

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Green Meadow Football team have had mixed fortunes over the last month. They beat St George's 7-0, Our Lady of Fatima 6-1 and St Michael's 3-1, but lost to St Peter's 2-1 and Harborne 'A' 1-0.



The Year 4 and 5 boys took part in a five school tournament on the 27th March and came second to Harborne School. They won two and drew two of their four games. Well done to Joe Androlia, George Ketland, Joe Hall, Jack Timbrell, Pharoah Bailey, Alex Conlan, Odhran Carpenter and Jacob Longley who represent the school. Special praise must be poured to Josh Oughton, the team's goalkeeper, who in the four games did not concede a single goal!

ENTRY DAY TO OUR NEW TOPICS

We are starting the new term with new topics for all classes with our usual 'sizzling start'. Our entry day to our new topic is when the children and teachers can dress up and spend a day immersing themselves and getting excited about the new learning for that term. In response to feedback from parents it is appropriate if children would rather wear school uniform on these entry days and bring an object/artefact to represent the topic rather than dress up.

Date	Year	Please dress up as:
Thurs 1st May	Reception	Traditional Story Characters.
	Year 2	St Lucia / Holidays- wear Holiday clothes.
	Year 3	Gardeners / Earth Investigators
	Year 4	Tudors
	Year 5	Be good to Yourselfs. Dress Up in Sports/ exercise clothes.
Friday 2nd May	Year 1	Light and Dark -to wear light and dark clothes.
	Year 6	Will be starting their topic of 'Children in WWI' after half term. They will be dressing up as evacuees- date to follow.

We look forward to seeing your costumes/ artefacts.
Miss Buffery

Year 1

"This week in Year one we have been looking at halves and quarters. We have found halves and quarters of shapes and



objects and even went outside to make whole, half and quarter turns."
"We've had lots of fun."

Sports Days

Thank you for the many responses to our letter about the timing of Sports Day and your comments. We have read all of them and considered your thoughts. We originally said we would go with the wishes of the majority. Therefore, KS2 Sports Day will be Thursday 10th July 2.00—3.30 p.m. Infant Sports Day will be Wednesday 16th July 9.15—10.30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there and cheering on the children.
Miss Buffery



REMINDER

Infant Assembly on TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2014
Easter Bonnets can be worn to the assembly. Reception will be having their Congratulation at this time also due to their trip today.
Junior Assembly on FRIDAY 11TH APRIL
Year 6 will be performing their production 'The Promise' to the Junior children.
Year 1 Phonics Meeting
Year 1 Parents have been invited to a phonics meeting at 9.15 on Wednesday 9th April. Miss Buffery and Mrs Mills will share with you information regarding the phonics screening check that all children nationally will undertake the week beginning 16th June. They will share with you strategies to help support your children with their phonics. Please return your reply slip asap. Thank you.
Miss Buffery



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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Year 3

A recount of a trip to the Mandir.



Our Magical trip to the Mandir.
As part of our topic on the Hindus, year three visited the Birmingham Mandir on Thursday the 20th March.
After a half an hour coach journey, we eventually arrived at the beautiful, gorgeous Mandir. A Mandir is a place of worship for Hindus.
Firstly, we had to take our shoes off, for a sign of respect, it is because they don't want us to get the carpets dirty. We walked into the room, I saw outstanding figures of gods.
When we sat down, the guide, guru (a teacher) said that they is only one god, but that god takes many different forms. The gods were called Vishnu, Shiva, Ganes, Lachemic and Human like monkey.
Once we had finished bhajans, we was split up into three groups and we saw all the gods, they were very broad, fragile.
Next they had the Aarti ceremony, in the Aarti ceremony they sang praises, they rang a bell, they were clapping and the priest was praying. In the Aarti ceremony the priest lit some candles and put the candles roundly. The people put some money on a tray, here the candles stood, then they waved their hands up put them near their eyes to see god more clearly, then put their hands on their head to let god see their minds. They also shared food.
Did you know that the Aum, a symbol, was made of bronze?
Review: The trip helped us experience real life Hinduism. My favourite part was the Aarti ceremony because you pray to one god and with a question would you like to go?



By Georgia—3B

PARENTS EVENING

Many thanks to all those parents and pupils who joined us for our Spring Term Parents' Evening. In total 87% of our families were represented and feedback highlights that it was a positive experience for all involved. Thank you for your continued support.

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.



SUMMER SHOES

Please note that the school dress code (as agreed by the Governing Body) insists on **SENSIBLE SCHOOL SHOES**. **Trainers are NOT shoes and cannot be worn as a replacement for them.** Due to the layout of the building junior girls need to ensure that heels are of an appropriate height (no higher than 5cm/2 inches preferably lower). In the Summer we allow sandals to be worn but ask that they are sensible T-Bar / walking sandals.



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 Portraits

This term in art, we've been learning how to draw portraits. First of all we tried drawing a person, after that we looked carefully at the proportion of the face. Did you know there has to be a space of five eyes across the width of the face and the eyes have to be one eye width apart? Following this, we researched a famous person to draw. We sketched them and used tortillions to blend. We also used pastels and finally we took a photo and used ICT to change



them into Pop Art. We had loads of fun doing this.



Charlotte and Ben 6W

After School Clubs Summer 2014

Day	Year group	Club	Time	Run by / Dismissed by
Mon	Yr 5/6	Cricket	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Steps2Sport coach / Mrs Desogus
	Yr 3 - 6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore
	Yr 3 - 6	Guitar	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mr White/ Mrs Mills
Tue	Year 1/2	Football Club	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Miss Allen / Mr Hickey
	Yr 3/4	Cookery Club	3.30 – 4.45 pm	Mrs Pritchett / Mrs Dunne
	Yr 3 / 4 / 5	Friendship Club	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Birmingham City Mission/ Mrs Bestwick
Wed	Yr 2 – 6	Choir	Lunchtime	Mr Collard
	Yr 3 / 4	Dance Club	3.30-4.30 pm	Dance Coach / Mrs Fox
	Yr 5 / 6	Netball	3.30-4.30 pm	Emma Peers / Miss Arrowsmith
Thurs	Yr 3/5	Chess	1.00-1.30 pm	Mr Cripps
Fri	Yr 4–5	Football Club	1.10 – 1.40 pm	Mr Hickey
	Yr 3 – 6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore

Friends of Green Meadow

Coming Events:-
Non-Uniform Day—Friday 23rd May. Donations for the Tombola Collection.
Summer Fete—Saturday 28th June 2014 12.30—3.00 p.m.
New Intake 2014 BBQ—Thursday 10th July 5.00 to 6.30 p.m.

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, 2ND JULY 2014**
Please note this date for your information. This day will be when all classes move to their new year group teacher.

Reminder School is closed on:
Monday 5th May (May Day)
Thursday 22nd May (Elections)

Yours sincerely,

H.Setchell
Headteacher

SPORTS RELIEF DAY 2014

A huge thank you to all who contributed towards the Sports Relief event. We raised £440.00. Well Done!



We did fun exercises for 15 minutes and dressed up to raise money. Michelle—5B



Sports Relief was a good day because we got to dress up and do fun things. Ellie—2J



It was fun and we all worked hard to raise money for charity.—William 6A



RECORDER GROUP

We are very proud of our Recorder group who performed at a music evening on Thursday 27th March 2014. Congratulations to Ben 6W, Sabeeh 6A, Laura 5N, Kiera 4T, Imagin 4T, Gabby 6A, Ellena 5B, and Mrs Moore for all their hard work. A great time was had by all.

Musical Morning at Green Meadow

Congratulations to our Green Meadow Choir and the Year 4 Violinists for their fantastic concert on Thursday morning enjoyed by Parents and school staff. Thank you to Mr Jones the Violin Teacher, Mr Collard the Choir Master and Mr Brook, the Pianist for teaching the children so well.



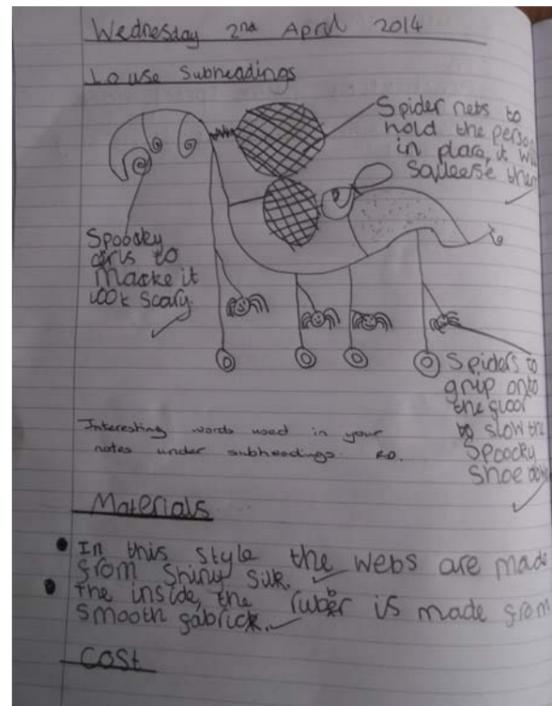
Buildings Update

During the Easter holidays we will have the following works undertaken:- The new heating system is to be installed in the Hall, Gym and Infant dining



Year 2 Shoe Design

Year 2 had an exciting letter this week from Mrs Shoe-Ington. She owns her own shoe company and asked us to design and write a report about a new shoe! So, we all set to work enthusiastically researching and preparing our ideas, before starting to collate our report. We have then learnt about subheadings to give our writing shape and to tell the reader what each part will be about. Finally, we have written an entire report. Mrs Mills and Mrs Jones will be sending them off to Mrs Shoe-Ington so she can choose a winning design!



PE/Outdoor Learning Kits

In response to Parental feedback about PE/Outdoor Learning kits it is totally appropriate for pupils to have their dark jogging bottoms and sweatshirt that they currently use for PE as their outdoor learning kit. If these get dirty, teachers will send them home to be washed. Pupils will need pumps for indoor PE and wellies or trainers for outdoor learning.

Ancient Greece Inspire Workshop



On Monday 17th March, 4T had an amazing Inspire Workshop about Ancient Greece. We have been learning about the Ancient Greeks all term and this was a great opportunity to work with our parents. We could show off all of the great things we have learnt this term. The activity was to decorate an ancient Greek pot. We used reference books to help us with our design. An outline of the design was drawn onto the pot and then filled in with black marker pens. We were all pleased with how authentic they looked. The best bit of all was that we got to keep them.

By Jake and Louis – 4T

PRE/ POST SCHOOL REQUEST FOR THE SUMMER TERM

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 especially in the lighter mornings and evenings.

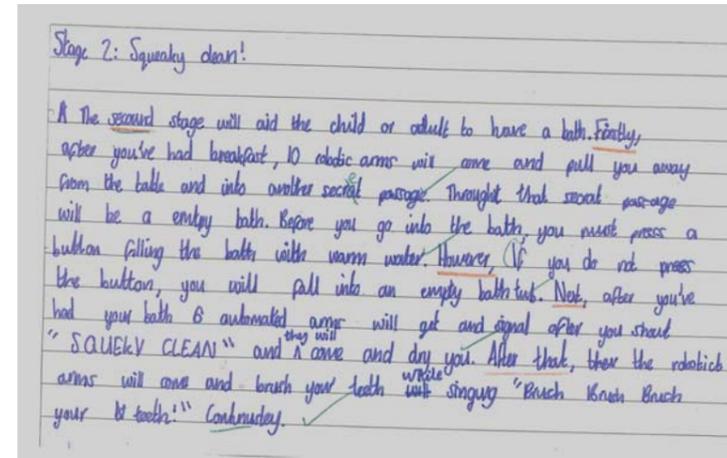
Pupil Entry to school classrooms

If you are the parent of an Infant child please stand back from the gate/door to allow space for the children to enter the building safely in the morning.

Year 5 Newsletter

During March, Year 5 were learning about explanation texts in English. We looked at the G.R.I.M (Get Ready In Minutes) machine and thought it would be a fun idea to design our own version! Then we wrote our own explanations to explain how our machines worked.

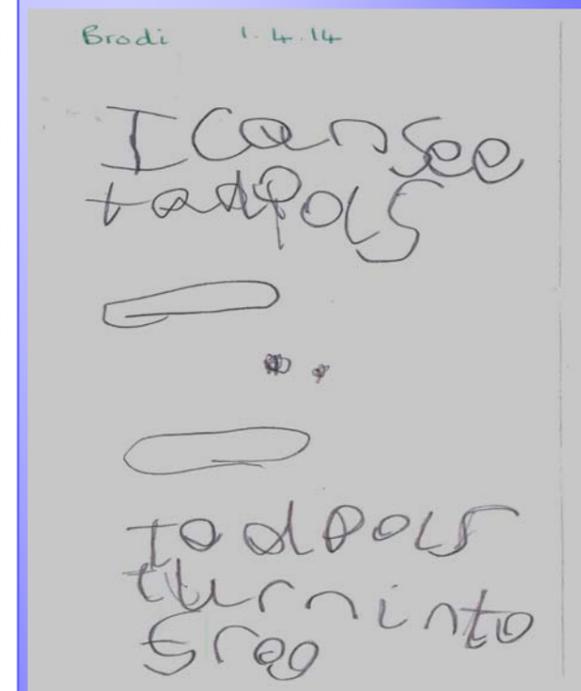
Here is an example of one of the stages from Bowyn's machine:



By Bowyn-Rose and Sophie L

Reception

In Reception we have been looking at the life cycle of a Frog. We have been watching frogspawn grow into tadpoles in class. Brodi has done some independent writing about the tadpoles.



"I can see tadpoles. Tadpoles turn into Frogs".



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.



Meaburn Close

Concerned residents of Meaburn Close have raised an issue that parents waiting outside the school gates with dogs are allowing their pets to foul the area and are not clearing up the mess. Please be considerate to our neighbours.

