



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

20/2/23- 24/2/23	Half Term
6/3/23- 9/3/23	Parents' Consultation Meetings
20/3/23	Cl3's Trip to Dewa Centre, Chester
21/3/23	Cl2/Cl4 Trip to Think Tank (more information to be released soon)
31/3/23	Last Day of Term
3/4/23- 14/4/23	Easter Holidays

A huge thank you for all the lovely messages of support I have received since it was announced on Tuesday that, after a very intense and rigorous interview process (with the Deputy CEO of our trust, our School Improvement Director and our Chair of the Academy Council), I had been offered the substantive role of headteacher at our school.

As you may know, The Meadows holds a very special place in my heart – not only have I worked here for many years, but it is also the primary school I chose for my own child to come to. My commitment to our fantastic school community has been unwavering. I am so proud to be able to take on this role and continue to champion our wonderful pupils so that they can exceed their potential and be successful – both personally and academically. I will continue to have high expectations of our children's learning behaviours and academic achievement since both go hand in hand.

I am proud to lead our dedicated staff who make our school such a special, positive place to be because of their determination to help our children succeed. They are a pleasure to

work with. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you as parents to make sure that our children excel. I know first-hand the value of collaboration, (as a parent myself, and as a teacher and a leader) and will always be there to support in any way that I can. Don't hesitate to get in touch. 😊

As the new headteacher, I am currently in the process of working with our staff and pupils to review and refine our school's mission, aims and values. However, I have written the new welcome section of our website, where you can get a feel for our school. To find out more, click on the link below:

[Headteacher's Welcome | The Meadows Primary School](#)

Class Updates

Here are a few updates about some of the exciting learning that has been taking place over the past few weeks in school:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) have loved exploring the story 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. Today they enjoyed tasting different fruits from the story. Well done

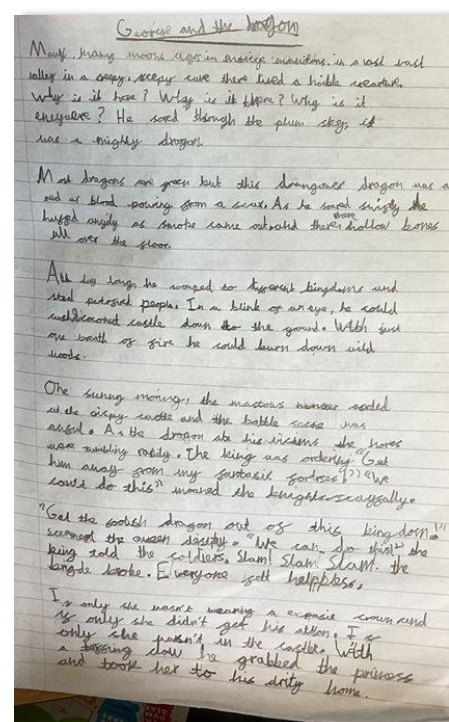
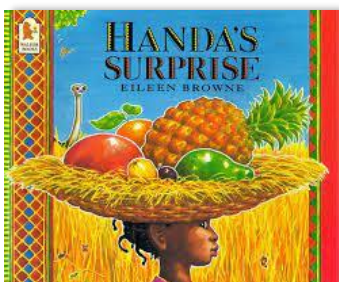
children for 'Trying New Things' one of our 'Secrets of Success'. The strawberries went down a treat, but the children weren't as keen on the lemons and limes!

Class 2 have been working very hard using their super imaginations to write the story of 'George and the Dragon', but with a twist - the dragon was terrified of a small animal that moves in to the cave next door! We have been so impressed with the quality of their writing and their stamina for writing too! Excellent work children.

Yesterday, **Class 3** were exploring whether materials were insulators or conductors of electricity. As Scientists, they were identifying and classifying materials. They followed the line enquiry by making predictions, carrying out fair tests and then drawing conclusions from their results.

This week, the children in **Class 4** have been continuing to work on representing fractions as decimals and percentages. They have also completed two

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independent writes: a debate (Ancient Greece) and a poem. They have enjoyed using technology to research famous technological advances too.

Online Safety

Last week, we celebrated 'Safer Internet Day' to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. The theme for this year's 'Safer Internet Day' was: **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

We held a competition for children to explore how we could make the online world a better place. Well done to Lara in Y6 for her excellent winning power point, which gave so many useful tips for children to follow. What an phenomenal ambassador for online safety!

Her power point is on display in the school corridor for all to see.



Attendance

One thing that can be a barrier to some children's success is their attendance. We are currently reviewing our attendance policy to ensure that we do all that is possible to support our families and increase attendance. Nationally, attendance has been lowered over the past few years because of the pandemic. Whilst our school's attendance remains above the national figure, it is not as high as figures pre-covid. I know that there are times when absence from school is unavoidable due to illness, and where our children just need to rest and recover. This is completely understandable. However, when absences become more of a frequent pattern (and

they become persistent), this can have such a significant negative impact on a child's academic achievement (due to missed learning) and their mental wellbeing too. The figures below put this into perspective:

- Missing 1 day (or two sessions) equates to approximately 6 hours and 45 minutes of learning and 6 lessons.
- Missing 2 days (or four sessions) equates to approximately 13 hours and 30 minutes of learning and 12 lessons.
- Missing 3 days (or six sessions) equates to approximately 20 hours 15 minutes of learning and 18 lessons.

Persistent absence can also raise safeguarding concerns and we remain committed to ensuring all our children are safe, well and thriving.

Please continue to support your child by helping them with their attendance. We are here to support you.

ASM Half Term Club

I know the children and staff are looking forward to a well earned half term break next week. If you are looking for a club for childcare or even just to keep your child active and entertained, our very own Mr Skellern will be running the ASM half term club at Madeley School from Monday-Friday. This provision was originally created with our school community in mind, to help our families with care during half term. As with any service, there is always the threat that if we don't use it, we could lose the provision, which would be a great shame to the local community.

If you are interested in booking in your child next week, please contact <https://asmports.co.uk/> directly to save your space.

School Life

To find out more about life at The Meadows, I would strongly encourage you to follow us on Twitter @primary_meadows. This is a great way to find out what your children have been learning and for us to signpost events coming up. You can help us to raise the profile of our school in the local community too by liking and sharing our tweets. 😊

Here are a few snapshots of recent activity at school:





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In Science club, the children have been using tweezers to make birds nests to see if we can construct a nest that will attract birds to our school playground.



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In before school club, the children have all been accessing The Internet Legends games. They have had great fun, showing great communication and healthy competitive skills. Lots of laughs and conversations between all children of both key stages. @GoogleUK



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We really had to use our listening skills, as Mrs Davies was giving instructions on who can go under the parachute, taking turns and being kind to our friends.



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On behalf of all of the staff at The Meadows, I hope you all have a wonderful half term. I look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we return to school on Monday 27th February.

All the best,

Mrs Kuffour

Personal Possessions

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.



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