



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

6/2/23	Safer Internet Day
20/2/23- 24/2/23	Half Term
6/3/23- 9/3/23	Parents' Consultation Meetings
20/3/23	Cl3's Trip to Dewa Centre, Chester
21/3/23	Cl2/Cl4 Trip to Think Tank (more information to be released soon)
31/3/23	Last Day of Term
3/4/23- 14/4/23	Easter Holidays

This week, alongside Miss Parry (our English lead), I have had the pleasure of experiencing learning in all classes across the school in reading. It has been wonderful to witness the teaching and learning taking place in each class and seeing how children progress in their reading skills across the whole school. From our youngest learners in Nursery, who are developing a real love of books and the ability to recall nursery rhymes, to our children in Year 6, who are justifying their opinions using evidence in the text, our culture for reading is strong.

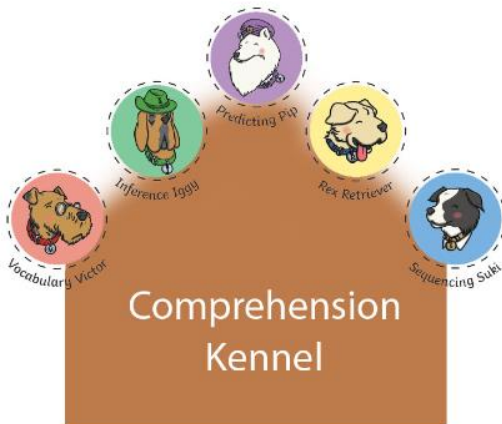
It was lovely to see all our children fully engaged in their reading lessons, which are well designed and sequenced to help our children know and remember more. I have been particularly impressed with how articulate our children are about their learning; myself and Miss Parry I have had so many conversations with them this week about their learning and have been amazed with how confidently they talk about what they are learning, how their teachers are helping them learn, and what they need to do to continue to improve. They are particularly good at knowing how their Canine Companions help to remind them of the skills they are developing. In school, we continue to promote metacognition and self-regulation. This means that we aim to help our pupils to think about their own learning more explicitly and teach them specific strategies to help them plan, improve and evaluate their learning as well as to problem solve. This is

one way we help all our children to be successful in their learning - through adaptive practice. To find out more about how we teach metacognition and self-regulation in school, please visit our website on the link below:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/metacognition>



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I was also impressed by the amount of reading for pleasure our children are doing in their home learning. It was lovely to explore our children's home-school diaries in more detail to see how frequently they are reading and what they can remember in the Canine Comments. As we know, reading is an essential life skill, so the more we practice and encourage our children to develop as readers, the more we are opening them to a world full of limitless possibilities (which is one of our curriculum drivers). Please continue to encourage your child to read their books at home regularly – it has such a positive impact on them in their learning and will help them be successful in later life.

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:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) have had lots of fun exploring Chinese New Year. They have been exploring what China is like and particularly enjoyed trying some food such as prawn crackers and spring rolls – some of them for the first time!



In **Class 2**, the children are starting their new unit on fractions. They have been learning all about parts and wholes. Today, we have been applying our understanding of the word 'equal' to identify when shapes and groups are equal or unequal. The children are using mathematical language accurately when problem solving and reasoning – well done!



In geography, **Class 3** the children have been researching different rivers around the world. They have used secondary sources to compare the size, length of volume of water in different rivers, navigating the I pads to help them. Did you know the longest river in the world is the Nile?

This week, the children in **Class 4** were exploring chemical reactions in science. They found that they could inflate a glove with carbon dioxide using a range of materials. They are going to see how long they stay inflated!

Promoting British Values

One of our roles as a school is to help our children become responsible global citizens. We help them to recognise British Values so that they know what being a responsible and respectful citizen means, namely:

Each week, in our assemblies and across our curriculum, we help our children to deepen their understanding of British Values. We have focused on 'Respect' this week. With the children, we have explored how we can be respectful towards one another and towards of school, in particular the resources that we have. We have discussed how it is important to respect and celebrate one another's differences, for example our race and our religious beliefs. We have discussed how important it is to be respectful to each other on the playground and that it is ok to have differences of opinion, as long as we talk to one another in a respectful manner. This is essential to help our children regulate their emotions. The children have discussed how important it is to look after our school resources, for example by helping to tidy up after ourselves if we have used a resource so that others don't have to do it for us. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas about how they can be respectful of one another, of our staff, of our school and of their families. Today we celebrated

children across the school who have been respectful this week, embodying this British Value. We will continue to do this over the next few weeks to highlight its importance.

Online Safety

On Monday, we will be celebrating 'Safer Internet Day', joining schools and youth organisations across the UK. 'Safer Internet Day' is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.



The theme for this year's 'Safer Internet Day' is: **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**. This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

- What issues really matter to children and young people?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

For more information about what your child will be learning, as well as the competition launch, please read the letter sent today on Parentmail by Miss Parry.

School Life

To find out more about what your child gets up to each day, please remember to check out our website <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/> and follow/share our Twitter account @primary_meadows. They are great ways to keep up to date with school life, what your children are learning and up-and-coming events too. Here are a few highlights recently:



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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