

FOOTBALL RESULTS



The school football team played four matches in this term.
6-0 win against Paganel, 0-1 loss against Woodhouse, 2-1 win (on penalties) against St Michael's, 4-0 win against Chad Vale and 8-0 win against Nonsuch.

Well done to all the team: Ben White, Tyler Balla, George Ketland, Joe Hall, Joe Androlia, Sabeeh Mirza, Alex Deeks, Sam Qusted, Alfie Sheppard, Ben Ridley, Aaron Clayton, Dylan James and William Longely.

SATs—2014

We now have the confirmed dates for our SATs tests in 2014:
Yr 2— **May 2014** (tests take place during the whole of May)
Yr 6—**Monday 12th May to Friday 16th May** (inclusive)
The Year 1 Phonics testing will be undertaken the week beginning 16th June 2014.

Please can we request that you do not request any holiday leave

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.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2013—Friday 15th November

Children in Need is being held on Friday 15th November 2013. Children will be able to come into school wearing their pyjamas or a 'Onesie' (please ensure that your child is warm enough for the school day) for a donation towards this appeal. We will also be having the following activities: **Pudsey biscuits** for sale during the morning break (this will replace toast) at a cost of 30p and a **Pudsey**



Let's Grow Vouchers

'Let's Grow Vouchers' from Morrisons supermarket need to be in school by **Friday 22nd November**. All vouchers collected will be used to purchase gardening equipment for the school.



Dressing for Winter !

As you are aware it is school policy that children go outside during break and lunchtimes and it is necessary that they are adequately dressed, therefore we ask you to send your child into school with a coat. We are also encouraging pupils during the cold weather to wear



Black or dark green tracksuit bottoms and top over their PE kits during the winter months.

Year 4—Violin Sessions



Year 4 have been learning how to play the violin. Our teacher Mr Jones comes to school every Thursday and we have a whole hour to learn how to play this lovely instrument. We started by learning a few songs to help us develop our rhythm. Mr Jones taught us how to pluck the strings and read simple notes like crochets and quavers (not the crisps!) After a lot of hard work and practice we can now play using the bow. Recordings have been made and put onto the school website so please find time to listen to our orchestra. Our goal is to perform in a concert to parents at the end of the year to showcase our achievements.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are still currently looking for a Dinner Supervisor. If you are able to commit to 1½ hours between 12.10 and 1.40 p.m. each day or as a supply relief, 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 Business Manager) or Mrs Pritchett (School Link Worker) at the school office.



FRIENDS OF GREEN MEADOW EVENTS



HOLIDAY REMINDER

School Closes on
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2013 @ 3.25 /3.30 p.m.
(Please note this is a non-uniform day.)
School Re-opens for pupils on
TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY, 2014 @ 8.50 a.m.

Yours sincerely,

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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

GARDENING

We are very proud that we came second in the Eco Garden category for the Bournville Village Trust Gardening Awards. Well done Mrs Davis and all our year group gardeners. We are also thrilled that Bradleigh and Isabella won the Blooming Kids category and the Eco Garden award—what Green Fingers!



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

YEAR 6—Science Topic



On Tuesday the 5th of November year six dissected owl pellets as part of our Science topic 'Habitats'. We had to wear special gloves and use a cocktail stick to break up the pellets which allowed us to see what was inside them. At first, we thought it was

a strange thing to be doing and the smell was pretty bad but once we got started we found it to be really fun and very interesting. We found all sorts of different things such as: small bones, fur, jaw bones and even skulls! We were very



RECEPTION



In Reception we were doing the story 'The Three Little Pigs.' We built a village for The Three Little pigs to live in during outdoor learning. George pretended to be the wolf and tried to blow our houses down.



Zain: "I made my house with a roof and a bed."
Nancy: "Mine is made of bricks and it's very strong."
Chinedu: "My house has acorn lids for the plates. The leaves are for the roof. There is a door way at the side of the house."



SCHOOL CLOSURES
 As the dark nights return and the cold weather will be upon us, we would like to remind parents of our arrangements for school closures. We have decided that we will only text parents when a decision to close has been made. Should you not have a text from us then please be aware that the school will be **OPEN**. As we are using this method of communication please ensure that school has your current mobile number.

Like everything else, this strategy will only work effectively when everyone is fully engaged in the process. In addition to the text, a notice will be posted on the school website if the school has to close. Thank you for



In Year 1 we have been exploring our 5 senses by looking, hearing, tasting, touching and spelling. We had

HARVEST COLLECTIONS

Lots of items of food were contributed by parents of the Infant aged pupils. These goods were distributed to named recipients in our local community. Please remember to make nominations of your own for next year's collection. The Junior collection totalled £70.00 and this money has been donated to the Birmingham City Mission. Thank you for your usual generosity.

Year 2—Gymnastic Skills

In Year 2 we have been working on our gymnastic skills on a Wednesday morning. Perhaps the most challenging part of our lesson was learning to stand up! This sounds simple however we had to do it from a tuck roll position. It was really tricky!



Ekene "I really enjoyed doing 3 tuck rolls and then standing up because it was challenging!"

Hannah "I liked the challenge of not using my hands to stand up. I found it tricky to do."

Chloe "I enjoyed doing 5 rocking rolls because it gave me more energy to get up!"

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

ROAD SAFETY

Birmingham City Council is considering the introduction of 20mph speed limits on the roads around schools. They are seeking views on this and have asked you to email your response to this initiative to

transportpolicy@birmingham.go.uk
 by Friday 29th November 2013.

Please look at the link
<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/20mph>
 for further information.

Year 5 Rainforest Poems!

The Toucan!

The Toucan has a beak as yellow as the sun,
 It is as small and fat as a bun.
 Its skin is a black night sky with sparkling stars,
 It moves as fast as the red sports car.

Its skin is as white as the snow,
 It lives in the emergent layer where the wind blows.
 Its eyes are like a diamond bow tie,
 It is as colourful as a fruit pie!

It glides as carefully as a mouse,
 Singing with its voice as big as a house.
 Flies as gracefully as a ballerina wearing her ballet shoes,
 The Toucan tries to sing the 1950 'Blues'!

Its skin is as soft as snow,
 Its eyes sparkle like diamonds in a row.
 Its eyes are blue silk,
 Sometimes the Toucan smells like milk!

It is as small as a baby,
 and as hot as sun.
 Its beak is colourful than a rainbow,
 and as hot as the sun!

During last half term, Year 5 were learning about poetic style in English. We were using descriptive language, including metaphors and similes to describe a rainforest animal. Firstly, we had to research a rainforest animal, then we planned how we wanted to organise the information for our poems. We used similes, metaphors and a rhyme scheme in our poems. We found rhyming quite tricky but it was fun and we were proud of our poems when they were finished!
 By Nuree and Emily W 5N

HEADLICE

Please ensure that you check your own child's hair on at least a weekly basis. The school nurse has also suggested that a twice daily vigorous brushing of hair will help in diminishing this problem. LA guidelines firmly put the onus for checking and treating in the hands of parents. Head lice can be dramatically reduced and even eliminated. However this can only be done through the **FULL** co-operation of **ALL** parents.

STAFFING STRUCTURE REMINDER

- 1) In all instances initial concerns should be addressed with the class teacher either by letter, phone or a meeting.
 - 2) If the matter at hand is not resolved then you should contact the Phase Leader by one of the above methods.
 - 3) Any further concerns remaining should then be addressed with the Assistant Head, Deputy or Head Teacher.
- We do hope that you will give this system your support so that we can develop the school to even greater heights.
- Reception Unit—Mrs Desogus
 - Yr 1 and Yr 2—Miss Buffery
 - Yr 3—Mrs McNickle-Edwards
 - Yr 4—Mrs Bestwick
 - Yr 5 & Yr 6—Miss Arrowsmith
 - Assistant Head—Miss Arrowsmith
 - Deputy Head—Miss Buffery

VEHICLE ACCESS TO SCHOOL SITE

Due to health and safety reasons and the increasing number of parental vehicles trying to enter the school site there will be no vehicle access before or after school. This includes After School Clubs. The gates will remain closed. Please park appropriately on Green Meadow Road with consideration for our neighbours.

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 have already received complaints from our neighbours about parking this week and would ask that you show consideration. The Police regularly patrol this area. If you see dangerous driving or parking we would ask you to record the car registration number and



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION COSTUMES

KS1 Staff are about to start organising and making Christmas production costumes. If there are any parents who would like to join us in sticking, making and sewing we would love to hear from you.



Year 3—Making a Roman Sandal

Friday 18th October 2012

Handwrite a set of instructions.

How to make a Roman sandal

- You will need:
- Felt (Silk)
 - Cork (thick)
 - Split pins
 - Glue gun
 - Scissors (sharp)
 - Pen

1. First get your pen and corks and draw around your foot. After you've cut out your foot cut it out carefully.
2. Next put some split pins on your sandal (on the palm) for grip. Heat the glue gun for 2 or 3 minutes.
3. When the glue gun has heated get your piece of felt and size it with your cork. When you've done that get your glue gun and put some glue on the cork then put the felt on the cork.
4. With the leftover pieces of cork cut off 3 stripes for the straps and glue the ends and stick it on where you want it. Then cut out a heel guard and glue it on.

because I could put more detail.



By Macey—3B



Ellie and her Roman Sandal—3B

ASSEMBLIES

The children and staff work very hard to provide a very high standard in our Assemblies and these occasions are a highlight in our community. We asked for parental support last year in not leaving before the end of the assembly as this can be very disruptive to the event. This proved to be generally successful and we would like this practice to continue. If you have to leave early then I would be grateful if you contact me beforehand and we will designate a place near the door so as to minimise any disruption. This will only be done on a limited basis as we expect parents to stay. It would also be appreciated if **ALL** mobile phones are switched off during these events. Thank you for your support in this matter.

