



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Thursday 19th July End of term

Wednesday 5th September New academic year begins

Wednesday 5th September "Welcome to Class 4" Parents' Meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 6th September "Welcome to Class 2" Parents' Meeting 3:30pm

Friday 7th September "Welcome to Class 3" Parents' Meeting 3:30pm

Monday 29th October Half Term

Thursday 15th November Whole School visit to Chester Zoo

Monday 17th December Dick Whittington Pantomime
Dick Crewe Lyceum Y3-6

Friday 21st December End of term Christmas Holidays

We are now in the final few days of the academic year and would like to share just a few of the highlights over the past couple of weeks with you. It is always a very busy time of year where staff are busy squeezing in as many great experiences and learning opportunities as possible. It's been great to see a number of enrichment activities happening which really enhances the learning for children and brings it alive.

The children are continuing to work very hard and I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the children; they work incredibly hard every single day and are credit to you all.

I hope the children have spoken to you about their time spent in their new classes or indeed the two days the Y6 pupils spent at Madeley School. Here at The Meadows the children were involved in lots of team games and challenges. One of which was all about giant marshmallows and spaghetti. It certainly did look good fun. You can read more about these activities and see photographs on the website blog pages.

Changes for September

- Mrs Edwards will be reverting to her previous name of Miss Parry in September.
- We are delighted that we will be using the sports facilities at Madeley School. This will be instead of the weekly hire of The Madeley Centre.
- The school has increased its investment in the PE curriculum so that lessons are for a 1 hour duration. ASM will be proving PE lessons on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays.

The timetable will be as follows:

Wednesday	Classes 2 and 4	Madeley School
Thursday	Classes 2 and 4	School
	Class 3 (Autumn term only)	Swimming Chesterton Community Sports College
Friday	Classes 1 and 3	School

School Uniform

I would like to remind everyone of our expectations regarding uniform. Trainers are not appropriate, (even black ones) with the exception of PE lessons. We have had quite a few coloured socks being worn recently. Socks need to white, grey or black please. I would also like to ask that children have at least two sets of uniform so that items can be washed mid-week. It's not nice for the children to wear clothes to school that are badly stained. Finally I would like to make a desperate plea that all uniform is clearly named. I know how expensive it is and we continually find ourselves with numerous polo shirts and jumpers which have no name in at all! Felt tip pen does wash off very quickly indeed, so please use a more permanent way of marking your child's clothes.



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Refugee Awareness Workshop

I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our parents: Mrs Opatunde. She made me aware of a free workshop that aims to raise children's awareness and tolerance.

Class 4 took part in a very interactive workshop where they met Saheed and Hasan, both refugees and heard real experiences involving Zimbabwe, Afghanistan and Syria. This very much reinforced previous learning experiences in Music and English. Our children were commended for their knowledge of Human Rights of **everyone** in our world.



Visit to the Mining Museum

The children in Class 3 went on their trip to the Peak Mining Museum in Matlock. This was to consolidate their learning on rocks, fossils and our local mining study. We had glorious weather and all of the children were able to enjoy this as

they were appropriately prepared (thank you for your support in this matter). As ever, their behaviour was exemplary and they were thoroughly engaged in the activities presented to them.

We began our visit with a range of different activities about fossils. The children had the chance to explore the museum (as well as the hidden tunnels) while also learning about fossils they had not experienced. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to get hands on experience.

After lunch, we went up to the mine. There were two activities at this point: exploring the mine and panning for gold. Unfortunately we did not find any gold this time

Mrs Edwards



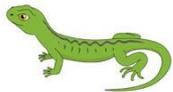
French Café

During the course of the term, Class 4 has been working hard in their French lessons to learn vocabulary related to food. They have been practising conversations related to food - their favourite food and what they would like to eat.

On Thursday 28th July 2018 they had the opportunity to put some of their conversation language into practice. Jean-Marc Bernard from AIP (our catering provider) is a chef who has worked in some of the top restaurants/hotels in Paris. He demonstrated how to make the perfect crepes. He mixed all the ingredients, which the children were able to identify in French, and gave the children the opportunity to make crepes too. It was a wonderful afternoon - the children were given lots of opportunities to practise their French and even had an impromptu French singalong.



Animal Madness



Classes 1 and 2 had a very hands on learning experience last week.

First, they had a visit from 'The Animal Man' who brought lots of interesting animals with him for us to look at. We were using our science skills when we learnt about different types of animals and classifying them. We discussed the characteristics of each type of animal and what makes them special, such as whether they are warm or cold blooded, whether they have feathers and if they can change their skin colour or not. We also found out what they eat, where they live and how they survive in the wild.

What we enjoyed the most though was being able to meet all the special animals and could even stroke them if we wanted to. Some of us were very brave and held an insect!

After that, we continued to have a lovely day by going to the park in the afternoon and had a special treat there of an ice-cream! We had a great time playing with our friends and on the park equipment.

Please take a look at our blog to see our photographs: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/class-1-2-animal-madness>

Mrs Davies and Mrs Farrand

Academy News



The Shaw Education Trust has been selected to participate in an Ofsted research project regarding the work and impact of Multi Academy Trusts. There are 40 trusts this week receiving visits from Her Majesty's Inspectors.

As part of this project, The Meadows received a visit on Monday. This involved meetings with leadership at all levels including the Academy Councillors. Their enquiry was focused upon

how the school is supported and challenged by Shaw Education Trust.



Pupil Voice Day

On Thursday the 28th June, we (the school Ambassadors) were invited to participate in a special day for all the schools in our Academy group. We visited Walton Hall Academy, which is a special school in Eccleshall Staffordshire. The purpose of the day was to collaborate with pupils from all across the different schools and to discover more about the Shaw Education charity.

We were introduced to a variety of senior members of the leadership team, who all play an important role in our schools. Amongst these were Mrs Yarwood, who is the Director of Education and Mr Harrison who is the Chief Operations Officer. We have seen these people in The Meadows before, but this was an opportunity to talk to them in a different setting and a relaxed atmosphere. They made us feel most welcome and put us at ease straight away.

 We found out lots about the charity who are the sponsor of The Shaw Education Trust:

- * The Shaw Trust is a charity helping to transform the lives of young people and adults across the UK and internationally.
- * They help people gain an education, enter work, develop their career, improve their wellbeing or rebuild their lives.
- * It is a charity that aids schools and makes them an even better place for all children, no matter what their background or difficulties.
- * It is one of the largest 25 charities in the UK.
- * We are all working to reach one goal: to help transform the lives of one million young people and adults each year by 2022.
- * There are now 3,500 staff and 1,000 volunteers all working for the charity.

On this day we took part in many activities for example: quad biking, bush craft and a farm visit. We were amazed at the wonderful facilities at Walton Hall and how their learning involves pupils developing lots of different skills to prepare them for work, such as motor mechanics. Their environment is most relaxing and it was a great opportunity to get a glimpse of the different curriculum of a special school.

Mrs Procter joined us and supported us in our activities. She even had a go herself and she told us she had never tried Quad biking before.

One of the tasks was to take part in a video interview about our school and what makes The Meadows such a special place. We will be able to share this with you soon and more photographs. They are currently being professionally edited.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch together and had a very interesting chat with the newly appointed Head Boy and Girl from Madeley School. This will help us next year as we move into Y7.



We are very grateful for such an opportunity and the chance to meet so many different people from our family of schools. We contributed lots of suggestions as to how the different schools can develop their relationships with each other and certainly learnt a new word which Shaw use a great deal - "innovative". It's about being creative and doing things in a different way. This is something which all the schools in our MAT are encouraged



to do.

Molly and Eddie

Sporting Success

Last Friday, two teams from Y5 and Y6 participated in a Rounders tournament at Langdale Primary School. There they had the opportunity to compete against other local schools and apply the knowledge and skills that they had learnt in their club when competing.

The children all performed brilliantly. The boys' team, led by their team captain Dan, won two matches and lost two (by a very narrow margin). They showed great competitive spirit and were good sports.



The girls (led by their team captain Lily-May) won three out of four matches and progressed to the semi-finals, which they won. In the final, they played against Bursley Primary School and drew. They were exceptionally excited to come first place and were great sports.

Well done children! You certainly demonstrated how much you have developed this year in our Secret of Success 'To Compete'. You worked exceptionally hard, were driven and resilient and wanted to do the best that you could.

Medication in School

I would like to remind you all of the school's policy regarding the administering of medication in school. The school is unable to administer any medicine that it not prescribed. This does include painkillers such as Calpol and Nurofen. Any prescribed medication brought into school must be handed into the school office and the appropriate consent form completed. It should be in its original packaging with the prescription label clearly visible. The administration of antibiotics should be rarely required, as most doses are three times daily, which would mean that a lunchtime dose is avoidable. A copy of the policy is available on our website and has been in place for several years now.

Computer Hardware

We are delighted to have received thirteen reconditioned laptops from Marely Eternit. Mr Speakman, who is a member of our Academy Council, is highly aware of the need to develop our technology resources. He has been most proactive in securing such valuable resources for our school. We look forward to using these in September.



Zumbathon

This event was a resounding success. Not only did it promote health and fitness for all our community but has raised an outstanding amount. Your donations have been so generous. It was



lovely to see so many of you join in alongside the children. As this was an event led by our Y6, I will leave it to them to announce the total in tomorrow's Celebration event. They are currently very busy ordering new playground resources, which your donations have purchased. Thank you once again for your support and encouragement.

Attendance and Punctuality

I shall have the pleasure of awarding twelve children with a 100% attendance certificate. As you are aware the school target is 97% which means just 6 days off in the whole year!

High expectations are very important because:

98% attendance means that your child has missed 4 days in the school year.

95% attendance means that your child has missed 10 days in the school year.

90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year.

80% attendance means that your child has missed 38 days in the school year.

5 minutes late each day means three whole days lost each year.

	Attendance	Lateness
Class 1	97.66%	0.16%
Class 2	96.63%	0.39%
Class 3	97.29%	0.54%
Class 4	96.67%	0.67%
Whole School	96.91%	0.49%

Coming Soon



For some time now I have been researching communication via social media. I am also aware from parent voice opportunities that this is something you would welcome. There have been significant obstacles to overcome, such as the removal of filtering systems for staff use and the purchase of suitable devices. I am delighted to report that we are very nearly there and as from September we will have a school twitter account. The purpose will be to promote the school, post timely reminders about events and celebrate learning experiences. The sharing of photographs would be extremely limited however, due to the very large number of parents who have not consented to this.

More information will follow at the start of the academic year.

Parent Voice

Thank you for your contributions to the parental questionnaire. We had a significant larger number of responses this time. I am currently collating the responses and shall communicate these to you on Thursday.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your continued support this year. We have had another successful year here at The Meadows and have much to celebrate. Our Y6 children leave us being secondary ready in every sense. They will be able to call upon their Secrets of Success as they embark upon new challenges and enjoy meeting new people at high school. They are all moving on together to Madeley School and I know they will continue the strong reputation of The Meadows. They have been a tremendous team of children and have contributed so greatly to our school community. They leave us with a tremendous set of SATS results which really do evidence their strong work ethic and motivation to succeed.

Our Results

Reading 93%	National 75%
Writing 100%	National 78%
Maths 86%	National 76%
Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation 100%	National 78%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined Measure 79%	National 64%

The impact of the FUN Maths school initiative has been most positive. The scores in the arithmetic paper have risen sharply as has the proportion who has achieved the expected standard. We are also delighted by the high proportion of our pupils who have achieved the greater depth standard across the subjects. *(We are unable to publish these figures currently until the final threshold has been confirmed by the DfE).*

Finally on behalf of everyone at The Meadows I wish you all a restful summer break and hope you are able to enjoy quality family time. Let's hope that summer does continue into August. School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 5th September.

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.

Mrs Procter



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