

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Deputy Headteacher Update

I hope that you are enjoying the arrival of the festive season. With only two weeks left in school, the Christmas spirit is certainly high, children are in full swing practicing for their Christmas performances and we are nearly ready to welcome you in to perform to. A reminder that due to limited capacity in the KS2, tickets are limited to 1 per parent. You will need to bring a copy of your ticket on the day of your allocated performance.

In this weeks assembly, we have officially launched advent with the children. We discussed how Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar and shared it's meaning of 'coming' in the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus. The children explored a traditional advent wreath and the meaning of the four candles.

I do hope you are able to join us this afternoon at the Christmas Fair. As always, have a wonderful weekend.

Lucia Thornton
Deputy Headteacher

PTA Update

We have spoken to the children and they would be thrilled if we could purchase a table tennis table which they could use outside at break at lunch times. We would trial one table tennis table and if successful, look at purchasing at least one more.

Secondly, we would like to update the books in our library area and classroom reading corners to reflect equality, diversity and inclusion. Therefore we are proposing a £1,000 investment into books from the PTA so that books can be distributed into every classroom across school.

Finally, we are looking to purchase a sheltered bike cover to enable children to store their bikes safely and so they remain dry throughout the day.

If you have any objections to any of the above, please contact myself (Miss Thornton) before next Wednesday 13th December.

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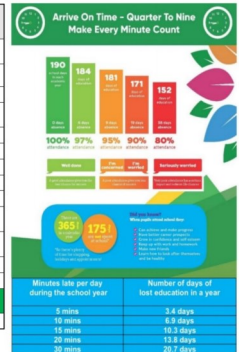
Check out our school twitter page for more updates on children's learning and experiences in school. Our twitter page is @Mgcps_b75

Badgers Booking System

I am aware of the issues that some parents are facing regarding the current badgers booking and I have listened to your feedback. I am pleased to share that after the Christmas break, the booking system will change so that you can book on or amend your booking up until 3.15pm of the day before any bookings. I do hope this change supports you in using our wrap around care.

Class	Attendance 06/09/23- 08/12/23	This Week's Attendance
RBM	97% ★★	92%
RD	95%	96%
1J	95%	94%
1M	97% ★★	95%
2S	96%	94%
2W	93%	93%
3B	96%	97%
3D	95%	97%
4H	93%	93%
4S	97% ★★	95%
5P	97% ★★	96%
5S	95%	85%
6H	96%	94%
6HQ	95%	98% ★★
6L	96%	91%

Whole School Attendance (YTD)	95.4%
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Key Dates

Year 2 Blakesley Hall Trip—Wednesday 13th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance— Thursday 14th December


Year 3 Christmas Performance—Friday 15th December

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Parent Feedback

Parent feedback and action taken following our parent voice meeting on 26th October.

You said: Communication is not always proactive, and dojos are not always responded to.

We did: We are carrying out a review of our communication approach including the use of Dojo. We will have a clear communication strategy to share with you by the end of January 2024.

You said: We would like extra time at parents evening to discuss our child who has SEND.

We did: We will be allocating additional parent meetings for pupils with SEND in addition to parents evening meetings for Spring and Summer term 2024.

You said: We want more parent workshops, so we know what we can do to support our children.

We did: We have planned workshops for each year group for the remainder of the academic year. Each year group will have a minimum of two workshops throughout the year.

You said: We want to have information available and up to date on the school website. It contains very little information at the moment.

We did: We have carried out a review of our website and will be adding additional information to the pages.

You said: The leaves on the path and EYFS playground are slippery when wet.

We did: We have shared this with our Health and Safety Lead for the Trust. A reasonable solution to this is being sought.

You said: Please focus on writing on paper rather than finger writing on the iPads.


We did: All children have a pencil to use with their iPads.


You said: The path outside nursery/reception floods.

We did: This has been reported to our Operations and Estates Team for further investigation.

You said: Your children raise concerns with you about the cleanliness of the toilets.

We did: We have requested that an additional midday clean is put into place. This has been handed to our Health and Safety Lead to arrange.


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Sports Bulletin

Year 4 Multi-Skills

13th November 2023

10 of our Y4 children participated in a Multi Skills event at Bishop Vesey Grammar School on Monday 13th November. The event was attended by 9 other primary schools from Sutton Coldfield. The event involved 10 stations of sports skills which included agility touch, football quick pass, speed bounce, under over ball pass, rugby pass and chest pass. The event was very well organised by Bishop Vesey students and the Wilson Stewart Active Society. Our Children came away having had a fantastic athletic experience in a superb sports hall.



Panathlon Competition

27th November 2023

This was a first for Mere Green Primary as we had never attended a Panathlon Competition before. The event consisted of 6 activity stations that included skills adapted from sports such as curling, archery and basketball. Our children were focused and ready to learn these new skills. They all tried exceptionally hard and were rewarded for their hard work by achieving the bronze award at the end of the competition. Amazing work for Team Mere Green!





Year 2 Multi Skills

5th December 2023

A team of 11 Year 2 children participated in a Multi Skills event at Bishop Vesey's Grammar school on Tuesday 5th December 2023. 5 other schools from Sutton Coldfield took part in the event that consisted of 10 sports activity stations. Our Year 2 children were very excited to be participating in their first sporting event outside of school. What a wonderful experience they all had.



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