

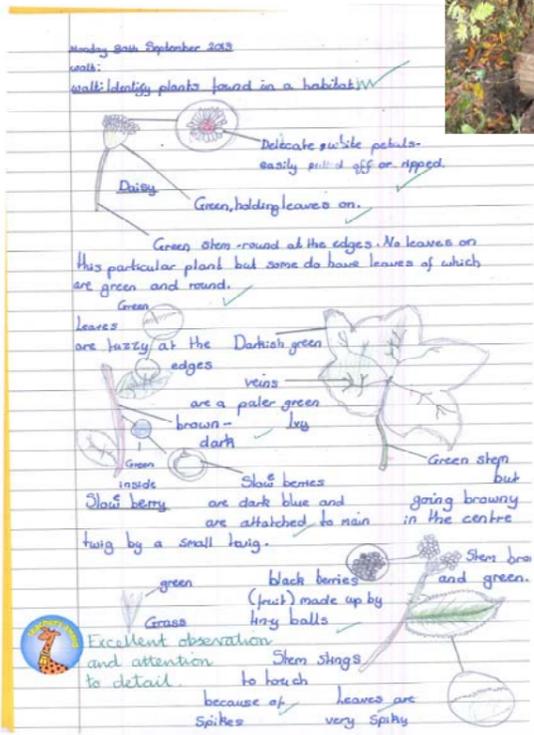
We're going on a beast hunt!



6A have been looking at habitats in science. Our school is full of different habitats for plants and animals to make their home. In the past week, we have focused on the wildlife area where we have tried to identify all of the different plants living there. Yesterday, we all went down to the wildlife area in groups of three and hunted in different parts to find samples of different minibeasts to study and sketch. Our group found lots of different minibeasts such as worms, ants, woodlice, beetles, slugs, spiders, hover flies, crane flies and earwigs. When we collected these, we had to make sure we kept them safe so we used pooters which meant that we didn't have to handle them. At the end of the day, we returned all of the minibeasts to their natural habitats safely.



By Tia, Becky and Megan 6A



Let's Grow Vouchers

We are now collecting 'Let's Grow Vouchers' from Morrisons supermarket. All vouchers collected will be used to purchase gardening equipment for the school.



Governor Update

We are pleased to inform parents that our annual governor elections have taken place and the Chair of Governors is Mrs J. Dickens. The Vice-Chair is Mr B. Hardeman and the Clerk to Governors is Mrs S. Hammond.



FRIENDS OF GREEN MEADOW EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 18th October 7.30 pm.

Advance warning—The Friends of Green Meadow will be holding this year's first Quiz night on Friday 18th October. Look out for the booking form coming home soon.

NON-UNIFORM DAY—Friday 25th October 2013.

Donations of Chocolate/s (in date please) for the Christmas Fayre tombola. Please send only chocolate into school.

BAG TO SCHOOL collection Friday 25th October 2013.

Bags will be coming home soon, which can be filled with unwanted clothing, shoes or bedding. Bring into school as many bags as you can and help us raise money.



DISCO Friday 8th November 5.30—7.00 p.m.

Please look out for our School Disco details and ensure that you return your money and ticket requests in an envelope. No tickets will be sent out without payment and tickets CANNOT be purchased on the door.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 30th November 10a.m.—12.noon.

CAROL CONCERT—Thursday 12th December.

Christmas Carol Concert will this year be held on Thursday 12th December, more details to follow.

Thank you—FOGMS

PARENTS EVENING

Many thanks to all those parents and pupils who joined us for our Autumn term Parents' Evening. In total 95% of our families were represented and feedback highlights that it was a positive experience for all involved. Thank you for your continued support.

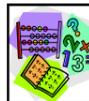
LOST PROPERTY

After only 4 weeks into the new term and we have a large amount of lost property. Please can you ensure that names are put on all clothing, pumps, etc. This will help reduce our lost property. Thank you.



Maths Badges

For those parents new to the school may I remind you that our Maths Club Badge initiative is open to Parents / Grandparents. This will involve you taking a 10 minute test and getting ALL sums correct to receive a badge. We recommend parents start with the 99 club badge. Please join us in this initiative.



Latecomers

May I remind parents that when children are late for school i.e. after 8.55 a.m. they should report to the school office by coming through the main entrance door only. All other doors will be closed after that time. Please don't ask a child to open the doors for you, they have been told not to for health and safety reasons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Closes for pupils on **FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER @ 3.25/3.30p.m.**
School re-opens for pupils on **TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER @ 8.55 a.m.**

Yours sincerely,

H. Setchell



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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

GREEN MEADOW PUPILS

It has been a great start to the new term for all of us at Green Meadow and I am incredibly proud of the pupils at the beginning of this academic year. The children have returned ready to learn and work with everybody in school. Their attitude and behaviour has been exemplary, they are a credit to our home/ school partnership. Please make sure that you read letters sent home carefully to avoid misunderstandings and to ensure good communication. Thank you for your continued support.

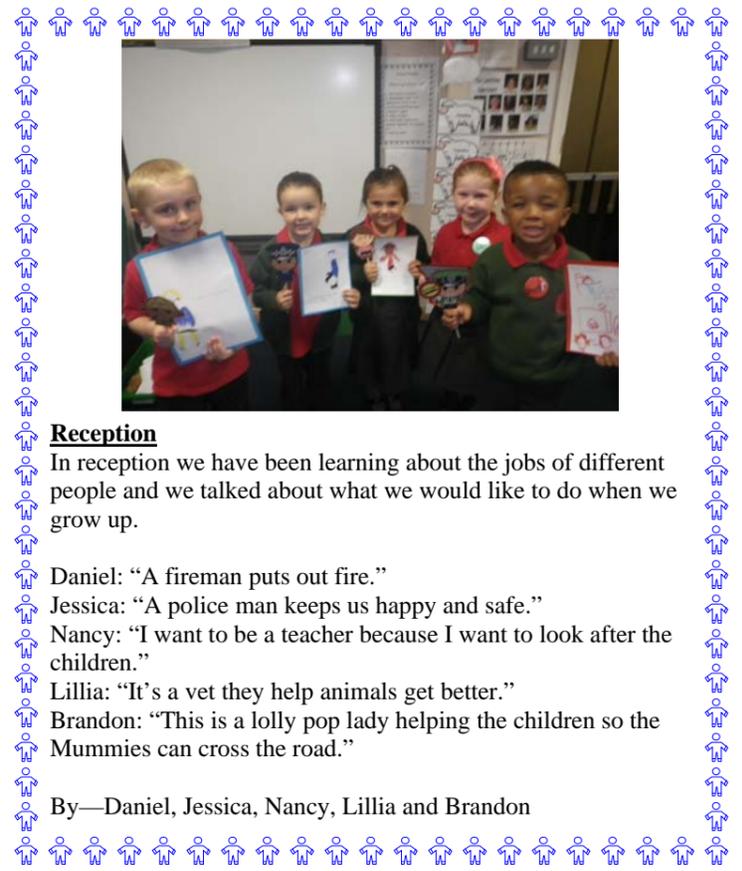


Year 3 Inspire Workshop

Last week, Year 3 had their Inspire Workshops. They were linked to our topic – The Rotten Romans. We had to work with a member of our family to create a Roman Mosaic. These were used in Roman times to decorate the floors and walls of buildings. They showed what life was like in Roman times.

The tables were covered in tiny squares of coloured paper and we needed to arrange these on our paper to show a scene from Roman life. The adults had a great time and were really pleased with their mosaics. We had to collaborate and persevere to make our mosaics look great. Below are some photographs showing 3M working hard.

Jack & Sophie - 3B



Reception

In reception we have been learning about the jobs of different people and we talked about what we would like to do when we grow up.

- Daniel: "A fireman puts out fire."
- Jessica: "A police man keeps us happy and safe."
- Nancy: "I want to be a teacher because I want to look after the children."
- Lillia: "It's a vet they help animals get better."
- Brandon: "This is a lolly pop lady helping the children so the Mummies can cross the road."

By—Daniel, Jessica, Nancy, Lillia and Brandon

Weoley Castle Summer Reading Challenge Celebration 2013



Over the summer holidays Weoley Castle Library set all the children who attended the library a challenge! They had to visit the library regularly, borrow a book each week and then write a review of the book. This means that over the Summer our children who took part would have read at least 6 books. Some children from our school read more than that! To celebrate this achievement they were presented with a certificate at our Congratulations assembly this week. Well done to all who took part in this challenge.



Concerns and Complaints

The Governors have reviewed and updated the Green Meadow Primary School Concerns and Complaints Policy. For your information it can be found on the website or a paper copy can be requested from the school office.

Secondary Transfer 2014 (Current Year 6 pupils)

Parents of pupils transferring to Secondary schools in September 2014 need to apply online before **Thursday 31st October** at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Applicants will receive the offer for their child on the 3rd March 2014. Please ensure that you have completed your application online before Thursday 31st October.

Reception Class Places 2014

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1.09.2009—31.08.2010. You need to make an application for your child to start Reception Class in September 2014 by no later than **MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2013**. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 303 1888.

Year 1—Trip to The Think Tank

In Year One we have been on a trip to the Think Tank. We had lots of fun learning about our five senses and all of the different parts of our bodies. We were able to listen to each others heartbeats after doing exercise and could here them beating really fast. After our workshop we got to explore the different areas of the Think Tank. We have been writing a recount of our visit this week at school.



Year 2—Exploring Habitats



As part of our Science work we have explored different habitats around the school grounds. We found out that different mini-beasts like to live in different places. Slugs, worms, woodlice and centipedes live under logs because they like dark, damp places that protect them from danger.

By Megan, Nemo, Shayla

Year 5 Language Alive

On Monday 30th September, Year 5 had a ‘Language Alive’ workshop called ‘The Little Match Girl’. The story was all about a little girl who was selling matches on Digbeth High Street in 1860. We learned about the life of poor Victorian children, living on the streets, trying to make money to feed themselves and keep themselves warm. In the session, we had a trial to investigate who was responsible for the little girl’s death. We interviewed some witnesses who saw her on that night. It was interesting to find out how many people could have helped poor children, but didn’t. We really enjoyed the workshop and would like to do it again!

Hope and Aaron, 5B



READING VOLUNTEERS

Please come and join us for a reading workshop and coffee on Wednesday 6th November at 9.00 a.m. in the annexe and find out how you can join in to support children’s reading. We have lots of parents who come into school for half an hour once a week to read with a group of children. This meeting is for all those who already read with us and those who would like to start. We read with a group of children and talk you through how reading happens in the morning. We look forward to seeing you there on the 6th November.

Miss Buffery, Mrs Mills and Mrs Bestwick.



Year 4

On Monday 23rd September, Year 4 had a Language Alive Workshop all about Galileo. It was great. We then found out about his life.

Galileo

Galileo was a famous scientist and he had a very interesting life.

When was he born?

He was born on February 15th 1564 and he was born in Pisa, in Italy. He worked in the city Florence at the Pisa University as a famous scientist.

When did he die?

He died at the age of 77 on January 8th 1642 in a place in Italy called Arcetini. Some people say he died too early. He died when he was in jail because they believed he was telling lies about the galaxy and he was found guilty. He had the option to die or live. He chose to live for 9 years and then he went back into jail to DIE!

Children?

He had three children called Iulia Galilei, Vincenzo Gamba and Maria Celsete. They were very talented children and Galileo wanted to teach them science so they could become geniuses like him.

Where did he live?

Galileo built his own house right by Florence. He was very wealthy so he could afford the house to look as he wanted it to.

What did Galileo discover?

Galileo discovered many things about the planets.

Education?

Galileo did not finish university. Instead he wanted to go and find out about the world by himself.

By Jordan and Maliaka -4W



After School Clubs

Day	Year group		Time	Run by / Dismissed by
Mon	Yr 1/2	Dance	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Miss Cristofaro/ Miss Jones
	Yr 3 - 6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore/ Miss Wall
	Yr 3 - 6	Guitar	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mr White/ Miss Wall
Tue	Yr 5 - 6	Football Club	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Miss Allen / Mr Hickey
	Yr 4 - 5	Cooking	3.30 – 4.45 pm	Mrs Pritchett Mrs Dunne
	Yr 3 - 4	Friendship Club	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Birmingham City Mission/ Mrs Bestwick
Wed	Yr 3 – 6	Choir	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mr Collard
	Yr 1 – 2	Multi-Skills	3.30-4.30 pm	Miss Peers / Mrs Mills
Fri	Yr 5 - 6	Football Team	1.10 – 1.40 pm	Mr Hickey
	Yr 3 – 6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore/ Mrs Boulton

HOME LEARNING CELEBRATION

We continue to have a fantastic response from teachers, parents and children about the home learning journals. Thank you for all your hard work and inspiring ways of recording your home learning. On Friday 29th November we are asking all children in Yr 1-6 to bring in their home learning journals and all their models and paintings etc. We would like to invite you to come into the classrooms on Friday 29th November after school to view and celebrate the children’s hard work. Children’s journals will be commented on and marked by teachers, certificates will be presented to children after this celebration.



Miss Buffery

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL REMINDER

- * We cannot give medication if it is not prescribed.
- * Oral medication can only be administered in school if it is to be taken **four** times a day, as prescribed by the doctor.
- * If your child has any medication which is kept in school (inhaler, EPI pen, Piriton), please make sure that you replace it at the **beginning of every half term and that it is in date.**
- * Parents **MUST** complete a consent form for any prescription medication to be administered. Please contact the office for this information.



PE KIT (for Lessons)

May I remind parents that PE Kit should consist of plain white tops and dark shorts for indoor activities. **Black or dark greentracksuit bottoms and top also need to be provided so they can be worn outside as winter progresses.** Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We encourage the use of pumps for inside use and trainers for use outside.

NATIONAL FRUIT SCHEME

This is a reminder to all parents that each Infant aged pupil (Reception—Year 2) will receive one piece of fruit each day **free of charge**. The sequence for example may be apple, pear, satsuma, banana, carrots from Monday to Friday. We do **encourage** parents not to send any tuck, beyond this allocation. Do try to support this excellent initiative which will help promote a healthy diet for our pupils. All children only need 1 piece of snack/tuck a day.



THURSDAY PARENTAL LUNCHES

Just a reminder to Parents that we can **accommodate up to six adults** joining their children for lunch in our dining room, on a first come first served basis. These meals should be booked (by the parent) on the Monday prior to the Thursday meal. The cost of this meal is £2.83. May I also remind parents that access is restricted to the dining room only during the length of this visit.

School Book Fair—Monday 30th September to Thursday 3rd October (inclusive)

Once again we have had a successful School Book Fair. We have sold £1002.15 and this has enabled us to purchase £701.51 worth of books for the school. Thank you to everyone who purchased any books. I would also like to thank the FOGM for running the stall. Without their help events like this could not happen.

