

NEWSBITES

June
2021

IN THIS ISSUE – THE HEAD'S UPDATE | HANDWRITING INFO | MATHS IDEAS| LUNCHES| FAMILY CHALLENGE| SPORTS DAY & THANKS | BOOKING MEALS & FREE CAKES | KEY DATES | LITTLE PIPS

THE HEAD'S UPDATE

Dear All,

Well we are now well into Term 6 and already we have achieved so much. The recent sports events were fantastic with the weather holding long enough for us to get all classes out and performing. The children were fantastic and showed a real team spirit. Thanks also to everyone who was able to come and support – hopefully next year we will be able to have more events when we can invite you into school.

Music playing continues in KS2 and I can happily say that the level of accomplishment is really improving! On a Thursday afternoon, when I go around the school, I can hear some well-played tunes. If your child does play an instrument at home, please let us know of any accomplishments they have and, when we are able to, we would love them to play for others in the school.



In class, we have been having a real focus upon writing using the skills that we know and our new learning. We are developing our use of 'non-negotiables' – things we know the children can do which they need to check for and apply before completing a piece of work. This will continue on during the terms ahead.

Thanks for your support

K Mackinnon

GREENMEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL, PEN CLOSE SWINDON , WILTSHIRE SN25 3LW

TELEPHONE: 01793 521 141 (8.30 AM – 9 PM)

EMAIL: admin@greenmeadow-pri.Swindon.sch.uk



WAYS TO ADD MATHS INTO THE DAY

The following are some ideas for how you can add maths into the day:

Notice numbers – on buses, houses, shops etc.. Can you tell me what the number is? 1 more? 1 less? 10 more? Etc..

What shapes can you see? On a walk can you see any 2D or 3D shapes e.g. a ball is a sphere, a signpost may be a circle or a triangle, a can of beans is a cylinder. Who can see the most? What can you tell me about them?

Making patterns – can you make a pattern e.g. red, blue, green, red, blue etc or apple, pear, pear, apple, pear, pear.

What comes next?

Telling the time – a life skill! Can you tell me the time now? How many minutes to the next hour? What is the next hour?

Money – play shops – what coins can make this amount? Can you make it using 3 coins? Not using a silver coin?

Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready for the Swindon Library Summer Reading Challenge. This event launches on the 10th of July and ends on the 10th of September. More information is on its way on how children can register so watch this space. There will also be a Swindon Library Art Competition to enter which could keep the children busy over the holidays!

Don't forget that over the holidays the children will have full access to Reading Eggs where there are thousands of books for them to access in the library section.

Also, a great website that is worth having a look at, if you want some ideas and book recommendations, is the Book Trust. www.booktrust.org.uk The recommendations include which books to read next if your child has been particularly hooked on a series of books. There is also a book finder where you can input the age of the child and what sort of stories they are interested in and recommendations pop up!

Its going to be a great summer for reading!



Sports Day Winners

I am really pleased to announce the winners of our sports event was Water with a massive 230 points – fantastic! The trophy is up in the library for everyone to see. Well done to everyone who did their best in all events.

Thanks 😊

We would like to say thanks to all the companies and people which have helped us recently with some of our projects:

- Thanks to the kind neighbour who gave us some plants to grow.
- Thanks to Morrisons for raffle prizes, seeds and much more.
- Thanks to 'The George' in Kempsford for donating food for the year 6 BBQ.



Family challenge

Can you try and do the following before the end of term?

1.

Jump in a puddle or go for a swim.

2.

Look at the stars – can you name any of the constellations?

3.

Go to the park.

4.

Get better at riding your bike or scooter.

5.

Bake a cake or help make a meal.

6.

Learn a new skill – your choice.

7.

Do some art – this could be with leaves, pencils, fabric etc..

8.

Make up a game or an obstacle course for everyone to take part in
E.g. how many pairs of socks can you throw into a bag in a minute?



Booking School Meals

Our lunches are provided by caterers Aspens who provide a varied menu which offers daily options of meat, vegetarian, jacket potatoes and freshly baked baguettes (with a choice of fillings). A variety of delicious puddings are also provided plus a selection of fresh fruit and yogurts. Having a school meal is a great way for a child to try new foods and to have some of their favourites.

Meal bookings are made via the ParentPay online system.

Lunches must be ordered by **midnight** on the **Wednesday** the week before. If the deadline is missed, any additional meals will not be included and you will need to bring a packed lunch for your child.

Please continually check your ParentPay account and ensure that you are happy with your meal bookings.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please go to: https://www.Swindon.go.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Free Cakes for Kids Swindon

is a community service for families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. Contact the school office if you would like a cake arrange for the special day!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

More information to come

Later this term, we will be looking to hold some reading breakfast activities when you will have a chance to come in and enjoy a book with your child. Dates to come once we have more guidance.

Annual Reports

Reports will be coming out later this term. Further guidance will be coming with them to indicate where children are currently working and targets to support with continued development.

KS1 Infant Voice Festivals

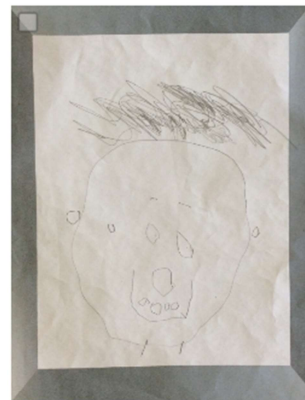
Our children in EYFS and KS1 are currently learning songs which they will be sharing with you soon. Invites will be coming out for a socially distanced set of class concerts on the playground soon.



APPLE PIPS THE TASTY STUFF WE LOVE TO SHARE

Developing Art

Recently we looked at some of the art across the school. We know how important the creative subjects are and wanted to share two great examples of art which not only showcase great skills but highlight the amazing progress children make across the school from FS to Y6.



The Growing Garden

The children have been busy gardening in our new garden area. We are really impressed with their interest and care.

