



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

Tuesday 18th October (Rearranged date) Individual and Siblings photos	
Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October	Half Term (School Closed)
Week beginning 7th November	Parent/Teacher Appointments
Tuesday 22nd November	Class 3 Theatre Trip
Monday 5th December	Movie Night Y1-6 3:30 -5:45
Wednesday 14th December	Nativity Performance Nursery, Rec and Y1 and 2 Madeley Centre 2pm
Thursday 15th December (Whole School)	Christmas Church Service All Saints' Madeley 2pm
Friday 16th December	End of term Christmas Holiday
Wednesday 4th January	New term begins

As we certainly feel the change of season and notice the evenings getting darker, here in school we once again remark at how quickly the weeks pass by. We have already made plans for Christmas events. You will see that two new dates have been added. At long last we are able to return to celebrating special Christmas moments with our families.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the rescheduling of the photographs. Unfortunately, staff illness meant that Tempest couldn't be with us last Friday. Please make a note of the rearranged date.

School Uniform

We have quite a few items that have kindly been donated to the school. These items of uniform are all washed and in really good condition. One of our parents and Chair of the Academy Council, Mrs Gillian Taylor will be organising a sale of these items. All proceeds will go to school funds. If you have any items of uniform that are in good condition that you no longer need, please bring them to the school office so that we can offer these to our families at a very low cost. We appreciate that children grow so very quickly and it is a shame to not give them to a family who would welcome them. Look out for details of our sale in the very near future.

School Ambassadors

The appointment and subsequent announcement of our Ambassadors was slightly delayed due to the protocols surrounding the Queen's death. This role is one of the ways in which we encourage and celebrate children's leadership here at The Meadows. It is a role of high expectations, as not only are they role models but also represent the school and our values in many ways. As always these are positions which are open to everyone in Y6. We consider applicants learning behaviours over their time at the school, their involvement in the wider life of the school, their relationships with their peers and also their interactions with all adults. This year part of the application process was to speak in our school assembly and explain why they consider themselves a suitable candidate for the job. It was a demanding task and did push them out of their comfort zones. We were so incredibly proud of each and every child who spoke with passion and maturity. After a great deal of reflection and lengthy discussions, Viv and Lily have been appointed. We were really delighted in the way those who had not been successful responded to the news. They were gracious and congratulated the successful candidates with smiles. As the year six is small currently, we have been able to award all of them with a very important role, including Behaviour Mentors, Playground Leaders and Sports Leaders.

Lily and Viv have already welcomed visitors and given them a guided tour sharing their knowledge of our school with pride.

You can read more about the different school leadership roles on our website: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/our-year-6-leaders>



Bikeability

I am sure you all saw the bikes on the playground recently. Bikeability is the Department for Transport's flagship national cycle training programme for schoolchildren in England. The cycle



training is a practical training programme, which provides schoolchildren with a life skill and enables them to cycle confidently and competently on today's roads. More than four million children have received Bikeability cycle training since the programme commenced in 2007.

Year Four children completed Level 1. They were taught on the playground in a traffic free environment the following key skills:

Maintain your cycle - make sure your ride is in tip-top condition and make simple repairs.

Glide- smooth, calm and collected.

Control your bike- including setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. Even learning to pedal one handed!

Pedal- without feeling wobbly or out of control.

Be aware of your surroundings- looking behind and turning around obstacles.

Year Five children completed Level 2. This teaches children how to grow more confident with each turn of the pedal. An instructor led riders onto quiet roads, to experience "real" cycling. They mastered the following skills:

Start and stop with more confidence.

Pass stationary vehicles parked on a road.

Understand the road- signals, signs and road markings.

Negotiate the road-including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts.

Share the road with other vehicles.



The children's concentration and focus were exemplary. The instructor praised the children's learning behaviours and politeness, which was lovely to hear. A huge thank you also to one of our parent helpers who assisted the children.

Important Reminders

Please remember that parking or even stopping on the yellow zig zags outside school is illegal! It is a threat to the safety of pedestrians and other motorists. It is not a free space where cars can be parked when drivers are in a rush.

Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted onto the playground, even if carried. This is an important safety measure and one which we ask ALL visitors to comply with. Please also refrain from tying them up outside. The pavement is very thin and congested during busy times. It is not fair for the dog, or for everyone else who needs to walk past. Thank you for your support and understanding of such important safety matters.

Parish Council Visit

It is important that our children understand our local community and feel a sense of belonging. A member of the Parish Council visited yesterday to talk to a group of children about amenities for children and young adults. They communicated their ideas very well and shared what they like about living in the village and how it could be improved. The Parish Council are revisiting ideas for a skatepark or cycle track.



As we have restructured the way our Early Years provision is staffed, we have decided that rather than having a separate Twitter page, we will incorporate this into the main school account. This will make uploading photos and snapshots of our learning easier to manage.

If you are not yet a follower of our Twitter account, I urge you to do so. It is a great way of keeping informed and seeing snapshots of learning and activities in school.



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A few of our recent Twitter Highlights:

vax, Henry and Oscar did extremely well in our community assembly this afternoon. They shared their experience of karate. They listed mental health improvement as one of the key benefits.



Class 3 have been using drama to explore the Hindu story of Rama and Sita.



As Scientists, CI4 have been using secondary sources of information to explore the question: 'How can we stay fit and healthier when we get older?' They collaborated brilliantly, working in pairs to find reliable sources of information. Well done.



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In reception and nursery today the children have had lots of fun with the maths activity tables. Using lots of different resources from multi-link to conkers the children were able to complete matching and counting activities. #themeadows_eyfs



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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