



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates	
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 16 th November	Classes 2 and 4 Science Trip
Wednesday 15 th December	Classes 3 and 4 Pantomime trip
Friday 17 th December	End of term
Wednesday 5 th January	New term begins

Whilst this week has certainly been a challenging one for our school community as a result of the pandemic, we continue to be reminded what a wonderfully supportive and resilient community we are. Thank you - your support, understanding and patience is always appreciated.

Covid Transmission Rates in our School Community

As we are all aware from recent communication sent out by Miss Bebbington last week, our local area continues to be one with high transmission rates. Unfortunately, this has had a direct impact on our school community. Due to a significant rise in positive cases, we are working closely with the outbreak team at Staffordshire Local Authority. They are advising that all children and families in our community get a precautionary test due to the sharp rises in cases in school. This is regardless of whether you may have symptoms or not.

Should numbers continue to rise, we will have to seek further advice and additional measures may be required to break the current transmission. We will continue to

provide you with up-to-date information as soon as it is available, and we appreciate your continued support in this matter.



Don't Give Up

In school, one of the 'Secrets of Success' we promote with our children is, 'Don't Give Up'. We want our children to bounce back easily from times of trial, when they have a problem or when they make mistakes. Because we recognise how important resilience is for our pupils throughout their life, it is one of the drivers that shapes our curriculum.

These drivers are designed to ensure that our children are personally successful, independent thinkers ready for their journey of lifelong learning. Life is not a straight line, therefore we want our pupils to be prepared to overcome their challenges and embrace new opportunities. For more information about our drivers, please visit our website.

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

Across the classes this week, we have celebrated children who have demonstrated stickability when they have come across a tricky problem in their learning or found something difficult. We are always so proud of their determination to succeed and they certainly inspire us to be resilient too.

Online Safety

Classes 3 and 4 are currently exploring online safety in computing this half term. Whilst we recognise the many benefits that being online provides, these lessons help our children to recognise how to keep themselves safe too. At The Meadows, we want children to become Internet Legends. Being an Internet Legend means being sharp, alert, secure, kind, and brave when online. With the help of Google's Internet Legends programme, we want children to become confident and safe in exploring the digital world around them. For more information



Spiritual

To value their own self-worth, empathise with others and make a positive contribution to our community.

Possibilities

To have high aspirations for their future and know all of the available opportunities open to them.

Resilience

To have the courage to bounce back from failure or challenges and grow as an individual.

about our approach to online safety, please go to our website:
<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/internet-legends>

Here are some other excellent websites to help you support your child to be safe online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/home-activity-worksheets/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Early Years Update

We are all very excited as our new Early Years unit is nearly ready! The final touches are now being added to the site and Mrs Davies and Miss Crooks are busily preparing the new learning environment for our children. We can not wait to settle into our unit and welcome new members of The Meadows family soon. For more information, please check our EYFS twitter account.

@TheMeadows_EYFS

School Ambassadors

This week has been an exciting week for Y6, as they took part in interviews for different leadership roles within our school including sports and playground leaders, reading experts and behaviour mentors. One of the important roles within our school is that of our Ambassadors. All children exceeded in their interviews and demonstrated such a passion for our school, making the decision very difficult. We were so proud of them all. Ellenor and Adam were the successful candidates and have already begun their new role as ambassadors in our school.

“Hi, we are Ellenor and Adam, your new school ambassadors. This week, we had to go for interviews (with our headteacher Miss Bebbington and Mrs Panagi, a staff representative). The interviews were very serious and we had to talk about how we would contribute to school life. We also had to talk about how we would welcome visitors and how we would treat fellow pupils. We were both surprised and excited because right from the start, we always wanted to be this role. Since Reception, we have looked up to previous ambassadors and seen how their contribution has made a difference to our school. This morning we were able to give out our first certificates, recognising the skills and learning behaviours of fellow pupils in our schools. It was nerve-wracking but enjoyable too.”



Over the coming weeks, we will introduce you to all of the new leaders and you will hear further about how they are contributing to the life of the school. Well done children.

A few of our recent Twitter highlights:



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In Science Club, KS1 have used comparative testing to find out which material makes the best hanky by absorbing the most water.



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In Science this week, CI4 have been following a line of enquiry about how quickly things fall to the ground. Using comparative and fair testing, they have explored how air resistance acts upon a parachute to slow it down from falling to Earth.



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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. Are two accounts are:

@primary_meadows
@TheMeadows_EYFS

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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