



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

17/4/23	INSET
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday
4/5/23	Afternoon Tea
8/5/23	Bank Holiday – King Charles' Coronation
9/5/23-12/5/23	Y6 SATS
17/5/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning C12 9-10am
18/5/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning C14 2pm
29/5/23-5/6/23	Half Term
15/6/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning C12 2pm
24/7/23	Last day of term
25/7/23	INSET

The end of the Spring term seems to have come so quickly, it has taken us all by surprise. With it being a short half term, we have certainly packed in a lot of learning and fun. We have welcomed lots of new members to our school family and have so enjoyed getting to know our new children and their families.

This week, we have had a Safeguarding audit by the safeguarding director for The Shaw Education Trust, Mr Brian Buffy. On Wednesday, Mr Duffy spent the day in school talking to staff and children, observing lessons and behaviour around school (such as at playtime), scrutinised our safeguarding policies and procedures and spoke to myself and Mrs Davies (the safeguarding leads) at length about how we safeguard children at school and educate them to be safe in the local community. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit to our school, and I am so proud of the outcome of our audit, where we have been graded with the highest grade to say that our safeguarding is effective. We have been praised for our strong safeguarding culture across the school, with strong leadership (Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead). We have been praised for our in depth knowledge of our school cohorts and contexts and how we shape our curriculum and staff training to ensure that is relevant to the issues faced by pupils in our school. Pupil voice indicated that pupils feel very safe and happy. One area for development that we continue to work on is our pupils' understanding of bullying and how it involves an imbalance of power. We will continue to work on this next term.

As ever, we are incredibly proud of how hard our children continue to work and the passion they show for their learning in lessons. This is demonstrated by the fact that our whole school behaviour is 99% this term and the children have earned 21,734 dojos in the Spring term. What an amazing achievement! Well done children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated staff who really make our school a pleasure to work in. Being a small team, they worked incredibly hard, juggling many jobs, to ensure that each and every child in this school achieves their potential. Their care for our children is exceptional and they really go the extra mile- often using their own time and resources to benefit our school. Thank you!

On behalf of all the staff at The Meadows, we wish you a happy Easter. We hope that you have a lovely break and lots of quality family time together. I know that I am looking forward to spending time with family, as well as going on holiday to West Wales. The fresh sea air is always refreshing and revitalising! I look forward to hearing all about the children's adventures when we return to school on Tuesday 18th April. Please remember that **the 17th April is a staff INSET day** so the school will be closed to pupils.

Next term, we look forward to making more opportunities for you to come into school and see our amazing community first hand. One way we are going to do this is by inviting you in to learn alongside your child in a lesson so that you can see what and how they learn (one family member per child). More detail will be released after Easter, but please put the following dates in your diary:

Seeing is Believing – Family Learning Sessions

Class 2 (Kingfishers): **Wednesday 17th May 9-10am**



Class 4 (Hawks): **Thursday 18th May 2pm-3pm**

Class 4 (Owls): **Thursday 15th June 2-3pm**



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 loved their outside learning. They had been developing their communication skills and imaginations. We had ships being made, sharing and taking turns, mark making and shopping for groceries.

The **Kingfishers** have been super historians, using historical language to ask questions to our visitor Mr Deeming about how Madeley and our local history has changed over the years. They really enjoyed his visit and learnt a lot, particularly how The Meadows School has changed. The children decided they wouldn't like some of the sanctions at the school when Mr Deeming was here! They have also had a great trip to the think Tank.



The **Owls** loved their school trip to Chester last week, where they explored what life was like in the Roman city Dewa. They particularly enjoyed marching around the city dressed as Roman soldiers, exploring the formation the soldiers got in to the protect them in battle, such as the tortoise formation.

The **Hawks** enjoyed their trip to The Think Tank in Birmingham, where they developed characteristics of a scientists. They were able to follow lines of enquiry and investigate using comparative testing when learning chemistry in their workshop. They enjoyed exploring the science garden too and all of the fantastic physics they were learning.



ASM SPORTS

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from April 3-6 & April 11-14. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

- Combat Sports
- Multi-Sports
- Alternative Sports
- Monster Events
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Building

We are inclusive!
We value the importance of accommodating children, aged 4-12 years old, who come to us from different backgrounds. Everyone is challenged and provided with an enjoyable experience.

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Afternoon Tea (Celebrating the Coronation)

On **Thursday 4th May 2023**, we will be holding an afternoon tea party to celebrate our new king's coronation. There will be tea, cakes and lots of fun. We will be inviting a family member to come and join our children in the festivities. A form will be sent out after Easter but save the date. During the day, each class will have a time slot for their family member to join them. We look forward to seeing you! If you feel that you would be able to help on the day with the running of the event, please get in touch with the school office on: office@meadowsprimary.set.org

Easter Sports Club by ASM

Don't forget that ASM will be running their usual holiday club during Easter, led by our wonderful PE teacher, Mr Skellern. It is a great provision to have in the village, based at Madeley School, and a fabulous opportunity for children to keep active over the holiday and spend time with friends. If you would like to book your child in, please do so through their website: <https://asmsports.co.uk/>

Nursery

If you have a child who will be 3 in September, or you know of anyone local who would like to find out more about our wonderful nursery provision, please come to our opening morning. The next one is **Tuesday 18th April** – we'd love to see you. Please share the details with your friends too!

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...

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NURSERY OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 29th March
10am-12pm

Tuesday 18th April
10am-12pm

"We'd love to see you!
There's lots to see and do."

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



Have a lovely holiday,

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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