



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

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)
23/3/23	Quiz Night
27/3/23	Attendance/Punctuality - Coffee Morning
31/3/23	Last Day of Term
3/4/23-14/4/23	Easter Holidays

The end of the Spring term is fast approaching, with lots of exciting learning still to do. Many of the children across the school have been exploring the change of season: we are excited to welcome spring today on the 20th March (the spring equinox). Let's hope it brings some nicer weather too!

Just as the seasons are changing, there have been some changes to life in school as well. We have recently gone through a successful interview process last week and look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to our EYFS provision. I will introduce you to them after the half term when the formal pre-appointment checks and procedures have gone through. Our little foxes (nursery children) were an excellent help during the interview process so that we could select the right candidate to join our school family. Well done children.

Outdoor Learning

Across the school, we have been reviewing our current outdoor learning provision to see how we can enhance it to benefit our children's development, including helping them to

develop their social skills and communication skills whilst playing, as well as their active learning and critical thinking. I have been busy filling in funding proposals to support the long-term development of the playground, so watch this space for updates on our success. In the meantime, we have started to plan and develop zones of learning where children can be active, imaginative and curious too. This includes increasing the equipment we put out on the playgrounds for our children to use. However, we could do with your help. We are looking for generous donations of the following:

- Soil. On both of our sites, we are looking to set up a school garden where the children can grow fruits, vegetables and flowers. As I'm sure you can imagine, that involves quite a lot of soil! If you have any bags of soil you are willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate this.
- Planters, seeds and bulbs
- Natural resources such as pebbles, shells, twigs and fir cones
- Astro turf cut offs
- Crates
- Gardening trays
- Buckets
- Boxes
- Sheets/blankets (for den building)
- Preloved toys such as play prams and pushchairs, toy cleaning equipment e.g. play hoovers



If you can help, please contact the school office directly. It would be much appreciated!

Quiz Night

Please help us to raise funding for our playground enhancements by joining us at our Quiz night on Thursday. The more people that attend, the more we can raise to help our school improvement. It will also be a lovely opportunity for us to have fun as a school family.

Mrs Cooper has been busy planning her quiz questions to challenge you – it's not to be missed. At the moment we don't have many down for the night. It's not too late to sign up – please pop over to Parentmail and join a fun filled night. The staff are certainly looking forward to it (they are quite competitive 😊).



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:

Foxes and Badgers have continued to explore spring. During Science week, they have been looking at seeds, parts of a plant and creating a fair test to what we need to aid the growth of carrot tops. Excellent scientific enquiry from our youngest scientists!



The **Kingfishers** have also been celebrating National Science week by exploring habitats and environments. They have explored the dangers of pollution and have held scientific investigations on which pollution would sink or float. They followed the cycle of enquiry, making predictions and then deciding how to test them, making careful observations. Well done!

The **Owls** have applied their Science knowledge into their writing this week. They have been writing about the journey food takes when it enters our body to be digested.

The **Hawks** have been developing their problem-solving skills and ability to reason in their algebra units, where they have had to apply so much learning from other knowledge taught such as their ability to calculate and their knowledge of their times tables.

Improving Attendance – Coffee Morning

Last week, it was lovely to share our pupils' successes and areas for development at our Parents' Consultation meetings. We hope you found them useful and supportive. One new piece of information that was shared this term was your child's attendance and punctuality. As you know, we are working to increase our school community's attendance at the moment to ensure all our children can thrive. We wanted to celebrate our pupils' successes and raise awareness of any improvement needed in terms of your child's attendance.



We are here to support you and are committed to helping you to remove any barrier that might be preventing positive attendance. If you would like help to improve your child's attendance or punctuality, we are holding an **informal coffee morning** on **Monday 27th March 9-10pm**. Please do come along for a brew, a biscuit and a chat- we are happy to help.

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. 😊 We would really like to increase our community's footfall on our account – don't forget to view and like our posts. We are currently looking at other ways to use social media with our school community so that you can keep updated about life in school. More information will be released on this soon...

For the moment, here are a few snapshots of recent activity at school:





Have a lovely weekend,

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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