

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

Deputy Headteacher Update

The first half term of the academic year has certainly flown by and I can't believe we have reached October half term already. I am so proud of every child for the efforts and hard work they have put into their learning, behaviours and friendships this academic year.

In assembly this week, we have continued to celebrate Black History Month with a particular focus on black poets. The children have explored 3 poets in detail, these are: Valerie Bloom, Benjamin Zephaniah and John Agard. Not only did the children explore their poems but they have also learnt about the poets as individuals such as where they were born and their upbringing. A selection of children have also attended and performed at the Black History Carnival at Stockland Green School this afternoon. Take a look on our twitter page this evening for photos of the event.

A reminder that the clocks go back an hour tomorrow night (Saturday 28th October). This means an extra hour in bed and I hope you manage to enjoy a Sunday lie-in.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the parents and carers in our community for your continued support this half term. I wish you a happy and safe half term with your loved ones and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 6th November at 8.40am.

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

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas fair is not to be missed this year. It is taking place on Friday 8th December at 3.15pm. We would appreciate your support with the following donations to ensure the event is a success. Please only donate what you can, we understand the rise in living costs has had a significant impact on us and therefore we do not want to cause additional stress or pressure.

Donation dates:

Wednesday 8th November - Chocolate

Wednesday 15th November - Jam jars

Wednesday 22nd November - Bottles

Wednesday 29th November - Teddies

Back Gate—Tower Road

The works on the back gate are being complete over the half term break and the planned opening date is Monday 6th November. Please note the gate onto our field will open on a timer at 8.30am and close at 8.55am and again at 3.05-3.30pm. Classroom doors will continue to close at 8.45 and any children arriving after this time will need to report to the main office.

Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended our first parent coffee morning of the year. An extended thank you to those parents who were not able to attend the event but have sent over their feedback

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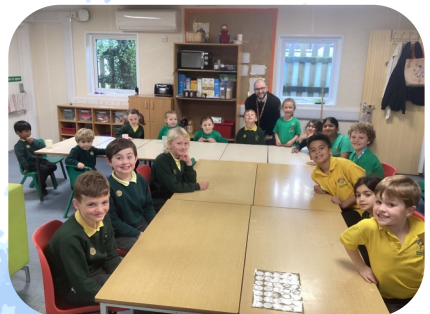
It is so important that we work together to tackle issues within our community and ensure the children remain the heart of what we do.

Class	Attendance 06/09/23- 27/10/23	This Week's Attendance
RBM	97%	95%
RD	95%	94%
1J	97%	97%
1M	97%	97%
2S	97%	96%
2W	95%	89%
3B	97%	97%
3D	96%	96%
4H	93%	91%
4S	★98%★	96%
5P	97%	★99%★
5S	95%	90%
6H	96%	98%
6HQ	96%	98%
6L	97%	95%



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

School Begins Autumn 2—Monday 6th November

Reception Open Day—Tuesday 7th November

Autumn Child Progress Meeting—Wednesday 8th November


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SPORTS BULLETIN

October 2023

24th October 2023

Bishop Vesey Grammar School

Y5/Y6 INDOOR ATHLETICS AUTUMN COMPETITION

17 of our Y5/Y6 children participated in an Indoor Athletics event at Bishop Vesey Grammar School on Tuesday 24th October. The event was attended by 7 other primary schools from Sutton Coldfield.

The track events were:

Over Under Relay, Obstacle Relay, 4x4 Relay, 2x2 Par Lauff and 6 Lap Par lauff.

The Field events were:

Vertical Jump, Standing Long Jump, Chest Push and Speed Bounce. As a school we had lots of fun and the event was very enjoyable. Our squad of 17 children showed how far our school has come with perseverance, resilience and FITNESS!

IT WAS SO TOUGH!

EXCELLENT

The childrens performance was nothing short of excellent. Mere Green boys squad achieved 1st place and won Gold medals Mere Green Girls squad ALSO achieved 1st place and won Gold medals. Therefore our Mere Green Y5/Y6 Athletics squad are the overall Champions of Sutton Coldfield!

THERE'S MORE


So, at the event the organisers also announced that the combined winning team would go through to a City Wide Final in March 2024 at Birmingham University. We made it! Mere Green will represent Sutton Coldfield at the City wide event. This definitely deserves a cheer!



Year 6 Twycross Zoo

Year 6's trip to Twycross Cross on Thursday was hugely successful. In Science, they have been focusing on Evolution and Inheritance and this visit gave them an opportunity to further understand how animals have evolved over time and adapted to their environment. Our children were an absolute delight and role models for our school.




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