



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

Issue 7

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Forthcoming dates

17/4/23	INSET
1/5/23	May Bank Holiday
3/5/23	School Photos (Groups)
4/5/23	Coronation Celebration
8/5/23	Bank Holiday – King Charles' Coronation
9/5/23	Owl Class +Y5 Tournament at Lycett
11/5/23	Owl Class Forest School Experience at Seabridge
9/5/23-12/5/23	Y6 SATS
18/5/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning Cl4 2pm
24/5/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning Cl2 9-10am
29/5/23-5/6/23	Half Term
15/6/23	Seeing is Believing – Family Learning Cl3 2pm
22/6/23	Owls Class Music Concert at The Victoria Hall, Hanley
28/6/23	Sports Day
24/7/23	Last day of term
25/7/23	INSET

The first few weeks of the summer term have certainly been busy. It has been wonderful to see the children come back refreshed, ready and eager to learn.

The summer term is one that promises to be busy, with lots to prepare for and look forward to. The Y6 children are in their last term with us before they transition to high school and have only got a short time before they take their SATs tests in May too. We are so proud of how hard they are working and going the extra mile. Such dedication to their learning will really stand them in good stead for when they go to high school – they already recognise and value hard work, one of our Secrets of Success.



Y6 SATs take place from **Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May**.

This year, there will be unique arrangements on this week so that we can make appropriate space for the children to take their tests. On **Tuesday 9th May**, the Owls class (Class 3) and Y5 will spend the morning participating in a multi sports event at Lycett Cricket Club, run by Miss Sutcliffe with the aid of staff from ASM. This will be an excellent opportunity for the

children to participate in tournaments in different sports, including tri-golf. On **Thursday 11th May**, the Owl class (Class 3 only) will spend the morning participating in a forest school, led by Miss Sutcliffe (our trained expert), which will take place at Seabridge Primary School. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic relationship with the other schools in our trust family to make these experiences possible. More information will follow about specific arrangements for these events next week.

School Photos Wed 3rd May

Next Wednesday will be our school photos (groups/classes) morning. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their usual, smart school uniform. If your child has PE on this day, please can they bring their PE kit into school for them to get changed into in the afternoon. Many thanks.

Coronation Celebration

Next **Thursday 4th May 2023**, we will be holding our '**Coronation Celebration**' event at **Lycett Cricket Club from 2:30pm**. We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for our whole school family to join together and remember this historic moment for our country – the king's coronation. Between 2:30-3:30pm, we will be holding our afternoon tea. Here, each class will perform a song, poem or



dance, then we will have a coronation parade. Following this, we will have an afternoon tea with delicious cakes and drinks to enjoy. Between 3:30-4:30pm, we will be running a school fete with the opportunity to participate in lots of tradition fairground games such as hook a duck, tin can alley, splat a rat, horseshoe toss etc. Mr Skellern will be running a penalty shoot out competition too. There will be lots of fun for everyone to enjoy. Please note: a form has been sent out via Parentmail to be completed by parents/guardians. All after school clubs (except Mrs Panagi's) will be cancelled on this day and the children should be collected from Lycett Cricket Club at 3:30pm if you are unable to attend the event.

We look forward to seeing you! If you feel that you would be able to help on the day with the running of the event, please get in touch with the school office on: office@meadowsprimary.set.org Please also remember to bring with you a picnic blanket and chair to sit on, as well as your own cup/mug to enjoy your tea/coffee out of. If you have any traditional games, such as boules, bring them along too. 😊

Seeing is Believing – Family Learning Sessions

A form has been sent out on Parentmail for you to sign up for our family learning sessions. This will be an opportunity for 1 adult per family to come into school and learn with their child in lesson. Here you will get a great insight into what teaching and learning is like at The Meadows, and how we are helping your child to be successful – both personally and academically.

Please note, the dates have slightly changed from the last newsletter. These are the confirmed dates, as sent out on Parentmail:

Class 2 (Kingfishers): Wednesday 24th May 9-10am

Class 4 (Hawks): Thursday 18th May 2pm-3pm

Class 3 (Owls): Thursday 15th June 2-3pm



Owls Class - Concert at Victoria Hall, Hanley on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

On Thursday 22nd June, the children in Class 3 will be spending the morning rehearsing and then performing in a concert celebrating the musical skills they have developed in their music lessons this year when playing the Ukulele. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to perform in front of an audience with children from other schools in our local area as an ensemble. We are so proud of the amazing skills they have learnt this year and look forward to sharing their talents with you. Parents are invited to come to the performance at **10:45am-11:45am**. Tickets go on sale on Monday morning, on a first come, first served basis. You can purchase your tickets on the link <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CHRP> which has been organised by the Entrust Music Services. A more detailed letter about this event has been sent out via Parentmail.

Parking Reminder

We have noticed that, at times, some parents are choosing to drop their child(ren) off in the morning by parking on the yellow zig zag lines in front of the school entrance, next to the white fence. Whilst I know that it can be difficult to park in the morning, particularly if you are in a rush, please can I remind you that this is a parking offence. Be aware that you are at risk of a potential fine and penalty points on your licence. As it is the entrance of the school and families are coming in and out of the school gates, it is important that we all do our best to ensure the safety of our community. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Class Updates

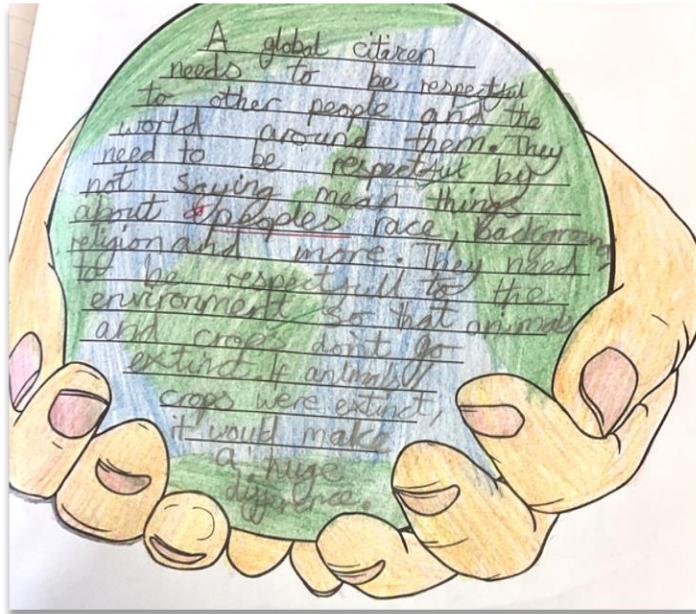
Here are a few updates about some of the exciting learning that has been taking place over the past few weeks in school:

Foxes and Badgers have enjoyed exploring St George's Day by learning some Morris dancing.

The **Kingfishers** have been learning about measuring height and length in Maths this week. Today, they applied all that they had learnt when solving some tricky problems. Fantastic learning children!



The **Owls** have been exploring what happens when a volcano erupts in Geography. They have been investigating what lava is like – how it is viscous and that this prevents gases from escaping easily inside a volcano so that pressure builds up until the gases escape violently in an eruption. They found out that a volcano in Hawaii, called Mount Kilauea, has been steadily pouring out runny lava ever since 1983!



The **Hawks** have been reflective in PSHE this week, identifying what it means to be a global citizen. They have pondered our British Values and explored how important it is to be caring and respectful global citizens – one of our aims for our children before they leave our school.

School Life

To find out more about life at The Meadows, please follow us on Twitter @primary_meadows. This is a great way to find out what your children have been learning and for us to signpost events coming up. You can help us to raise the profile of our school in the local community too by liking and sharing our tweets. 😊 We would really like to increase our community's footfall on our account – don't forget to view and like our posts. We are currently looking at other ways to use social media with our school community so that you can keep updated about life in school.

For the moment, here are a few snapshots of recent activity

at school:





Have a lovely bank holiday 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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