



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

Cl4 Tweensafe programme	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Y5 Bikeability	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Y4 Bikeability	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Half Term	Mon 21-Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb

As you will be aware, yesterday we underwent our Ofsted Section 8 inspection at school. We warmly welcomed two inspectors to The Meadows, where they explored the quality of education we provide our pupils with. We found the day to be an exceptionally positive process and look forward to being able to proudly share the outcomes with you in due course. This should be in a few weeks' time, after it has been quality assured.



On behalf of all of the staff and pupils at The Meadows, I would like to thank you for all of the kind messages of support we received during the day – we really appreciated them! In addition, a huge thank you to all of the parents who completed the online survey or who spoke to the inspector at the start of the day. As always, your feedback was valued and appreciated.

## EYFS Update

*Our new Early years provision was of course part of the inspection process. The inspector who spent time at the site, observing the children learning and speaking to staff, remarked on what a fabulous resource in the Madeley community we have created. The investment from the Trust is most evident and now the unit is establishing itself, after just a few weeks of opening, we felt so proud to share the environment that we have developed together. Today I visited the unit and met several of our new Nursey children who have just turned three! I really was delighted to see how quickly they had settled, establishing such positive relationships with one another and the adults. They really are already part of our school family. Our numbers are continuing to grow rapidly; however, we do still have places available for children following their third birthday. Please visit our website for application details: [Parent Information / The Meadows Primary School](#) Ms Bebbington*



## Pupil Voice



At the Meadows, pupil voice is exceptionally important to us. We provide lots of opportunities for the children to tell us what they think and how they feel, in order to help us continue to drive school improvements. The children always talk about our school with enthusiasm and passion, and always want to share their opinions and ideas with us and with others, as we found out during our Ofsted. We are so proud of our amazing pupils and they are a real credit to you!

One way our pupils let us know how they feel is through their blogs, which they eagerly create. We encourage you to keep checking updates on our school website and read their blogs – they give a super insight into what it is like to come to our school.

The ambassadors recently wrote an excellent blog on our new approach to Reading, which can be found here: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/reading-explorers-ambassadors>

## Sports Star of the Week

Across school, in lessons we constantly encourage our children to develop subject specific characteristics. We want all of our children to show that they are writers, mathematicians, historians, scientists, techies, religious scholars etc. In PE, we want our pupils to become athletes. In PE lessons, and in after school clubs, Mr Skellern encourages pupils to develop the characteristics of an athlete, including:

- Demonstrating high levels of fitness.
- Acquiring new knowledge and skills, practising and applying them in different sports and situations.
- Take initial and show leadership skills.
- Have a passion for the subject.
- Show originality, imagination and creativity in their techniques, tactics and choreography.
- Show a healthy competitive spirit in order to improve.



To help promote this with our pupils further, we have launched our new 'Sports Star of the Week'. Each week, Mr Skellern will select a pupil from each class who has demonstrated the characteristics of an athlete. They will receive a certificate in assembly and their names will be displayed in our corridor on our new sports display.

To find out more about our PE curriculum, please click on the following link:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/physical-education-0>

### **Covid-19 Update**

As you will be aware, this week we have had many national updates from the government regarding Covid-19. On 17<sup>th</sup> January, guidance regarding self-isolation changed. This applies to all positive cases, regardless of vaccination status. The guidance states:

*People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.*

*The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).*

*If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.*

*Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.*

### **Promoting British Values**

To help our children develop as global citizens, each week we have an assembly which explores events in the news and promotes British Values. This week, we have focused on 'Mutual Respect', discussing the question: **Is it ever fair to judge people on their appearance?**

In order to explore this question, we looked at the recent news story that the Chinese authorities have banned footballers from getting tattoos and ordered any footballers who currently have the to cover them up or get them removed in order to 'set a good example to society'. We also explored other jobs where people have to look a certain way or wear a certain uniform and why this is done, for example for safety (such as firefighters and soldiers).



Please take the opportunity to discuss this at home with your child, and feel free to share any interesting conversations that you have with your children via our class email address. It was great to hear about your conversations following our last question of the week about the James Webb telescope.



### Vacancy – Academy Council

There is currently a vacancy for a parent Academy Councillor on the local governing body. Being on the Academy Council can be very rewarding. The role offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. Councillors play a key role in the leadership of the academy and work together with the Executive headteacher, the Head of School, the Shaw Education Trust, staff and other

councillors to ensure that our school provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils so that they can exceed their potential.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, then contact us here at the school. **The closing date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

### A few of our recent Twitter highlights:



Lots of fun was had in CI2's games club last night with Mrs Panagi. The children enjoyed playing different games and taking turns.



3:41 pm · 18 Jan 2022 · Twitter Web App

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Class 3 have spent the morning finishing their field-guide pages for the Spiderwick Chronicles. The attention to detail is brilliant. They have really enjoyed this book! @hollyblack @TonyDiTerlizzi



The Meadows Primary School @primary\_meadows · 11 Jan  
In their Reading Explorer sessions, CI4 have been reading extracts from 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. As Reading Explorers, they have been practising to be like 'Arlo Author', explaining the author's choice. Fantastic reading with expression too children. 😊☀️



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The Meadows EYFS @TheMeadows\_EYFS  
This morning in Nursery we read "What the ladybird heard" and discussed animal noises and what we thought was going to happen in the story. The children had some great ideas. In Phonics we used the musical instruments and had a go at playing them really fast and really slow. #EYFS



1:33 pm · 20 Jan 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

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  
@TheMeadows\_EYFS

Have a lovely weekend.  
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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