



Newsletter

3rd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

It's been a great week here at Meadowdale Academy! Pupils have adapted well to seeing a new face in school and have been extremely supportive in 'keeping me right' with the systems in place.

This week, you may have been kept up to date on our school's social media channels. If you haven't already, please give Meadowdale Academy a follow on Facebook and Twitter. We appreciate all of your activity on these pages, especially the likes and positive comments!

This week brought us National Story Telling Week! Here, at Meadowdale, pupils and staff alike have enjoyed telling and sharing stories together. Have you been telling or sharing stories at home? Why don't you let us know through our social media pages!

Inquisitive Owletts!

In PE, our talented Owletts loved swaying scarves and ribbons while moving to music. They listened to instructions whilst waving their ribbons high and low, enhancing their listening skills and strengthening their arm and shoulder muscles.

This week, we danced to songs from musical theatre and we enjoy a wide variety of music; 'Let It Go' from Frozen is always a popular request!



Pre-School Rummaging Robins!

This week in Robins, we have been learning about the artist Henri Matisse. We have read the "Matisse's Magical Trail" and went on a snail hunt in forest school. We have recreated Matisse's famous snail painting. We also found out that snails have over 1,000 teeth!



Perfect Puffins!

It's been another busy week for the Puffins in Reception.

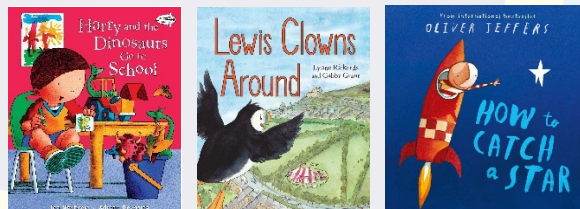
Maths has seen us investigating the composition of numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have really enjoyed lots of active maths to show our learning with concrete apparatus and then, once embedded, we have completed part whole models, used tens frames and also talked through different ways to make each amount in our Partner Talk.



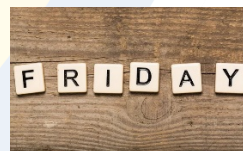
Gymnastic skills are really starting to develop in PE. We have our first apparatus session, working round stations making shapes to represent woodland animals – pike, straddle, star, straight and tuck. Amazing listening and great confidence shown by all.



The Puffins were very happy to hear that this week is National Story Telling week, as books are one of our favourite things. We have continued with our Dinosaur Wold theme in Literacy, reading Harry and his Dinosaurs go to School, linking it to The Colour Monster when discussing characters' feelings. We have also enjoyed a number of other stories throughout the week, including The Koala Who Could, Lewis Clowns Around, How to Catch a Star and Meesha Makes Friends.



Fred Frog had another great weekend at home with two lucky Puffins, Fred Talking to his heart's content. He can't wait to see which brilliant Puffins will be taking him home again this week!



Curious Kingfishers!

Kingfishers have had their thinking brains on this week! In English, we have been improving our knowledge of writing instructions, we all did a fabulous job of explaining verbally how to make a jam sandwich. Each pair used time words to start their sentences and used imperative verbs to make their sentence into a command. Next, we wrote our own set of instructions and used them to make our very own jam sandwiches.

In Maths, we finished our learning all about addition and have moved on to thinking about subtraction and engaging our mathematician brains brilliantly. We realised we can still use the part-whole diagram to help with subtraction too!

Our geography learning has seen us explore the United Kingdom. We studied the four countries that make up the UK and then found out the capital city for each one. We are now busy learning about towns and cities and their similarities and differences.



Shining Skylarks!

The Skylark's have had a great week! We have begun their new writing unit called 'A Cloudy Lesson'. We had great fun 'hot-seating' the main character and came up with some really thoughtful questions.

In Art, we have been creating 21st Century portraits with some fantastic results. Patience and care was taken by everyone when sketching and painting their chosen monarch.



We really enjoyed getting out the gymnastics equipment this week in PE. Everyone showed creativity when travelling across the equipment and strong poses were held along the way.



Our music making continued in Computing, but this week we used pictures to create music. Children can follow the link at home to continue creating if they want. It was a lot of fun!



Super Swifts!

This week, the Swifts have worked hard in maths to multiply and divide a 2-digit number with a 1-digit number.

In English, we have started writing their instruction text and used rhetorical questions to create a hook. We have also continued our learning on the skeleton, finding out the common and scientific names for the bones in our bodies. Whilst in Geography, we have collected soil samples from the field and will be testing them to find out what type of soil they are.



Heroic Harriers!

Another superb effort from our Harriers this week. In French, we played a game of dominoes to match up the different family members in French. They learned some new vocabulary as well. *Bon effort!* In Science, we were testing the melting point of chocolate. Well done everyone!



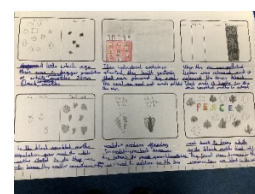
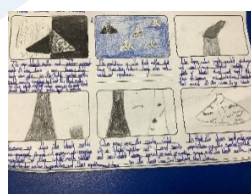
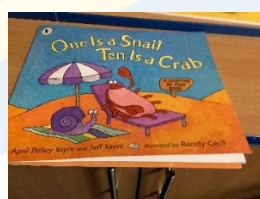
Marvellous Merlins!

The Marlins are loving their music lessons every Tuesday. Not only are they practising their keyboard skills, Mrs Henderson has started to teach them the guitar. Here they are very focused and showing superb listening skills.



Outstanding Owls!

Year 6 have thoroughly embraced story telling week and we have based some of our learning on relevant picture books in curriculum areas other than English. We enjoyed the book 'Moth' by Isobel Thomas, which told the story of evolution and led to some fantastic work in our science lessons. We have used 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' by April Sayre and Jeff Sayer in our maths lessons to help develop our understanding of algebra. The Owls should be praised for having another outstanding week of learning. Well done to them all.



Golden Awards

Our Headteacher Golden Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher and shone very brightly.

Nursery: Esme
Reception: Elishia
Year 1: Harrison
Year 2: Emily
Year 3: Kai Marshall
Year 4: Anna
Year 5: Noah
Year 6: Arley-Joe



Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Start times

All children from Reception to Year 6 should arrive from **8.30am - 8.40am** and go straight to their classroom to get ready for the day of learning. We close the top gate at 8.45am when all children are then registered and ready to learn. All children will need to report to the school office if they are later than 8.45am parents will be notified that their child was late. Mr Grant opens the top gate at 8.30am and will lock it at 8.45am.

Class Attendance

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.



Reception	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
97.3%	98%	98.4%	96.7%	93.7%	95.5%	94.5%



PE Days for Spring 1
Children to wear PE kits to school on PE days

Reception – Monday
Year 1 – Mondays and Thursdays
Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Tuesday & Friday
Year 4 – Tuesday.
Year 5 – Wednesday & Friday
Year 6 - Monday and Thursday

Jewellery, including stud earrings, must not be worn by the children for PE. Please try to ensure they are removed on those days. Thank you.

Next week's lunch Menu

The menu for week beginning 6th February is Week 3.

School dinners are £11.25 per week, paid online by Monday please.
Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the menu please click on the link below

<http://www.meadowdaleacademy.co.uk/school-information-1/school-meals>

Message from Admin

Please inform **Mrs Bradford** before **9am** if your child is going to be absent from school.

Class Information

Nursery: Please could all children bring a named water bottle and a small bag to stay on their peg.

Reception – Please bring your book bag to school every day.

Year 1 –On Outdoor Learning days, can children wear waterproofs if they have them. Children must wear long trousers on Thursdays to protect them if we venture into Forest School.

Year 2 –Please can all homework books be returned to school on a Thursday so that new tasks can be put in.

Year 3 – PE kits on a Tuesday & Friday please

Year 4 – Swimming is Thursday (Wear PE Kit).

Year 5 – Homework will be given out on a Thursday with Tuesday being the deadline for all homework to be handed in. Children have homework books to complete their homework which will go home on a Thursday.

Year 6 – Bookbags to be brought be into school every day.

Year 6 SATs Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May

Wraparound

Wraparound will now run every Friday until 4:15pm. The cost will be £4.50 for the hour.

Clubs for next week

Tuesday – Choir years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.15

Thursday – Multi-skills Years 1 & 2 3.15 -4.15 – Fully Booked

Spring Term Dates

School closes – Friday 17th February and re-opens Monday 27th February

School Closes – Friday 31st March and re-opens Tuesday 18th April

The continued support parents, carers and families provide our school is invaluable. We appreciate this greatly. From everyone at Meadowdale, have a great weekend. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday.

Miss Coates
Head of School