii) Ensure that no balls / equipment are brought into school.
(iii) Ensure that pupils are properly supervised by parents in the times before / after school.
Our expectation is that by limiting the time on site the opportunity for problems/injuries to arise will be minimised. The same principle applies to equipment on site. Before / After school pupils remain the responsibility of their parents.

GREEN MEADOW FOOTBALL RESULTS
Despite the snow the school football team played a match against Woodgate and were 5-1 victors.

Buildings Update
During the Easter holidays we will have the following works undertaken:-
- painting of pupil toilet areas.
- Cloakroom refurbishment for the Junior storage of Outdoor learning clothes.
- Essential roof repairs.
- Replacement of the Infant toilet cubicle doors, chosen by the School Council.

WELL DONE YEAR 4
On Thursday 21st March 4F took part in an Art workshop that was run by Universal Learning. The idea behind the workshop was to help us become more creative and imaginative. I really enjoyed this exciting experience because it has helped me to become more creative. Balancing feathers was a challenging activity. We were all given a large, green feather which I tried to balance on my little finger. After that Paul read out a story that Year 2 had written. We acted it out while the story was being read. My favourite part of the day was making a 3D model out of artstraws. By Annalie—4F

SUMMER UNIFORM
The forthcoming Summer Term usually brings much warmer weather. Confusion may arise regarding school uniform so it seems appropriate to remind you of our policy. If shorts are to be worn then they must be grey. Girls can wear red or green gingham dresses which are ideal for the warm weather. Our policy of dark, sensible shoes should still be adhered to (black or dark not brightly coloured). We have seen several examples of all sorts of exotic footwear. Please adhere to our rules—in school stick to the school dress code. We have had experience of girls wearing shoes which are dangerous for moving around school in. Please do not give into the temptation of choosing high heeled brightly coloured fashion school shoes. As a guide we would not expect heels to be higher than 5cm (2 inches) high. Please support us as we do not want conflict over this issue.

PARKING ISSUES
The PCSOs, who now regularly patrol the roads around the school, have asked me to remind all parents that should an obstruction be caused due to illegal parking, they will operate a zero tolerance policy and administer tickets. They have been informed of key periods / events and will be patrolling the area at these times e.g. Assemblies, Sports Day, Fete Day, Parents Evenings etc.

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WELL DONE YEAR 6
Another wonderful performance! Our Year 6 pupils showed just how talented, confident and dedicated they are when they presented their version of “The Journey” on Monday 25th March. The children rose magnificently to the challenge. A packed house was left spellbound by the sheer quality of all the performances. My thanks to Malachi Trust for their input and to Miss Arrowsmith and Miss Wall for their encouragement but especially to our magnificent singers, dancers and actors in year 6.

You truly are a special group of children!

RED NOSE DAY
A huge thank you to all who contributed towards the Comic Relief event. We raised £390.00. Well Done!
Congratulations to all of the children listed below who were able to avoid illness. All of those listed below will receive a Gold attendance certificate.

Class 1PW: Ekene Anyaneagu, Dylan Brecknell, Wyatt Brown, Anya Bryan, Katherine Dunne, Jedidiah Emmanuel – Kokoh, Harvey James, Samuel Kelly and Georgia Longley.

Class 2M: George Hubbocks, Isabel Mason Burns, Callum McCarthy, Melissa Milton, Kaylee Moore, Keira Smalley, Bryony Tranter Wilkes, Alisha Buchan and Eve Yarwood.
Class 3B: Jake Allen, Ebube Anyaneagu, Daisy Armstrong Smith, Jacob Callanan, Leah Jordan, Jacob Longley, Madison Mckellars, James Tomlin, Samuel Walton, William Westwood and Leonie Woolley.

Class 3H: Latoya Buchan, Odhran Carpenter, Logan Chick, Alannah Dunn, Tian-Ran Ge, James Harvey, Nikolai Jones, Laila Jordan, Jayden Miller, Abigail Morris, Bethany Smith, Elliott Thurman and Michael Wu.
Class 4C: Joseph Andriola, Archie Bourne, Isabel D’Auncey, Libby Evans, Eloise Gough, Hope Guest, James Jones, George Kettle, Keenan McCarthy, Joshua Oughton, Mathew Rudge, Lauren Thorn, James Tolland and Emma Wheeler.
Class 4F: Emily Bonham, Annalie Gough, Stephen James, Ben Jennings, Ellena Jeong, Arran Massey, Kaitlyn Mckellars, Deniro Quinn Mellard, Oliver Walker, Emily Ward and Ethan Whitehouse.
Class 5B: Tyler Balla, Kirsty Brecknell, Leah Buchan, Paige Eacock, Holly Jones, Charlotte Lane, Nathaniel Mason-Burns, Jevan Sangha, Oliver Solomon Clarke and Ben White.
Class 5C: Oluma Anyaneagu, Matthew Davies Griffith, Scarlet Hannam, Thomas Lane, Gabrielle Milton, Sabeen mirza, Milan Quinn Mellard, Rebecca Stokes and Lauren Walters.
Class 6A: Jasmine D’Auncey, Charlie Fry, Sophie Hall, Thomas Hall, Mason Jones, Owen Harris, Neve Hick, James Perry, Lucas Stevenson, Bethany Waller, Charlotte Whitaker, Sajeeha Wijeratne and Sean Yearwood.

Congratulations to Class 4C who were the Spring Term overall best attenders with an average of 98.51%. Overall Early Bird award winners for the Spring Term were 1M with 15 lates.

Our congratulations to both classes on their excellent achievement. All winners will receive a special pencil to celebrate their success. Please do continue to support our Best Attenders / Early Bird initiatives by getting your children to school everyday and on time.