



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Monday 13 th December	Christmas Kindness Competition closes
Tuesday 14 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 15 th December	Classes 3 and 4 Pantomime trip
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 17 th December	Christmas parties
Friday 17 th December	End of term
Wednesday 5 th January	New term begins

At The Meadows, we are exceptionally proud of each and everyone of our children. They continuously display positive attitudes towards their learning, giving 100% to everything they do. This week has been no different. Despite the festive air around school, the cheeky antics of some naughty elves in classrooms, and our general excitement for the Christmas period, they have continued to remain focused and work hard in their learning.

This week, the children have been completing their assessments as one of the ways we measure the progress that they have made in their learning this term. We are so proud of how our children approach such processes –they take assessments in their stride, knowing that they are just an opportunity to do their absolute best and show what they are doing really well, and the areas they need to continue to improve in. This helps them to take ownership of their learning and aids their metacognition. Well done children.

Next week, we will be sending home your child's termly report for pupils in KS1 and KS2, indicating their attainment and progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, as well as their overall behaviour percentage for this term.

Christmas Festivities

The staff have been busily preparing for the end of term festivities next week. Rehearsals for the Nativity have been going great – we can not wait for the children to share with you their take on this special Christmas story. I have been listening to snippets of their rehearsal and their singing sounds so angelic! It is heart-warming. We do hope that you will enjoy being a part of this special occasion. Please remember that this is a ticketed event for parents of pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1, which needs to be signed up for via Parentmail.

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware, this week we have had a national update from the government regarding Covid-19. This has meant that we have reviewed our risk assessment in light of new guidance. It can be found here on our school website:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/covid-19>

Additional measures have been put into place regarding our Nativity plays for EYFS and Key Stage 1 next week. These have already been communicated via Parentmail. Please support our school community by adhering to guidance given. This will help us all to do our part to keep each other safe and reduce the risk of transmission.

Christmas Kindness Competition

In assembly, we have reflected as a school on the fact that whilst many of us look forward to the Christmas period, others might feel lonely, anxious or worried around this time of year. We explored a special image by illustrator **Lucy Burvant** called '**Christmas Kindness**' to help inspire us all to think of kind words to use during the festive period.

To spread a little festive joy this Christmas, we have launched our 'Christmas Kindness' competition. All children have been sent home with a card lamp template for them to decorate, spreading a positive message to others in our local community. We have already had some fantastic entries so far. **Just a reminder that our competition ends on Monday 13th December 2021.** We will then select a winner from each class, who will receive a prize. The winning lamps will be sent out into our local community as a little act of kindness.





Christmas Card Competition

Huge congratulations to Olivia and Edward, the primary winners of the Shaw Education Trust Christmas card competition! Their digital media card managed to beat fantastic entries from the other primary schools in our trust. What an achievement!

Well done to all of the other fantastic winning entries from our trust family. What talented artists we have in our family of schools! The other winning entries can be found on our Twitter feed.

SET Health Check Review

One of the many advantages of being part of The Shaw Education Trust is working alongside senior colleagues with a commitment to continuously improve and provide high quality education for all pupils. Last week we welcomed three Directors from the Trust. Not only do they review provision across the Trust schools, but they are also all serving Ofsted inspectors. Their wealth of experience and expertise was most welcome. They spent a full day here, across both sites. They spent time in classrooms watching lessons, reviewing children's learning in their books and most importantly talking to the children at length. Additionally, they spoke to senior leaders as part of the "deep dive" quality assurance approach.

The children were absolutely delightful and were confidently able to discuss their learning and how lessons continually build upon prior knowledge. It was noticeable how proud they are of their books and their enthusiasm for learning across all subjects. Once again children's behavior and the school's culture, which develops our pupils as successful, caring young people, was noted as outstanding.

We recognise that there have been interim leadership changes at The Meadows this term, however the quality of provision continues to be excellent. We are very proud of our school community and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

As we now rapidly approach the Christmas break, next week will see the children engage in lots of festive activities, we are delighted that we have been able to invite parents once again to our Nativity play. I know how much these memories mean to parents. With adjustments and additional measures, we are able to perform this to a small audience. Sadly, due to commitments at Seabridge school, I am unable to attend, but the Meadows will be very much in my thoughts.

Ms Bebbington

Dear Santa Trip

On Wednesday, pupils from Class 1 and Class 2 had an excellent time visiting Crewe Lyceum to watch a performance of 'Dear Santa.' They even got to meet the man himself after the show! It was wonderful to see all of their smiling faces and to share their Christmas joy. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about it when the children returned to school. As ever, the children's behaviour was impeccable. Well done. 😊

Next Wednesday afternoon, Class 3 and Class 4 will be visiting the Lyceum to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. This is one event Key Stage Two staff and pupils always look forward to - we all love a good panto! "Oh no we don't!"
"Oh yes we do!"

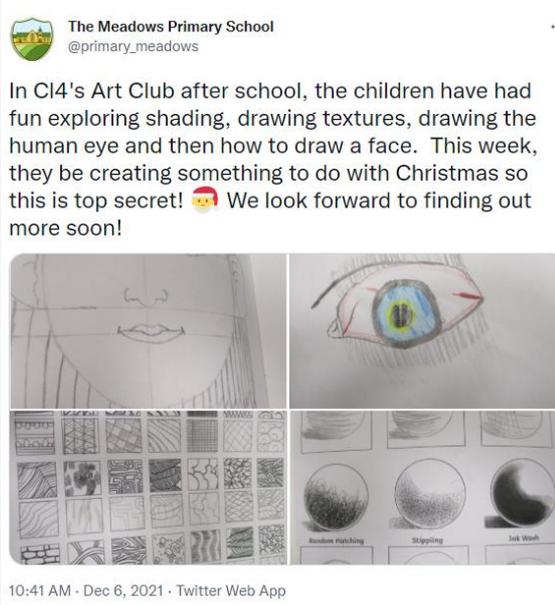




ASM Christmas Club

ASM are running a Christmas holiday club between 20th-23rd December. The club will be open to 4-11 year olds and provide children with an opportunity to remain active, develop new skills whilst experiencing a diverse range of activities within a safe environment. Places will be open to Parent Paid bookings and those who are eligible for Free School Meals. Parents can secure their child's place through their MyASM portal - an easy and efficient way to map out your childcare. If your child would like to attend, please contact: asmsports.co.uk

A few of our recent Twitter highlights:



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. Our two accounts are:
[@primary_meadows](https://twitter.com/primary_meadows)
[@TheMeadows_EYFS](https://twitter.com/TheMeadows_EYFS)

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. On behalf of all of the staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. I do hope that you will be able to have time to relax and enjoy being with family and friends – something we all missed last year.

All the best,

Mrs Kuffour

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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