



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Monday and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Madeley High school transition days Y6
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of year School Reports Released Sats Results published
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm</b>	Celebration Assembly Madeley Centre
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Evening (Y5 and Y6)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of term
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Staff INSET

It has been a very busy, but thoroughly enjoyable few weeks with so many enrichment activities taking place. We have all welcomed the return of the sunshine and feel that at last summer has finally arrived.

## Sports Day



We were extremely lucky with the weather on Wednesday, as previously there had been a prolonged period of rain. We thank you for your support and taking the time out from your working commitments to join us. It really is quite a task transporting the children and all the equipment down to Leycett. This year we enjoyed the support of some of our ex pupils, who are now at Madeley School. They were most useful and helped the staff run all the activities smoothly. Thanks to Mr Goodwin from Madeley for facilitating this. ASM once again supported our event, providing additional equipment and staff. Our partnership with our coaching provider really is very positive and successful. There was a significant increase in the amount of cars this year, which seemed to be due to many families travelling in 2 cars. This did as you will be aware, cause congestion and several parents were blocked in. We have also unfortunately received complaints from local residents. We have sent them a letter of apology and explained that next year we will ensure that a car park marshal is on hand to direct parking. I would like to thank those people who were blocked in, for their patience and understanding. We are very grateful indeed for the continued support from the cricket club who do allow us to use their venue free of charge. Finally I would like to thank the most important people of the day and that is of course the children. The range of activities enables children to display talents in many aspects and ensure that they are continually actively involved. There was a great competitive spirit and the podium provides the opportunity to celebrate the winners.

## Nursery Consultation

A reminder that our consultation process ends on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from our parental community on the playground. Thank you to those parents who have sent an email of support. I kindly ask that you would support our proposal by sending a quick email to [office@meadowsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@meadowsprimary.co.uk). We do have to supply evidence to the DfE that the community supports the proposal, so do need your help in this matter. You can view our proposal here: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/sites/default/files/Nursery%20Consultation%20final.pdf>

## Goblin Car Challenge



Ove the last 2 terms, a group of Y5/6 pupils have been attending an after school club at the high school. They have worked alongside staff and Y9 pupils to design and build an electrical powered kit car. The project aims to inspire children ages 9 – 11 years old to take an interest in engineering in a fun and innovative way. The build introduces children to basic mechanics and electrics. Last Wednesday we entered two teams into the race event near Stafford. There were numerous races before the champions could be crowned. We did reach the semi-final stages but unfortunately did not come home with any silverware this time. The project has been most ambitious for the school and has certainly pushed us all out of our comfort zones. We



have all learnt new skills and have gained a great deal of knowledge, not only in terms of engineering, but also regarding teamwork and communication. It really was a physically demanding day - completely exhausting but such an amazing opportunity. We would like to thank Madeley School for their support, including funding the two cars and to our sponsors. All of which made the experience



possible for us. Thank you also to all the families who were able to come along and support us on the racetrack.

### **New Academic Year**

The children will spend Tuesday morning next week in their new classes. We are extremely fortunate that there will be a continuity of staffing next year. As we are a small school, transition to new classes is very smooth as all the children have lots of opportunities throughout the year to work with different adults.



### **Parental Survey**

Thank you to those of who completed the parental survey. We are extremely pleased with the positive responses. They evidence your support to the school and acknowledge the excellent opportunities and outcomes for your child. In particular we are once again delighted with your appreciation of our friendly and approachable nature. We will upload the results next week onto the website, where you can take a detailed look into the responses.

### **Pupil Voice Conference**

I had the privilege this week of accompanying our school Ambassadors to Walton Hall Academy in Eccleshall. Here pupils gathered from across the schools in the Multi Academy Trust. As well as participating in numerous activities, we also proudly shared our video which provides an insight into our developing Maths curriculum here at The Meadows. It gave viewers a real flavour of how we teach Maths using concrete resources and Power Maths characters to encourage a growth mind set. We are just awaiting our website host to overcome a technical issue so we can share it with you. The children who took part in the video were amazing and were so confident in front of the camera.

### **Message from our School Ambassadors**

On the 26th of June, we had the opportunity to visit Walton Hall for the Pupil Voice conference; when we arrived we introduced ourselves to schools that were there from the Shaw Education Trust family. We separated to go to our first activity: quad biking (Gracie), farming (Sky). In quad biking, we got our helmets and driving gloves on then we chose our quads. Once we got on the bikes, we started the engines and we were off. We raced around a track and then we did a couple of straight races. At the farm, we looked at chickens and one was called Zombie, who looked like a skeleton due to its terrible past life; his feathers are now beginning to grow back. Also, we walked goats (which was the highlight of the whole day for Sky). We also saw pigs, guinea pigs, rabbits and ducks. Overall, the day was amazing. It was a great opportunity to meet new people from our family of schools and to understand what it is like to go to their schools. We found out lots about the people who are in charge of the Trust and how they ensure all their schools achieve the very best for the 8000 pupils. Furthermore, we were able to watch pupil voice videos from each school which gave us a glimpse of each other's learning cultures.

### **End of year Celebration**

As we approach the end of year, we are finalising the list of pupils who shall receive a special award at the end of year celebration assembly. As well as the awards, there will be numerous performances from the children. All those children who have lessons or are part of the lunchtime club with Mrs HB will be performing, as well as Class 3 who will be showcasing their ukulele talents. Classes 1 and 2 are also preparing a short performance for you to enjoy. As in previous years, we shall write to those parents whose child has been chosen to receive a special award next week.

### **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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