



## Forthcoming dates

### Please do check the website regularly

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of summer term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Kingswood Residential Class 3
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday School closed
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Games Evening Leycett CC
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Razzmatazz Victoria Hall Classes 3 and 4 6pm
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Day Keele Sports Hall 1:30 – 3:30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NEW</b>	Mrs HB's Music Concert St John's Keele 6pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Evening Madeley High School 6-9pm
<b>Further dates to be confirmed</b>	

The last few days of the term have been incredibly busy with three class trips, fundraising events, assessments, a church service and the mysterious giant egg investigation! I know the children are certainly ready for the holidays and are excited about all the activites they will enjoy. Let's hope this weekend is as warm as forecasted and we can all enjoy the fresh air and the sun.

### Easter Fundraising



Thank you for supporting our raffle. There were lots of prizes won this morning with Lacey and Lily-May being our lucky winners of the special prizes. Altogether we raised £145.40. Thank you to the staff for your generous egg donations.



### Race Night

Thank you to those families who were able to support this event. We were concerned that we would have to cancel due to low attendance but thankfully we did manage to gather more support during the final few days. My special thanks go to Mr Gething for hosting the event and expertly organising the races and betting. Thanks also to Mrs Cooper for organising and preparing the refreshments. Altogether £368.55 was raised for school funds. Of course in these times when school funding is continuing to be cut, such parental support is absolutely essential. We were very disappointed to be informed that once again the school rent has increased. The 27% increase is an additional expense to which the school receives **no additional funding**. It is very rare for a school to be housed in a privately owned building such as ours. The governors are currently engaged in dialogue with the MP Bill Cash concerning our situation. They will update you accordingly in the near future.



### Class Four Trip to Manchester Science Museum

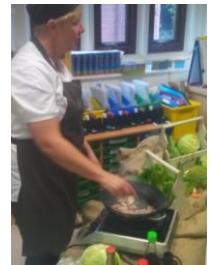
This term, in Science, Class 4 have been learning about electricity and circuits. To enhance this learning, they visited **The Museum of Science and Industry** in Manchester. Here the children had the opportunity to tour the museum as well as participate in three workshops.

The first workshop introduced the children to the different areas of the museum they could explore, by introducing them to different inventions found there. Many volunteers were taken to test mock machines found in the areas, including the use of a machine to create steam to blow up a balloon. This was a wonderful introduction to the museum; it was exceptionally interactive and engaging.

The whole day was a wonderful experience! The children's behaviour was exemplary. They proved themselves to be interested, engaged learners who were genuinely interested in every aspect of the trip. They definitely embodied all of our 'Secrets of Success'! To read more about the different workshops and look at the photographs, please visit the blog page on our website:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/class-4s-trip-science-and-industry-museum-manchester>

## Ready Steady Cook With Mellors



Last week Class 4 had the pleasure of welcoming Stella and Danielle, from Mellors Catering Company, into their classroom. They came to talk to the class about what they like to eat, healthy eating as well as cooking a stir fry dish for the children to taste.

Danielle began by stating that one of the purposes of the session was about identifying what the children like to eat so that they can serve it in their hot lunches. She also told the children about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast and drinking plenty of water to ensure that the children are giving their bodies all that they need to enable them to concentrate and be healthy. She reminded the children about the importance of eating the right food to ensure that our bodies have enough energy to enable us to move.

Stella then demonstrated how to cook a Chinese chicken stir fry, sharing with the children all of the ingredients. The children enjoyed watching Stella cook, as well as having the opportunity to smell and touch unfamiliar ingredients such as Chinese 5 spice, chilli, ginger root and pak choi (Chinese cabbage). The smell of the food cooking was sensational. When the food was completed, the children were able to taste it. They thoroughly enjoyed it and not a spec of food was left on practically all plates!

More photographs and children's views can be found on their blog pages:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/ready-steady-cook-mellors-cl4>

Please note that Stella is presently serving the cooked lunches as a recruitment process is currently being undertaken. She really is so popular amongst the children. Her passion for food is infectious.

## Assessments and Attendance Information

Today your child should have brought home an envelope containing attendance and assessment information for parents.



You will also find your child's dojo report which records your child's learning behaviours. Remember that nobody is perfect- we all make mistakes. It is learning from our mistakes that enables us to improve and enjoy success both in school and beyond. For this reason our behaviour expectation across the school is 97% positive behaviour. I am delighted that the overwhelming majority of our children able to achieve this.

This term alone we have awarded 14,980 dojos!!

Please note that the attendance figure was calculated on Monday morning when we compiled the data. If your child's attendance figure so far this academic year is below 97%, then there will be an improvement comment. This is because the school target is 97%. We have lots of children whose attendance is only marginally below this figure and the percentage will increase as the rest of the academic year progresses.

If you would like to find out more about the assessment procedures at our school, please read our full policy available on the website:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/sites/default/files/Assessment%20policy%20final%20feb%202016.pdf>

## Toast Reminder



You can now pay for your child's toast up until May half term on ParentMail. Mrs Cooper has processed the payment online this morning and already we know that many parents have paid! Thank you very much.

**Remember that from this point on we will be unable to accept any cash payments for toast.** It is a year ago that we moved to a cashless system and although there have been teething problems; it is a far more cost effective way of using school resources. It is true to say we have all had to try new things.

## **Governor Blog**

We know that governor involvement in the school, is something that parents are interested in. Please take a look at our governor blog pages on the website. The latest blog is from Mrs Annabelle Brayford, who is our LA governor. She recently visited the school to observe P.E. lessons and gain first-hand experience of how the Sports Premium is spent here at The Meadows.

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/pe-governor-visit>

## **Easter Service**



Our service at the church was delightful and I know was enjoyed by all our community. Rev. Peter as always was a wonderful host and is always so supportive of the children and our school. The children do look forward to his assemblies and he has taught us lots of lovely songs and actions. It was nice for the children to visit his church for a change and perform in a different venue. Thank you for joining us and being such an appreciative audience. I was proud of each and every child. It is not easy being unable to practise, but weren't they so adaptable and confident? I observed the most special attribute amongst our children; they were proud of each other, they share in one another's successes and are able to encourage when worries emerge.



## **Reading Records**

Now is the time of year when teachers look to gather the evidence they need to document children's attainment. Your child's reading diaries are an important and essential aspect of this. Therefore please do record ALL reading over the holidays and not just the reading book from school. We know that many of our children read for pleasure across a whole range of materials. We want to share all this with you and the children. We also need to see evidence of your book talk and discussions at home. Please do use the milestone mats which are provided in the diaries to structure this. If for some reason they have gone missing, they can be found on our website:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/assessment-focus-af-comments>

We do expect all parents, regardless of their child's age to monitor home reading and have an input into the reading diaries. Thank you for your support in such a crucial aspect of your child's learning.

## **Egg-cellent Egg-plorers**

On Thursday whilst Classes 1 and 2 were away enjoying their visit to the Gladstone Museum, something very strange appeared on the playground .....



The children in KS2 had quite an egg quandary as they were greeted with a gigantic egg and nest! This investigation was the basis for our science, maths and art learning all day. To find out more about the children's enquiry please take a look at the blog pages:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/egg-cellent-egg-plorers>

Finally on behalf of everyone at The Meadows, I would like to wish all our families a Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming you all back for our summer term on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.



*Please do contact me if you would like my assistance at any time, Mrs. Procter*

