



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Tuesday** 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Classes 2 and 4  
Science Trip

**Friday** 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need

**Wednesday** 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Classes 3 and 4  
Pantomime trip

**Friday** 17<sup>th</sup> December  
End of term

**Wednesday** 5<sup>th</sup> January  
New term begins

This week, across the school, we have held our Parents' Consultation meetings via Teams. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our parents and teachers to discuss how the children have settled into their new term, celebrating their successes and reflecting on how they can nudge forward further in their learning. They have also provided a way for us to work collaboratively, ensuring that our children to continue to thrive.

A huge thank you to all who have attended. On the whole, the online meetings ran exceptionally smoothly, and we have had lots of positive feedback already. Thank you. Your kind words are always appreciated, and your feedback is always valued. It helps us to ensure that all members of our school community are involved with providing the very best quality of education for the pupils in our care.

Please can I requested that you complete the following parental survey from The Shaw Education Trust: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentalSurveyTerm3> . The survey is short and should not take too much time to complete. Your thoughts are always welcomed

to help our school to drive improvement. **The survey is now open and will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**



## Remembrance

Throughout the week, our school community has participated in various acts of Remembrance for those people who have served and sacrificed for, and alongside, the UK to give us the freedoms we have today. Class 4 have explored famous poetry and written their own emotive poems. Classes 3 and 4 have created two Poppy wreaths, which are on display on the railings in front of the school gates. Yesterday, all classes participated in short assembly, where they held a two-minute silence as part of their reflection.

At the same time, Mrs Kuffour, Mr Magee (a veteran) and our Ambassadors Adam and Ellenor had the privilege to participate in a short Remembrance service held on our school playground. The Ambassadors then had the opportunity, on behalf of all of the children at school, to lay a poppy cross at the monument close to our school. Members of the community have praised them for being exemplary role models during the service. We are very proud of you both.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

## Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November



Just a reminder that on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for Children in Need. On the day, we are asking that the children bring a minimum donation of £1.00 and come in their own clothes, with a jazzy pair of socks. They could be spotty, stripy, have cartoon characters on, be ankle socks or knee-high socks – the choice is completely up to you!

## Early Years Update

Our children have settled in brilliantly to their new setting. It has been lovely to welcome new members to our school family as part of our nursery provision, who have also settled in wonderfully to their new school too. Well done children.

The children (and staff) love their new learning environment. I have visited them on many occasions over the past few weeks to see how they have settled in and have been met each time with beaming faces. They have been eager to talk to me about their new classrooms and have showed me some of their favourite things to do on their new playground including: using their outdoor construction resources; using their kitchen and using the new gym trail.



A huge thank you to all parents for the seamless way you have transitioned to dropping off your children off at the new unit. This includes all who use our new before school/after school provision, which is also located at the new unit. Changing to be a split-site school has been a new encounter for us all, and we are all having to work in slightly different ways. However, we really appreciate your patience and support with this transition, and your feedback and collaboration during the process.

If you are dropping off/collecting your child at the new unit at the start/end of each day, please can I ask that you keep to the times you have been provided with and do not arrive on site any more than five minutes early. Because the site is located next to an entrance/exit for pupils at Madeley High School, we do need to ensure their safety when they are entering and leaving their school building. Also, as there are often coaches coming in and out of the school premises, following our time guidance should prevent you from being caught up with any unnecessary congestion. Your continued support in this manner is very much appreciated.

For more information, please check our EYFS twitter account. @TheMeadows\_EYFS

## Zumos

As you will be aware, one of our school development priorities this year is: **to embed Zumos as a mental health and well-being tool across the school.**

Over the past month our Zumos Champion, Poppy G, has been highlighting parts of the online platform pupils can use during our Celebrations Assembly. This week, she talked to pupils about the useful audio clips, including 'How to be Happy'. Here is what she had to say:

***This week, I have been looking at the 'How to be Happy' audio clips. Listening to them is a good way to make you a better person and to develop your knowledge of your own wellbeing.***

***The 'How to be Happy' audio clips are short messages that cover lots of areas of wellbeing: they link to your friendships with others, your knowledge of your work or even how to be independent, amongst other things. They help you to reflect on the kind of person you want to be in the future.***

***As well as these clips, there are also other audio clips available that you can choose to help you with your own mental wellbeing.***



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Our Zumos Champion, Poppy G, has made an amazing video about what @ZumosUK is and how we are using it across the school to promote positive wellbeing.

To find out more, watch the video on our school website: [meadowsprimary.co.uk/zumos](http://meadowsprimary.co.uk/zumos)

A screenshot of the Zumos website. The page has a green and white color scheme. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, School, Curriculum, Honors, Children, Contact Us, and Early Years. Below the navigation bar, there is a list of subjects: Assessment, Chris Guppy Curriculum, Tactics of Success, Ensuring Needs, Crime Safety, Personal Development, Promos, Science, SATS Outline, Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Early Years, English - Reading, English - Writing, English - Writing, Geography, Growth Mental, History, Languages, Mathematics, Music, PE and KS2, Physical Education, Religious Education, Resilience, Reward and Review, Science, and Zumos. The main content area features a video player with a thumbnail of a child and a bird. Below the video player, there is a section titled 'Zumos Mental health support' with a brief description of the platform and its benefits. At the bottom, there is a footer with the text: 'After educational research and discussions with colleagues in other schools, we have embraced Zumos as a part of our school's curriculum. Zumos is a leading online wellbeing system that is called.'

**Everyday it is really important to take the time to listen to them (with your class or at home). By taking the time to do this, it will increase your understanding and awareness of yourself and give you tips to use throughout the day to support your positive wellbeing.**

**By Poppy G**

Poppy has also worked with Miss Parry to create a guide for children and parents about Zumos. Her short video can be found on our website: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/zumos> . In the video, she talks about the different aspects of the site and how it can be used to support your child's wellbeing. I encourage you to watch it if you haven't done so already. Well done Poppy G!

### **Our 'Secrets of Success'**

Ben, Alice and Freya were recently appointed as our Behaviour Mentors. Their role in school involves promoting positive learning behaviours and supporting other children to develop the characteristics of a successful learner, which we refer to as our 'Secrets of Success'.

This week, they have written a lovely blog to highlight one of our 'Secrets of Success' – to imagine. Being imaginative means that we:

- Have useful ideas
- Use their imagination
- Think lots and do lots
- Listen to other, using their 'ears for ideas'
- Ask questions
- Are willing to be wrong and make 'happy mistakes'

In school, we encourage our children to be imaginative in this way in every lesson.



Here is what the Behaviour Mentors had to say:

***Today, in this blog, we are going to talk about, 'Imagine', which is one of our 'Secrets of Success'. It is good to be creative in your work, for example in Art. Creativity is all about using your imagination to come up with useful ideas in your work. In our 'Secrets of Success' book by Chris Quigley, it says: 'Be creative....Sometimes you might not have an idea that you think might be useful in one way, but it turns out to have a different use, even better than the one you thought of.' So as you can see, this 'Secret of Success' is very important. Having useful ideas might just benefit you, it could also help others too!***

***By Ben, Freya and Alice.***

Well done children – you have made an excellent start to your new role. The full blog can be found here:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/imagine-one-our-secrets-success> .

### **A few of our recent Twitter highlights:**

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In Science Club, children planned their own investigations to find out whether the type of surface or slope on a board effected how far a moving vehicle went. They carried out a super evaluation at the end.



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The children love using the loose parts outside to make a range of things, from a castle to a pirate ship and much more. Their imagination's are amazing!



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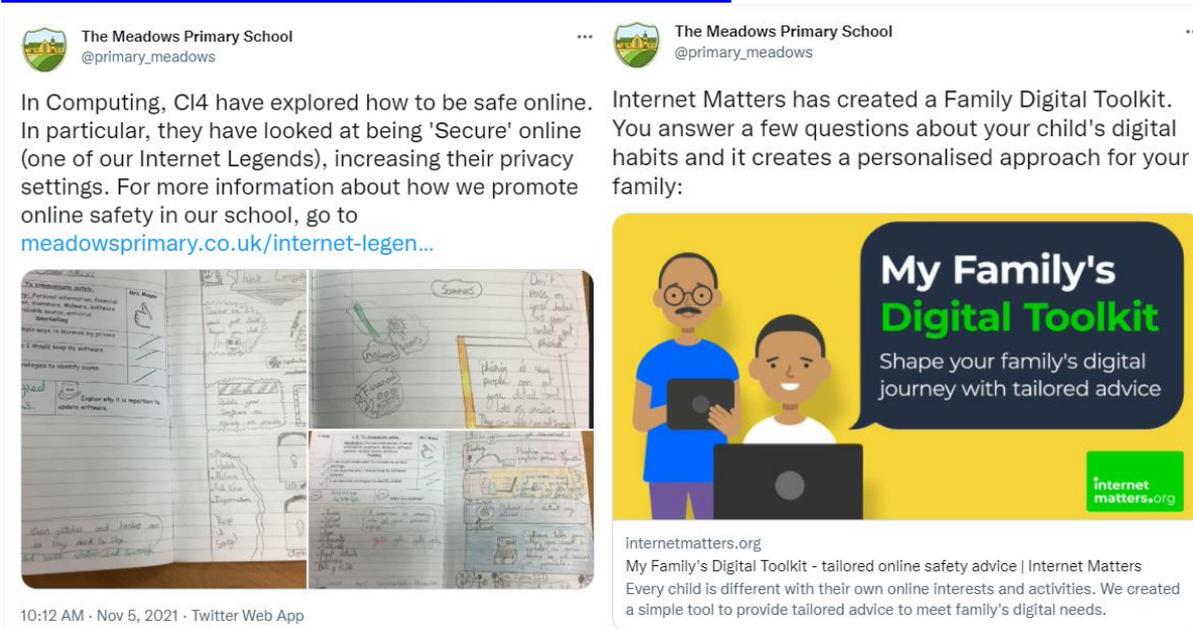
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## Online Safety

Twitter is a fantastic way to find out more about our school curriculum for example, how we are encouraging our children to be safe online. This week, we have shared one example of this from Class 4's computing lessons, where they have been exploring the importance of being 'Secure' online by increasing their privacy settings. More information about our approach to online safety at school can be found on our website here: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/internet-legends> .

We have also shared a fantastic resource about how you can support your child to be safe online at home too, for example, through the use of the digital toolkit where you can assess your own child's digital habits and create a personalised approach that works for your family. This excellent resource can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/> .



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,  
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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