

EMERSONS GREEN NEWS

Today
is the day
we
learn
something
new

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The next step on our journey to MIGHTINESS

A huge welcome back to all our MIGHTY Emersons Green families. A very special welcome to all our Reception children who, on Thursday/Friday, took their first steps on their educational journey this week; we hope you grow and flourish with us.

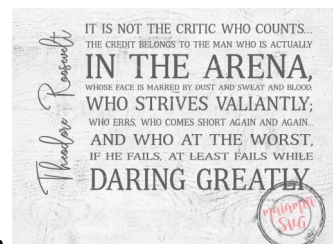
We ended last year in a strong position, back in the arena:

- ◆ Partnership going strong
- ◆ Fully funded Resource Base and a positive school budget
- ◆ IT resources and WIFI of a good standard
- ◆ Newly decorated/refurbished corridor, cloakrooms and bathrooms
- ◆ Published our reading strategy
- ◆ New phonics scheme moved our results to above national levels
- ◆ TTRS & our new approach to teaching maths supported pupils in reaching a standard above national
- ◆ Took part in more cross school and county events than ever before

We are Forging Mighty Futures and whilst looking back at our achievements thus far is valuable, we start this new school year looking forward to another year of growth. An integral part of this year's growth is embedding our new vision and mission not only into our everyday practice but into the mindset of the children for these are the ones who will bring it to life. So, what does every new school vision need? Well a band of mice, each representing our school values.



Meet Emerson—in a skirting board of our school, just down the corridor from Red Class, in a corner of England known as Bristol, lived a mouse called Emerson. And whilst they were but small, inside, they knew that, one day, they would be mighty. Emerson represents all our children, everyone has it in them to be mighty, achieve mighty things and over the coming weeks we will introduce you to Emerson's friends, friends who each possess a value that will help Emerson be the MIGHTY version!



SUCCESS FOR EMERSONS GREEN

Our collective efforts have secure the Bronze Modeshift award and a safer, active journey to school.

But we don't want to stop there! Next week will see the arrival of **THE GOLDEN LOCK**. Each day of this term a golden padlock will be attached to a bike parked in our school bike shelters. If this is on your bike, come along to the school office to claim your prize and get the key to remove the lock.

So get on your bike and you may strike it lucky with the golden lock!

Walking Bubbles—Remember the walking bubble is still in operation. For those needing to use the Park and Stride option, Walking Bubble stickers are on lamp posts in a 5 minute 'bubble' around the school to make it easier to know where the minimum 5 minute zone is. You can park the car outside the 5 minute 'bubble' and walk, scoot or cycle past a sticker to 'burst it' for the journey to be classed as park and stride.

If everyone uses the park and stride option or cycles to school there will be no cars parked in Guest Avenue or surrounding roads within the 5min bubble.

Celebrating Mightiness

As part of forging mighty futures we need to celebrate mighty achievements so our children see that their practice and effort matters; it plays an integral role.

With this in mind we have tweaked our rewards system:

- ⇒ House points—given out frequently, contribute to the Friday House Cup award
- ⇒ Green cards—given to children who demonstrate our school values
- ⇒ Mighty Awards—given in Friday Assembly, one per class per week, awarded to a child who has consistently demonstrated MIGHTINESS in all aspects of their character. Please note that children can win this award multiple times; it is not expected that everyone will get it at least once across a school year—it is earned.
- ⇒ Green postcards—for EXCEPTIONAL mightiness, for children who have gone above and beyond. These are agreed across all staff and will arrive through the post—SURPRISE!



Music Lessons

Are you interested in taking part in our musical extravaganza this year? Do you want to explore your musical ability? Then visit South Glos music hub online and book your lessons with them and we will happily host them in school. music@wema.org.uk

Home Learning—Following feedback we have adjusted our homework expectations to focus in on the core skills of reading and known facts recall. Regular reading at home supports children in developing a fluent reading style which in turn fosters a love of reading. Daily practice of known facts recall supports the building of confident, capable mathematicians.

We expect all children to complete 20mins of reading aloud five times per week and complete up to 20mins of TTRS/Numbotz per week depending on age.

Please find attached to this newsletter our homework leaflet. This has all the information needed to ensure your child is fully supported at home.

The previous Pick and Mix style homework tasks will no longer feature in class newsletters. However if children are inspired by their in class learning and want to continue this at home we are always keen to support, encourage and share in this.



The weekly TTRS/Numbotz league will return next week so please ensure children complete their required minutes across the week:

EYFS – 6mins,
KS1- 10mins,
KS2 – 20mins.

It is essential children get into good habits with home learning now. We have shared all log-in details this week. If you have any issues please get in touch so these can be resolved quickly.

Next Friday we be the first 'Lunchtime Payback club'. Any child in KS2 not completing their minutes will do this on the school laptops.

Clubs—Our ever expanding clubs menu is now available via the usual booking system <https://forms.gle/En4gnaKk2dmG5Jmu9>.

Please remember these clubs are run on a voluntary basis based on our staff's personal skills and interests. We aim to provide a range of opportunities across the year, some of which require a small charge for resources. If there is nothing appealing this term then please do not worry there will be more throughout the year.

As always please be aware that we may, at times, need to cancel a club one week because of other staff commitments/illness. We do our best to keep any disruption to a minimum and thank you for your support and understanding.

We have taken your suggestions and feedback around our club offer. If you have a skill or hobby you would like to use to inspire our children please do get in touch. Staff are happy to run clubs alongside parents/grandparents.

Diary dates

Week 2:

13.9.23—Meet the Teacher 3.25pm & 3.45pm (you only need attend one, the second is a repeat to enable parents to attend two classes)

Quick announcements:

- ♦ Mrs Sheldrick would like to arrange a visit for Yr4 from either a dental nurse or dentist. If you or anyone you know would be happy to come in and speak to the children about teeth then please drop us an email.
- ♦ Google Classroom—please join your new class ASAP.
- ♦ Rags2Riches will be collecting unwanted clean clothes (not uniform) on 9th October 2023. Collection bags will be sent out nearer the time.

FORGING MIGHTY FUTURES

These children have demonstrated their mightiness across every aspect of their week, we are incredibly proud of them all.

Red Class
Orange Class
Yellow Class
Green Class
Blue Class
Indigo Class
Violet Class

Induction time
Andreï
Alicia
Sofia
Faith
Grace
Amberley

