# MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Making a difference'

### Head Teacher Update

It is my pleasure to be writing to you this week. I am sure you are eager to hear how Mrs Brookes is getting on. Whilst she is missing school dearly, I am pleased to say that her operation went well and she is at home, recovering. I'm sure you will join me in sending her get wishes and we look forward to having her back in school soon.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome our Early Years parents back into school for a Nursery Ryhme workshop. We listened to your feedback and have planned in this additional opportunity for you to come into school during the important first few years. I hear the X Factor performance was a real hit in Reception.

The PTA would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who have donated to the Christmas Fair. We have seen a high number of donations over the past couple of weeks which will really make a difference to our event on the 9th December. The PTA are working very hard in the background to make the Christmas Fair a success this year. If you are able to offer any help, the PTA meet on Wednesday mornings for the next two weeks at 9am. Alternatively, please email pta@meregrn.bham.sch.uk if you would like anymore information.

Have a restful weekend.

Lucia Thornton

**Deputy Headteacher** 

## Big Issue

Next week will be our first 'Big Issue' of the year where we have a day off timetable to look at significant local, national or global issues. Our first Big Issue will explore the cost of living crisis; lower down the school, we will be exploring why we need money, what the cost-of-living crisis is and what we can do to make a difference. Higher up the school, we will explore this further to also better understand why commodities have got more expensive.

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we have observed Anti Bullying Week. The first day was 'Odd Socks Day' during which the entire school wore odd socks. In a school-wide assembly, we learned what bullying is (which is defined as 'Several Times on Purpose') and how it impacts other people. The focus of our PSHE sessions has been on understanding more about bullying and its effects. Congratulations to every one of our students and teachers who participated in this crucial discussion!

### Children's University

Exciting announcement! We are pleased to confirm that your child/ren's logins for Children's University are now ready and are going out today. We appreciate you had to wait longer than expected and sincerely thank you for your patience.

Please take a few minutes to log your children in over the weekend. This will allow them to explore the platform and begin to bank their extracurricular learning hours!

## A Special Thank you

A huge thank you to local company, F.C. Christmas Trees (Tennis Club, Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield) for generously donating eight real Christmas trees so that each year group can celebrate Christmas in style and decorate their very own tree which will be displayed in the Key Stage 2 Hall. Our Christmas rehearsals, assemblies and performances will feel all the more festive now.

Please note, F.C. Christmas Trees are operating from Saturday 26th November.

# Children in Need

Today, all the children came into school in an array of colours, raising funds for Children in Need. This is a charity that we all hold dearly as it supports children across the UK to be happier and safer. The children have all enjoyed taking part in a range of fun activities today, organised and led by our Mere Green Ambassadors and Pupil Voice. Not only have they had a wonderful time, but they also raised further funds for this worthwhile cause. We shall share next week our overall total.

#### 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.

#### **Attendance**

The class with the highest attendance this week is:

Class 5H with 98%

The most punctual class this week was: Class 6P

# **Key Dates**

Event Date
Autumn Book Fair 21st—25th November
Big Issue Week 21st—25th November



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