

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Making a difference'

Deputy Headteacher Update

The penultimate week before October half term has certainly been a busy and exciting one in school. The week started with a trip to London on Tuesday where children visited the Science Museum and the Royal Albert Hall. Our final phonics workshop of the Autumn Term has taken place and we are thrilled to have welcomed so many parents into school this half term.

In assembly this week, we have been celebrating Black History Month. The focus has been on celebrating and understating the impact of black heritage and culture on our society. This year the focus is on 'Saluting our Sisters' and the children have had a particular focus on prestigious black women. Some of the figures they have learnt about are: Mary Seacole, Dame Elizabeth Anionwu, Malorie Blackman OBE, Dr Maggie Aderin Pocock MBE, Professor Nox Makunga and Lauren James. Ask the children what these women did and why they are such inspirational figures to us in the modern day. Next week, we are continuing to celebrate Black History Month and a selection of children from the Steel Pan Ensemble will be performing at the Black History Carnival at one of our partnership schools, Stockland Green. Look out for pictures of this joyous event on our twitter page.

Next week is the final week in school before October half term and the children will finish school on Friday 27th October at the usual time of 3.15pm. Have a wonderful, happy and safe weekend.

Lucia Thornton
Deputy Headteacher

Admissions –Reminder

Please can we remind all parents who require a Reception school place for September 2024 and a Secondary school place 2024 to apply through the Local Authority website. Without applying you could risk your child not getting the school of your choice.

Reception deadline date—15th Jan 2024

Secondary deadline date—31st Oct 2023

Staffing

Ranjan Hoath is off on a new adventure and will be leaving Team Mere Green at October half term. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done for our children and families over the years and wish her the very best for her future.

MAD Award

Congratulations to this week's MAD nominees:



These children have been nominated by their class teacher for Making A Difference, this is either through demonstrating our school values or school rules.

Key Dates

Year 6 Twycross Zoo Trip—Thursday 26th October

HALF TERM—Monday 30th October—Friday 4th November

Autumn Term 2 Begins—Monday 6th November

Safeguarding -Online Safety

The internet is a fantastic place and gives children a whole host of information at their finger tips but it is important to stress the risks posed to children who access the internet freely. It is important for your children to know how to stay safe online and what to do if they become concerned about what they see. School iPads are monitored through an app called smooth-wall. Any inappropriate searches or content is blocked and notifications are sent immediately to senior leaders who have the ability to lock children's iPads to keep them safe when online both in school and at home. Although this measure is in place, it is still vital that parents regularly supervise/monitor the content in which children access online. It is important children know not to share any personal details with others via the internet or online gaming.

You can find further information about how to keep your child safe online by clicking on the links below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides>

In line with the school safeguarding policy, we ask that parents only post pictures of their on child on social media and do not use school photos that are shared on class dojo on personal social media accounts.

Class	Attendance 06/09/23- 20/10/23	This Week's Attendance
RBM	97%	★100%★
RD	95%	93%
1J	97%	97%
1M	98%	92%
2S	98%	90%
2W	97%	91%
3B	96%	★99%★
3D	95%	97%
4H	92%	93%
4S	★99%★	93%
5P	97%	97%
5S	95%	★99%★
6H	97%	95%
6HQ	96%	95%
6L	97%	93%
Whole School Attendance (YTD)		96.3%



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SPORTS BULLETIN

October 2023

18th October 2023

West Bromwich Albion Academy

SOCCER STARS TOURNAMENT

Just like last month Mixed matches are making a statement! 18 schools played a mixed football tournament, but with any tournament there could only be one winner! There were 4 groups. 2 groups of 5 teams and 2 groups of 4 teams.

Mere Green were put into a big group of 5 teams therefore we had more matches to play to win their group.

Hanbury 1 v Mere Green 3
Mere Green 2 v Langley 0
Newtown 0 v Mere Green 3
Mere Green 8 v Rowley Hall 0

So Mere Green only conceded 1 goal in the group stages. Meaning Mere Green were the winners of their group and automatically went into the semi finals.

The semi final match was breath taking! Mrs Hands thought she was watching England in the semi's of the European cup! First goal was from a fantastic cross for Mere Green, then along came a dreaded penalty to the other team for a rather questionable hand ball. Mere Green kept their heads up, but even though the goal keep did the most amazing attempt to keep the ball out, the other team scored. We were 2-1 down. Perseverance and resilience took hold, with only 3 minutes to go and our centre forward struck GOLD!! 2-2. Back to play and with pressure and a miracle shot from our defence we scored 3-2 to Mere Green! Mr Smith nearly did a cartwheel!

The Final

Well hope was high after that semi final. With no stopping for a break, along came the final of the WBA academy Tournament. Straight in with a beautiful goal from our winger, but the opposition were soon on our tail and leveled. It was 1-1.

With sheer grit and determination we kept attacking. We hit the post, we hit the cross bar, we hit the side of the net, their keeper saved, it was relentless. We couldn't make it happen then suddenly from the middle of the pitch, our centre forward put the ball in the back of the net. With 3 minutes to go we were in the lead. 2-1 to Mere Green. Then our centre forward asked the referee how long we got left and he said 2 minutes. Off they played and the ball came straight to us, boom the ball went in again from our centre forward. You could feel the sadness from the opposition. Final restart and we just attacked and did not miss out on scoring a fourth goal! A hat trick from our centre forward. The final whistle blew and we were simply the best team of the day.




Definitely a huge cheer for our Mixed football team!


Royal Albert Hall

We are delighted to share the exciting news about our recent trip to the Royal Albert Hall!

Our students had an unforgettable experience at this iconic venue, where they were immersed in a world of culture, history, and breathtaking performances. The day was filled with magic, and their enthusiasm was truly inspiring. We would like to thank our parent volunteers for their support. Thank you for your continued support in making such enriching experiences possible for our students.




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