

Reception

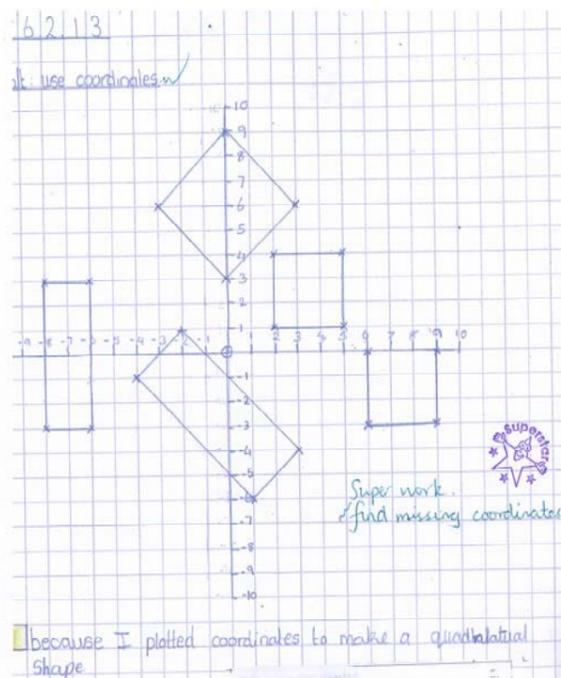
We have had a new frame in the outdoor area. We have had so much fun weaving ribbons onto it and using it to role play. We are also planning to use it to make a den or a house. It has supported our learning and creativity so much already and we cannot wait to see what else we can do with it.



Year 5— Crazy for Coordinates

Year 5 have kick-started this half term by learning about co-ordinates in maths. We can already read and plot coordinates, some of them in all 4 quadrants! Our big challenge this week will be to find missing coordinates and to identify shapes / pictures that are created by the coordinates we plot. We just need to remember to always read the x axis first!

By Ellie Tipper—5B



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08/11-12 1st March 2013

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

S.I.P PARENTAL RESPONSES

A big thank you to those parents who returned the School Response form and for sharing their positive comments about the good things that happen here. We had 29 responses which is a very small proportion of our local community so we assume that this indicates your continued satisfaction with the school. Despite the limited number we did receive some excellent and positive responses.



Great importance was placed upon:

- The good quality of teaching and learning and excellent curriculum provision.
- The inspiring learning environment and the new outdoor learning initiative.
- The pupil response to our school and their general behaviour and attitude to learning.
- The regular and informative newsletters / topic letters and feedback given to parents.
- The availability and quality of parental workshops including the opportunity for reading volunteers.
- The variety of clubs available for pupils although new opportunities are always being investigated.
- The homework initiative and use of resources in school such as Ipads. We are keen to liaise with you about homework so please talk to your class teacher if you need support / direction in this area.

In response to development areas that were raised we are reviewing our website and ensuring that information e.g. dinner menu choice is available and is up to date. In regard to Inspire workshops pupils who are unable to work with a parent / family or friend member do complete the activity with a school Teaching Assistant. Parents who raised individual issue have been contacted by Phase Leaders. Pupil feedback is always discussed at School Council meetings and during class topic planning.

DIGITAL CREATIVITY

Today Year 2 have spent half a day being involved in an amazing digital creativity project. All of the classes will be involved in this project over the next few weeks. Children will plan and design a structure that will be built outside. We are working with Universal Learning who will be in every class for half a day using Ipads, flip cameras, green screen technology and more exciting equipment. We will keep you informed of how the project progresses and would like you to join us at the end of this term to share the children's journey through this exciting project.



FUNDRAISING SUPERSTARS



Well done for all your efforts in raising money for the Children's Hospital Cancer Centre Appeal. We made a total of £700 last term and the cheque was collected by Justine Cleary, a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital. This charity means a lot to us as one of our families needs the support of the services they can offer. Callum, Finlay and Neve O'Reilly happily joined in the celebration with Mum, Wendy Roberts.

We are absolutely delighted that Green Meadow Primary School has chosen to support our Children's Cancer Centre Appeal. The pupils have all worked really hard to raise such an incredible amount of money. It is always great to see children thinking about other children and I would like to thank them, and the staff and parents at the school for their very generous support.

Justine Cleary, Schools Fundraiser, Birmingham Children's Hospital.

MUGA Entrance to Green Meadow Primary School

Now that the building work is near completion at the south side of our site, the entrance near the MUGA off Green Meadow Road will be open for use before / after school from Monday 4th March.



COOKERY CLUB

Over the last 16 weeks Cookery Club have been busy making and baking a variety of different foods from Smoothies to Chicken Curry from Biscuits to Cup Cakes. On our last night, the children invited Miss Setchell, Miss Buffery, Mrs Hammond and Mr Rose to join them for tea, which they had cooked and prepared for them. Mrs Dunn and Mrs Pritchett would like to say a big well done to all the children and hope they have enjoyed their time and that they will continue baking at home.

Mrs Pritchett



FOGMS

Easter Fun Day

Tickets are now on sale for our Easter Fun Day on Saturday 23rd March 2013 10.00-12.00 p.m.

Quiz Night

Friday 26th April 2013 from 7.30p.m. Letters will be sent home to book tickets soon.

Thank You

FOGM would like to thank everyone for attending the Valentines Disco which was a sell out and a huge success. We raised a total of £305.00. A big thank you also to those who brought in bags for the Bag 2 School collection.

FOGMS Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March @ 7.30 p.m. in the annexe. New members are always welcome to join. Look out for us at Parent's Evening as we are hoping to recruit new members during the evening.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are currently looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are able to commit to 1½ hours a day between 12.10—1.40 p.m., then you could be the person we are looking for. If you are interested and would like more information about this role then contact Mrs Hammond (School Administrator) or Mrs Pritchett (School Link Worker) at the school office.

DATES

School Closes :
Thursday 28th March 2013 @ 3.25 / 3.30 p.m.

School Re-Opens:
Monday 15th April 2013 @ 8.50 a.m.

Please remember that school is CLOSED on:-
Monday 6th May (May Day)

Your sincerely,

H. Setchell
Headteacher

The B Word

On Thursday 14th February, Y2- 6 watched a fantastic workshop about bullying. It was called the B Word. They told us about all the different ways people can be bullied by acting out a situation. It had a serious message, but was extremely interesting and fun! We learnt that people can be bullied by text and emails which is called cyber-bullying. Also bullying can include calling people names, hurting people and saying unkind words. We think that 'no-one deserves to be bullied' because everyone should be treated the same.

Keenan, Archie and Laura 4C.



Year 2 - Describing Settings

In Year 2 we have been looking closely at the adjectives and adverbs used to describe a setting. Firstly we looked at a text about a forest and we borrowed interesting words or phrases. "I found whistling wind, its alliterative so it sounds like the wind" Toby 2M. Then we built a setting and added our own descriptive sentences.



"The dark, gloomy, dirty forest was full of beautiful trees but they had dangly branches." Melissa 2M. The children really enjoyed planning their own setting and are going to use it in their writing this week.

PRE/POST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

May we remind parents that the responsibility for the wellbeing, behaviour of their child is theirs. School cannot deal with issues that could have been prevented through parents vigilance on the playground before and after school. Ball games, riding of bicycles and scooters are not allowed during these times. We need all parents to respect this view and support us with this.

HOW TO MAKE A FILM CANISTER ROCKET!

Equipment list:

- Film canister (white ones work best)
- WA Water
- Effervescent tablet (Vitamin C)
- Safety goggles

What to do:

- 1, First, put the safety goggles on securely - if you don't, you may be blinded!
- 2, Next, fill the film canister half full of water; cold water is best.
- 3, When that is done, then split the effervescent tablet into quarters.
- 4, After that, carefully put one quarter onto the lid. (so that you have more time to run.)
- 5, Next, quickly put the lid on the canister.
- 6, Finally, get to a safe distance.

Why not try experimenting? Try using hot water or even use more of the tablet!

technical
The technical bit...
When some materials are combined, they create a new material by using a chemical reaction. When the effervescent tablet (a solid) and water (a liquid) were combined, the chemical reaction turns them into gas!

Year 6—How to make a film canister rocket

In year 6, we made a rocket launcher for our topic about Space! It was amazingly awesome... we couldn't believe how high it flew through the classroom—it nearly lifted the ceiling tiles off! As a follow up, we wrote a set of instructions to show how to make a 'film canister rocket' .. Read Faith's to find out how to carry out this experiment for yourself. We can't wait for our next Science lesson when we get to try to launch the rocket even higher!

By Josie Jones and Faith Callanan—6A|

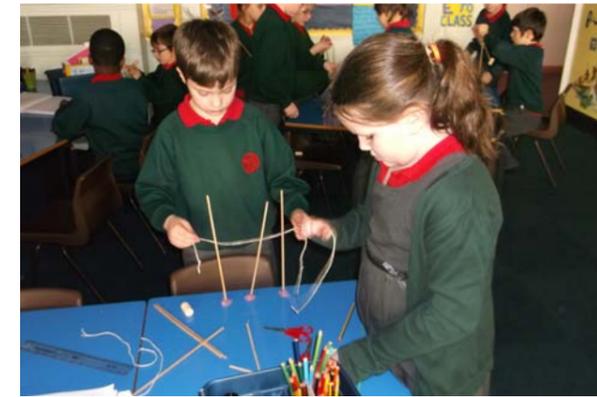
PARKING

Parking can be a divisive issue when looked at from different perspectives. When you park please ensure that all perspectives are covered. We would like to stress the need for parking procedures which minimise the risk of our pupils being put in danger. Please park at all times with due care and consideration both for our neighbours and, most importantly, for the safety of our children. We would also like to remind parents not to stop in front of the school gates to 'drop' children off as this is a health and safety issue, these gates must be kept clear at ALL times.



Walk Like An Egyptian

In Year 3, as part of our topic, we have designed and made our own Shadufs. This was a device used by the Egyptians, to get water safely from the River Nile. They can still be found in Egypt today and we tried to make our own versions. We certainly needed to collaborate and persevere in order to get them to work!



SCHOOL SHOES

Please note that the school dress code (as agreed by the Governing Body) insists on **SENSIBLE SCHOOL SHOES**. Black trainers are **NOT** shoes and cannot be worn as a replacement for them. Due to the layout of the building the junior girls need to ensure that heels are of an appropriate height (no higher than 5cm/2 inches preferably lower). We actively encourage the Y1 -6 children to bring trainers or spare pumps to school to wear at lunchtimes so that they can use the spaces / equipment e.g. Trimtrack available to them. Please ensure that your child's dress code conforms with these guidelines and are appropriate to wear when using outdoor equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please remember that you can access our school website by typing in either:-

www.greenmeadow.bham.sch.uk

or

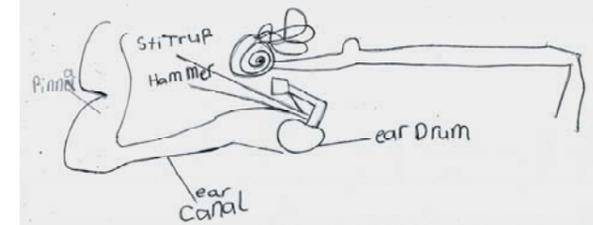
<http://moodle.mvyle.org/greemdown/>

The website is updated several times a week and you can find all the information relating to school e.g. dates, events, newsletters and much more. Children can also access their class information e.g. spellings, homework etc.



YEAR 1

26-2-13 Wale: exp life how sounds are heard



In Year 1 this term we are learning about sound and hearing. We have started to learn all about how we hear and what the different parts of the ear are called. I used a model of an ear to help me draw and label diagram showing the parts of an ear.

By Hannah—1PW

PARENTS' EVENING—14th March 2013

A reminder for all that Parents Evening is on Thursday 14th March. Signing up sheets will be available from Monday 4th March. Please remember that there is one appointment available per child.

Shenley Community Hub



Come and share your ideas for our proposed Community Owned Hub!
Monday 4th March
6pm - 7pm
Shenley Court Hall.
Free Refreshments