

# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

## Deputy Headteacher Update

The children have had a brilliant first week back following the half term break and have shown much positivity and enthusiasm into this weeks learning.

We welcomed prospective parents into school on Tuesday who were blown away by the politeness of our children and the engagement shown towards their learning. This is something that we are really proud of. This was then followed by our first parents consultations of the academic year and it was a delight to be able to spend time discussing your child's progress with you. Thank you for taking the time to attend and showing so much support towards your child's progress and development.

In assembly this week, we explored the topic of Racism which linked to our British Value, The Rule of Law. The children showed great maturity when discussing this topic which enabled us to talk openly and sensitively. It is important for the children to remember that every one of us is special, and no one should be treated badly or differently because of the colour of their skin. The children recognise that we should treat everyone fairly and equally and are aware of the serious consequences if racist behaviour occurs. Although this may seem a sensitive subject to some, it's important that you continue these discussions at home to ensure children can explore this topic safely with adults they can trust. The following resources may be of use to you:

<https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/helping-parents-talk-about-and-stand-up-against-racism/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>

The week has finished on a high celebrating Diwali in school. We had parent volunteers from our local community come into school to talk about Diwali to the children. They explored the festival and learnt about how and why it is celebrated and by what religions. The children were gifted some special sweets and samosas to celebrate the event. I wish all families within our community that are celebrating Diwali this weekend, a blessed, healthy and prosperous Diwali.

See you on Monday morning, take care.

Lucia Thornton

Deputy Headteacher

Class	Attendance 06/09/23- 10/11/23	This Week's Attendance
<b>RBM</b>	97%	<b>99%</b>
RD	95%	94%
1J	97%	94%
1M	97%	96%
2S	96%	94%
2W	93%	78%
3B	96%	94%
3D	93%	96%
4H	93%	89%
<b>4S</b>	<b>98%</b>	97%
<b>5P</b>	97%	<b>99%</b>
5S	95%	96%
6H	96%	96%
6Q	96%	93%
6L	97%	98%



## Inclusion Update

**SEND review meetings will take place week commencing 18th December 2023 each afternoon straight after school. Further details will be provided nearer the time.**

## Christmas Fair—Donations

Donation dates:

**Wednesday 15th November - Jam jars**  
**Wednesday 22nd November - Bottles**  
**Wednesday 29th November - Teddies**

\*We are still accepting chocolate donations

## 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**

## Health for Life Project

As part of an exciting project we are creating a school garden. As such, we are on the lookout for any keen volunteer gardeners and/or anyone that can assist with the materials and building of raised beds. For more information on the project please visit: <https://www.servicesforeducation.co.uk/health-for-life/>


Please contact Mr Gordon if you have any questions.


## 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.


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## Christmas Performances

We have listened to your feedback and have adapted our Christmas plans this year to enable every year group to take part in a Christmas performance. Years 3 and 4 will complete separate performances this year as Year 4 are using the steel pans which take up a significant amount of space in the KS2 hall.

All parents are entitled to attend 1 performance each but tickets are limited to 1 per parent to ensure that everyone can see their child perform. Where the year group are performing twice, parents must choose which event they are attending. More details regarding these events will be shared in the coming weeks.

Dates for performances are as follows:


Nursery - **Tuesday 19th December 11am**  
Reception - **Tuesday 19th December 9.15am**  
Years 1 and 2 - **Monday 18th December 9.15am and 2.30pm**  
Year 3 - **Friday 15th December 9.15am**  
Year 4 - **Tuesday 19th December 2.30pm**  
Years 5 and 6 - **Thursday 14th December 9.15am and 2.30pm**

## Diwali Celebrations

Today we have enjoyed celebrating Diwali with a visit from some members of the Sutton Hindu Association. They shared an assembly with the children and discussed the importance of Diwali within the Hindu Religion. They also shared the story about the origins of Diwali. The children in Reception had a super time making Rangoli Patterns with coloured sand. They also held a stall at the end of the day selling samosa, sweets, and many more lovely things, it was a success. A big thank you to the members of the Sutton Hindu Association for their visit.



## Key Dates



Year 4 The Potteries Museum—  
Wednesday 15th November

Year and 5 RSE Parent Consultation—  
Thursday 16th November

## TOWER ROAD GATE

Tower Road entrance will reopen on Monday 13th November. Please note this gate 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 8.45am and any children arriving after this time will need to report to the main office.

## SPORTS BULLETIN


### November 2023

9th November 2023

#### **Mere Green Netball Team**

Mere Green Netball Team took part in a friendly tournament against Little Sutton School, The Shrubbery School and Holy Cross School. The girls modelled exemplary behaviour, superb perseverance and teamwork. Defensively, we were particularly strong and as a result were able to keep the opposition from scoring in the games against Holly Cross and Little Sutton. However, when we played The Shubbery School we lost by 2-0. In the third game, we were able to attack more effectively and managed to score a goal. Unfortunately, in the final game, we lost by one and came 4th overall. The team spirit and enthusiasm for the sport was evident throughout the tournament. We are extremely proud of the girls and the confidence they have shown and cannot wait until the next game.




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