



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Monday 25th March Y2 SATS Parents' Meeting 3pm

Wednesday 27th March Classes 1 and 2 Trip to Etruria Museum

Friday 29th March INSET day School closed to pupils

Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April Easter Holidays

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday School Closed

Friday 10th May Class and Leavers' Photographs

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May SATS Y6

Adventures in France

It has been a very unusual week here at The Meadows with a group of children in Y5 and Y4 being away on a residential in Normandy. As you will be aware they have joined Seabridge Primary School and have certainly been keeping us updated with their numerous tweets, photographs and even videos last night! I know as a parent myself, how comforting such updates are. It's been a first for us, having the opportunity to venture abroad and is an excellent example of how being part of The Shaw Education Trust has enriched the life of the school. Even a very blustery sea crossing has not fazed our children, who have made me so very proud. Their manners, support and empathy to one another and "have a go attitude" have made the trip a great success. I am sure Miss Parry will begin organising the blog shortly, so we can all share their wonderful adventure. My sincere thanks to Miss Parry and Mrs Panagi, for giving up a week of their time with their own families, so that such trips are possible. I hope that those parents involved will take a moment to personally thank the adults, as they certainly have gone above and beyond!

Here is just one of the many photos we have shared this week:



The children in Key Stage 2 have adapted so well to the different teaching arrangements this week. It has also provided the opportunity for Mrs Kuffour to teach the Y6 pupils as a very small class and tackle some very demanding challenges.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you for supporting our activities. The book jars were absolutely wonderful and we have all enjoyed looking at them so much. They are so creative and we do plan to display them in the school so we can enjoy them for a little longer. We were so impressed that rather than 2 winners as originally planned, there was a winning entry selected from each class. They were awarded a £10 book token. Here are the winning entries:



Congratulations to Aisha, Ellenor, Christi and Lily. Please do share with us the book you have chosen to buy.

We were quite taken by surprise by the large number of parents/grandparents who came along to share a book with their child at the end of the day. I realise it did prove rather a squash to fit everyone in and appreciated your patience.



We welcomed colleagues from our Trust also on this day, who led by the Director of English, spent the day monitoring our reading curriculum and in particular, evaluating our initiatives to engage more boys in reading for pleasure. We were delighted by their feedback and findings. They were so impressed by our lunchtime Book Club, which has been designed and led entirely by the pupils. Our reading culture has once again been praised and our

high expectations regarding reading at home and the development of comprehension skills have been noted as a strength of provision. Once again I would like to thank the vast majority of our parents for actively supporting these expectations.

Online Safety

I would like to draw your attention to a newly released resource which we have used in classes 1 and 2 this week.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.

The key message throughout Jessie and Friends is that if a child is ever worried by anything online, they should tell a grown-up they trust, who will help them.



Fundraising Update

Thanks to your Christmas fundraising Class 1 are now enjoying their mathematical themed rug. As well as making the classroom more comfortable for the children, it is also another visual learning tool. Thanks for your ongoing support.



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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