



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

WB Monday 17th February Half Term Holiday

Thursday 12th March Science Trip Classes 3 and 4

Monday 23rd March Pupil Progress Meetings for Parents

Thursday 2nd April End of Term
3rd April Easter Holidays
Staff INSET

Monday 20th April Start of New Term

Friday 8th May Bank Holiday School Closed

WB Monday 11th May Y6 SATS

WB Monday 25th May Half Term Holiday

WB Monday June 1st Class 4 Residential Standon Bowers

WB 8th June Phonics Screening Test Y1

Tuesday 14th July End of Year Celebration Awards Madeley Centre 1:30pm

Thursday 16th July Leavers' Evening Class 4 Madeley High School 6pm

I would firstly like to congratulate our football team who had a tremendous evening on Monday, playing in the primary school football league. Not only did they keep a clean sheet for two of the matches but won all three! There are numerous events throughout the year as part of the league competition and I have to say that we have not always enjoyed victory. The team have had to show great resilience and determination to bounce back from previous disappointments. Their improved confidence, stamina and skill was really evident and clearly made such a difference. Congratulations to all of you who represented our school with pride. A special mention to Maisie, who was noted by the event organiser for her football skills. Thanks to Mrs Magee for accompanying me on such a cold evening and also to all the family members who came along to support us.

Online Safety



Next week marks the National Safer Internet Day. In school we shall be participating in this event, reminding children about managing risks in the digital world. We shall also be entering a Shaw Education Trust poster competition. The children will complete their entries here in school. We look forward to sharing them with you shortly.

Maths at the Meadows



As you will be aware, Maths is an aspect of the curriculum which has very high priority. We have made considerable investment in terms of our Power Maths resources, but also with staff professional development. Last week we welcomed a colleague from a school which has recently been judged as Outstanding by Ofsted. As well as being a Headteacher, she is also a serving Ofsted inspector and provides school improvement support to the Shaw Education Trust. We invited her along to quality assure our maths curriculum. She spent time in all the classrooms, scrutinised children's books, held interviews with staff members and analysed our records in school. We are delighted with her findings which evidence strong provision and leadership. Furthermore, news of our good practice is spreading. We have been contacted by another Multi Academy Trust, who would like to visit us and find out more about how we teach Maths here.

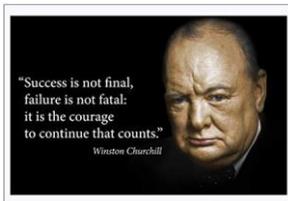
We hope you found the recent Maths newsletter informative. The partnership with parents is very important to us, as we know the powerful impact upon attainment and progress it has. We would once again like to invite you to join a Maths workshop. You will be able to learn alongside your child and gain first-hand experience of our maths curriculum. We know that lots of parents do work during the day but hope that the early notice will enable you to make arrangements. Any family member is welcome if parents can't attend. Due to space limitations, we do need to spread these across a number of dates and limit attendees to one per child. The dates are as follows:

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| Class 1 Mrs Davies | Tuesday 25 th February 10-11 am |
| Class 2 Mrs Farrand | Thursday 27 th February 9-10 am |
| Class 3 Miss Parry | Friday 28 th February 9-10 am |
| Class 4 Mrs Kuffour | Tuesday 25 th February 9-10 am |

Athlete Visit



On Wednesday we welcomed Kelvin Batey to school. The world champion BMX rider led such an inspirational assembly with the children. He shared photographs where, as a child competitor, he was often placed towards the back of the race and had to show such perseverance to eventually win a gold medal and become the world champion. It was a 22 year journey which took him all over the world. He shared his memories with us, both times when he had been disappointed and the times when he enjoyed victory. This is such an important message to continually reinforce to our children that success is not about luck, it is about hard work. This quote on my office wall is the attitude which we want to instil in all our children:



The children and staff certainly enjoyed the circuit workout. They again showed stamina and were physically challenged to keep going. The atmosphere was so supportive and the smiles on their faces was infectious. A huge thank you for your generosity in sponsoring the children. We have raised over £900 for the school. This will be used to purchase additional sports equipment. The children are currently writing a blog for the website with more details of the event. It will be published on the website shortly.

Attendance

I would like to ask parents to really consider if a day off is absolutely necessary when their child complains they are ill in the morning. We are noticing children are having sporadic days off due to minor symptoms such as a cough, stomach ache, feeling sick or colds. Children need to build up their emotional resilience to feeling slightly unwell and push through. We often find that once children are at school and occupied by their learning and friends, their symptoms do disappear. We are all very experienced and do notice if children are unwell. If we feel that they need to go home, we will of course inform you. As headteacher, authorisation for absence is at my discretion and if I feel that a child is well enough to be in school, I will not be able to authorise absences. A copy of our attendance policy can be found on the website.

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| Reception | 97.6% |
| Year 1 | 97% |
| Year 2 | 97.3% |
| Year 3 | 96% |
| Year 4 | 94.6% |
| Year 5 | 96.6% |
| Year 6 | 95.8% |
| Whole school | 96.4 % |

Not only does low attendance significantly impact upon academic attainment and progress but also friendships and emotional wellbeing.



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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