

What a couple of busy weeks we have already had this half term, with the next couple of weeks promising to be just as busy.

Children have again enjoyed an opportunity to review 50 recommended reads for their year group, in order to make a selection of which book to read next. Thank you to Mrs Cullen for being our reading champion.

There have been a number of afterschool sporting events: cross-country, boys and girls football matches. Thank you to all of our staff, parents and governors who support these events and make these opportunities available for our children. We have also welcomed Mr Walker – Rugby Tots, who has provided taster sessions for our younger children. Mrs O’Keghie and Mr Peckett have lead a music assembly with children showcasing a variety of instruments. Well done to all of the children involved.

We are all looking forward to the Bank Holidays and the whole school celebration of the King’s Coronation on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Just a reminder, that Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a teacher training day. We are delighted to welcome Jane Considine who will be leading an engaging and inspiring training session.

**GRACE**



Harry RW

**LOVE**



**FAITH**

Demetra RHM  
Cillian 1B  
Zac 6A

**Deanery  
Values**

**HOPE**



**JOY**

Daniel 2R  
Jessica 5MC

**PEACE**



## Pupil Voice

Cienna RHM - "I've been reading about London and making the London eye out of cardboard."

Reception enjoyed a visit from Angie's Animal Antics. They got to meet a turtle, a hedgehog, two frogs and a beautiful owl. They all said it was very exciting!

Spencer 1B - "Last week we came to school to discover an enormous egg had appeared! We have been investigating what might be inside it and how it got here. Professor Strangeways asked us to write to him to tell him about what we think it could be!"

Charlotte and Ben 5MC – "We have been really excited about the mysterious egg that appeared in our playground last week. We looked around the area for clues and we had a closer inspection of the egg. We wrote letters to Professor Strangeways about the egg to see if he could help us work out what it was. We are excited about getting a reply from him!"

Jessica 6A – "We have been exploring colour in Art and I enjoyed learning about the artists and how they used colour."

Jacob 6A – "I really liked having the egg here last week as it was mysterious and strange."

## When the Adults Change



Thanks to the input of staff, children and parents, we are proud to be a partner school for When the Adults Change. There is still work to do but it is wonderful to be recognised for what is in place. A special shout out to the behaviour team for their hard work.

[@TheAdultsChange](https://www.instagram.com/TheAdultsChange)

## King's Coronation Celebration Day



On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May the children will be taking part in celebrations to commemorate the coronation of King Charles. Throughout the day, we have various activities and learning that children will experience and will come together as a school community. We would like children to dress in regal attire for the day. This can be interpreted as you wish, from royal robes to red, white and blue clothes.

Children have completed some artwork in school. You will receive information about how to purchase a memoir with their artwork on as a special memory for the coronation. We also will be taking a photograph of each child to mark the special day. To raise money for the Key Stage Two outdoor area, we are asking children bring in £1 to as a donation for wearing regal clothing and receiving a photograph.

*After school, we will be doing a "Great British Bake Off Sale", again to raise money for the Key Stage Two outdoor area. If you wish to bake and donate a cake, then please could you clearly label what the cake is, all ingredients and who is entering the competition. Please send the baked goods into school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The cakes will be judged in the day with a prize reward. We will then sell the cakes to the school community after school in the KS1 outdoor classroom if you wish to purchase any yummy treats.*

During lunchtime children will be sharing a picnic with their friends. You will have already received communication of how to order their lunch for that day. If you have not ordered a school picnic please send your child in with their own picnic.

*We hope your child will be excited by this momentous occasion in the country's history and will enjoy this special day at school.*

## Programmes of Study Summer term



Our Programmes of Study for the summer term have now been uploaded to the website - <https://www.deanery.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/p-o-s>. Here you can find out all of the great knowledge and skills that we will be learning over this term.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, if you are interested or know anyone that might be please visit the school website for more details.

## Missing Library Books

Could we ask you to have a check in bags, under beds and wherever you might hide if you were a school library book! We currently have over 500 books overdue and would love to get them returned so that other children can read them and enjoy them. Thank you!



## Family Quiz Night and Charity fundraising



Well done to Fox house who collected the most tokens for 'going above and beyond' in the Spring term.



A big thank you to all of the families and friends that joined us in our fundraising family quiz to raise money for our three chosen charities.

Your quizzing and generous donations means that we can support our three chosen charities in the following ways:



Our Head Boys, Head Girls and House Captains have decided on the three charities they would like to support in the Summer term. We have decided to support one charity for young people, one for older people and one charity for all ages. That means that all of your tokens and money raised will go to help people of all ages.

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health

**DIABETES UK**  
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

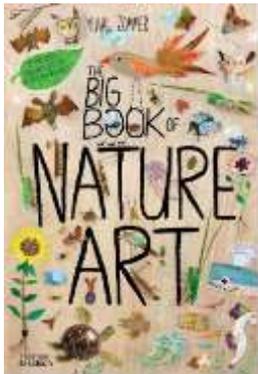
**Alzheimer's Society**

## Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

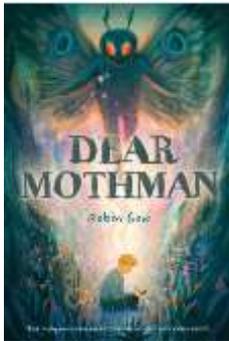
### April 2023 recommendations



#### Non-fiction book of the month

##### The Big Book of Nature Art by Yuval Zommer

With 21 exciting craft projects to make from found or recycled materials, children can learn how to fashion what we throw away into spectacular representations of nature. With leaf bugs, bubble wrap fish, cardboard tube crickets, yellow petalled dandy-lions, minibeast dioramas, and dragonfly sun catchers, there's plenty to interest 4+-year-olds. It is the perfect summer term activity book to share with the whole family at home.



#### Fiction book of the month

##### Dear Mothman by Robin Gow

When Noah's best friend Lewis is killed in a tragic accident, he feels as if he has lost the only person who knows him as a trans boy. Reminiscing about Lewis' fantasy stories about cryptids, Noah finds solace in writing letters to Mothman and, over time, feels compelled to find out if Mothman really exists. This memorable and indescribably powerful book for 11+ year-olds

## School Uniform Grant 2023

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust have extended the closing date for applications for School Clothing Grants for 2023 until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Application forms are available to collect from the School Office and must be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

# Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to build an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...





Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle  
[communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org](mailto:communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org)



### School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

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# SUTTON SOCCER COACHING CLUB



AT MERE GREEN SCHOOL  
(OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S)  
MERE GREEN, B75 5BL  
STARTING SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023

## SATURDAYS

|         |                   |                          |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Group 1 | 9.00am – 10.00am  | School Year Reception    |
| Group 2 | 9.00am – 10.00am  | School Years 1           |
| Group 3 | 10.15am – 11.15am | School Years 2 and 3     |
| Group 4 | 11.30am – 12.30pm | School Years 4 and above |

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of the last 28 years courses we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2023. The new course will start on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** and will run for 12 weeks

Qualified F.A. coaches run the course and there are also very special skills sessions from **EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS** including **Tony Morley ex-Aston villa and England star**. Coaches are DBS checked.

The course is for children of all abilities, total beginners are introduced through fun and confidence building practices. We teach children not just football!!

The **NEW SAMBA GOALS** are used for all groups in shooting practices and Premier league tournaments, and a ball per player is provided for individual skill practices. The course is held on the football pitches so boots or trainers and outdoor clothing should be worn.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week which is payable every four weeks (£30) (**HALF PRICE £3.75**) for second and subsequent brothers and sisters, payable every four weeks £15) with the first payment due on week one. The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish to.

**ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY** at the presentation, which will be held on the final week of the term.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT THE FOLLOWING TO THE NUMBER GIVEN BELOW**

**MERE GREEN+CHILD'S NAME+GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3or4)**

**07518 522 809**

*Alan Bourton*  
(Course Co-ordinator)

