



Newsletter

31 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

What a term it has been! Meadowdale Academy's pupils continue to impress me, day after day. We have had some great successes across school and some exciting developments to enhance our curriculum and wider offer for our pupils such as NUFC Foundation working with us in the summer term. If you'd like to see more about what your child will be learning next term, take a look at our Curriculum Overviews on our Meadowdale Academy website.

We have loved seeing all of our creative Easter Design entries this week. Judging took place on Tuesday by our Chair of Governors, Derek; another member of the governing committee, Helene; and our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Bartlett. To say it was difficult is an understatement. Thank you to all families who participated and took the time to create such wonderful designs - we hope you had fun! Winners were announced in our end of term assembly on Friday and fabulous prizes were awarded.

This week, our Meadowdale Members of Parliament were busy working with Mr Grant, our Facilities Manager. Together, they planted Meadowdale's Queen's Green Canopy tree, a cherry blossom, in our school grounds. Look out for the tree, standing on the grass verge by the Key Stage 2 playground. Photographs will be shared on Class Dojo and soon you will be able to see our tree's location on the Queen's Green Canopy map!

As we look forward to the summer term, we have taken on board parent/carer feedback and will be adjusting the way we communicate with families:

Our weekly newsletter will be based around key dates and information for upcoming weeks. We will also share 'special editions' linked to themed weeks and days in school. NELT termly newsletters will also be shared with families at the end of each term. Newsletters will continue to be shared on Class Dojo and via email. <https://link.nelt.co.uk/aFEF3>

Class Dojo will be used to share all class activity, curriculum information, year group updates. This platform allows us to share multiple photographs and videos which is what you told us you like to see most. Information will be uploaded regularly - please keep an eye on your child's 'Class Story' and Meadowdale's 'School Story'. If you need support in accessing Class Dojo, please speak to the school office or your child's class teacher.

Our social media platforms will be uploaded regularly by each class. Please follow our Facebook and Twitter pages.



Keep up to date with more school news via our website and social media channels.

Inquisitive Owletts!

This week is all about bunnies, chicks and chocolate.

The owletts have enjoyed making Easter crafts, singing Easter songs and making a tasty chocolate treat to eat.

When we return after the Easter holiday our topic will be baby animals and our focus book is The Three little Pigs.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy some nice family time together.



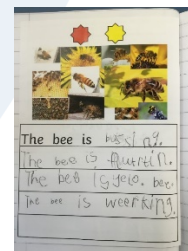
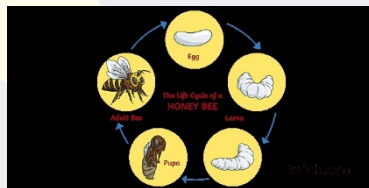
Pre-School Rummaging Robins!

The Robins have been learning all about Easter this week. They have made Easter chicks and have been on an egg hunt in Forest School.



Perfect Puffins!

This week the Puffins have enjoyed continuing their learning about life cycles – this week we have focussed on the life cycle of a bee. As well as learning about the roles of different bees in the hive, we have done some brave writing about bees and even tasted some honey!



In Maths we have been working on patterns, the Puffins have been helping correct mistakes in some quite tricky ones, they are very quick and clear in their explanations.



As we are leading up to the Easter holidays, the Puffins have enjoyed finding out how people celebrate by making Easter gardens, visiting church and spending special time with their families. The Puffins have enjoyed making Easter cards and chocolate Easter nests – yum!



Well done to everyone for your Easter egg creations, they were EGG-cellent! Wishing all our Puffin families a very happy Easter

Curious Kingfishers!

Our Kingfishers took on the role of journalists this week and reported the shocking news of the Great Fire of London in 1666. They worked really hard to learn about past tense and to improve their sentences.

We also became scientists, testing materials to investigate their properties. We had lots of fun testing out if they were waterproof!

The Kingfishers all really impressed the judges with their egg-cellent efforts on our Easter egg completion - they were super creative and I could see such hard work had gone into them all-well done everyone!

Our week was rounded off with a fun Easter team relay competition and a fantastic celebration assembly.

As always, thank you to all of our Kingfisher grown-ups for your engagement and support this term. Enjoy your break together.

Shining Skylarks!

The Skylarks have had a great end to the term, topped off with Easter origami and an Easter Egg relay in Forest School. They have shown off in their writing by using powerful verbs and have been practicing writing a recount in the past tense. We were really impressed with the quality of the work that they produced! In maths they finished off their division and multiplication unit and many Skylark mathematicians are feeling really proud of the progress they have made.

In science we have been learning about the importance of keeping our bodies healthy and different types of exercise. We tried out a few in the class and sorted them into groups depending on how much they raised our heart rate. The Skylarks were an excellent audience for Reverend Ian in our Easter assembly and remembered many facts about the Easter story.

I look forward to seeing everyone after the Easter holidays and hope that you all have a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends.



Super Swifts!

During this last week of half term, the Swifts were pleased to be taking part in a whole school, really joyful, special Easter assembly. Reverend Ian from St Cuthbert's Church introduced some new Easter songs and shared the Easter story and the message of hope it brings.

The Swifts have enjoyed learning about the pilgrimage to the Hajj and the particular customs Muslims take part in during their individual journeys. They have continued to increase their knowledge of the world in both Geography and Science, where they have increased their confidence using an atlas and built on their knowledge of volcanoes and earthquakes.

They have created some truly 'eggcellent' Easter egg designs and brought them into school to share them with their friends...who had a thoroughly 'cracking' time admiring everyone's brilliant ideas and fantastic effort.

Heroic Harriers!

As our second term of Year 4 comes to an end, we continue with our brilliant attitude to learning. We have produced some excellent narratives based on our class story - 5 children and IT. We have impressed with our understanding of tenths as decimals in maths. We have looked at the uses of rivers and the 5 different types of mountains in our Geography studies. We showed fantastic agility in our PE learning, and we had great fun celebrating our swimming successes at our final session. I loved the entries in our decorative egg competition and well done to the winners! I hope you all have a fantastic two-week break and come back ready and refreshed for our final term of the year!

Marvellous Merlins!

The Merlins have not only been listening to the Easter story with Reverend Ian, but have been learning about Easter in France. We learned about how Easter is celebrated in France before learning some French vocabulary relating to Easter. Joyeuses Pâques! 🐣



Outstanding Owls!

This week Year 6 have really excelled in their learning. They have demonstrated a fantastic attitude in our maths and English lessons and have been resilient when the work has really challenged them. They are thoroughly enjoying our class novel, Holes, and have produced some writing which they should be very proud of.

There has been great progress made by all of the Owls this term and I am so proud of them. I would like to give a special mention to those Owls who made the effort to enter our Easter Egg competition this week. All of the entries were outstanding, as you can see from the pictures attached. Well done to you all, and have a lovely Easter break.

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: Zach
Reception: Eva
Year 1: Ruby
Year 2: Jack
Year 3: Millie S
Year 4: Marnie
Year 5: Freya
Year 6: Ava Wa



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

School Lunches:

Ordering lunches in school is taking up important teaching and learning time. After half term, you must order your child's lunch on the school gateway at home, we will send a text home to remind parents. **We will not be able to take lunch orders in school.**

Adult on Gate:

We can no longer commit to having an adult on the gate at the end of the day due to staffing. Once children have been handed over to parents/carers, responsibility for pupils' care is with the adult who has collected them.

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.

Uniform

Please can we remind families that full school uniform should be worn to school (and appropriate PE kit on PE days). Pupils with hair longer than shoulder length must tie their hair back – this is for safety and hygiene. Pupils must only wear studded ear-rings – no other jewellery should be worn for school. Nail varnish and false nails are not permitted. Please see uniform list below.

For Rising Threes and Pre-school children-

Have the option to wear a blue sweatshirt/cardigan, white t-shirt and either grey/black trousers or skirt –**none** of the items of clothing should have the school badge on as we realise that children grow so quickly.

Indoor black shoes

Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime

Warm, waterproof coat

See-through named water bottle kept in school and taken home on a weekend

Children do not require any other school equipment

Please can everything be labelled first and second name to ensure that items that are misplaced are returned to their owner.

From Reception to Yr. 4

Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge

Blue polo shirt with or without badge

Grey/ black trousers or skirt

Grey pinafore

Blue and white gingham summer dress
 Indoor black shoes
 Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime
 Warm, waterproof coat
 See-through named water bottle kept in school and taken home on a weekend
 Children do not require any other school equipment
 Please can everything be labelled first and second name to ensure that items that are misplaced are returned to their owner.

P.E. Kit

Blue hoodie with or without Meadowdale school badge
 White polo t-shirt or blue and white Meadowdale t-shirt
 Blue logo or plain jogging bottoms or blue shorts
 Trainers (optional for Reception)

Yr. 5 and Yr. 6

Blue shirt, Meadowdale tie and V-necked sweatshirt or cardigan and grey/black trousers or skirt
 Indoor black shoes
 Wellies or outdoor shoes that are kept in school for playtime
 See-through named water bottle kept in school and taken home daily
 Children do not require any other school equipment
 Please can everything be labelled first and second name to ensure that items that are misplaced are returned to their owner.

P.E. Kit

Blue Meadowdale hoodie
 White polo t-shirt or blue and white Meadowdale t-shirt
 Blue Meadowdale or plain jogging bottoms or blue shorts
 Trainers
 Emblematic are our uniform providers and you can order with them online.
<https://emblematic.co.uk/bedlington-store/>

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
91.3%	99%	96.9%	97.8%	97%	97.4%	95.8%

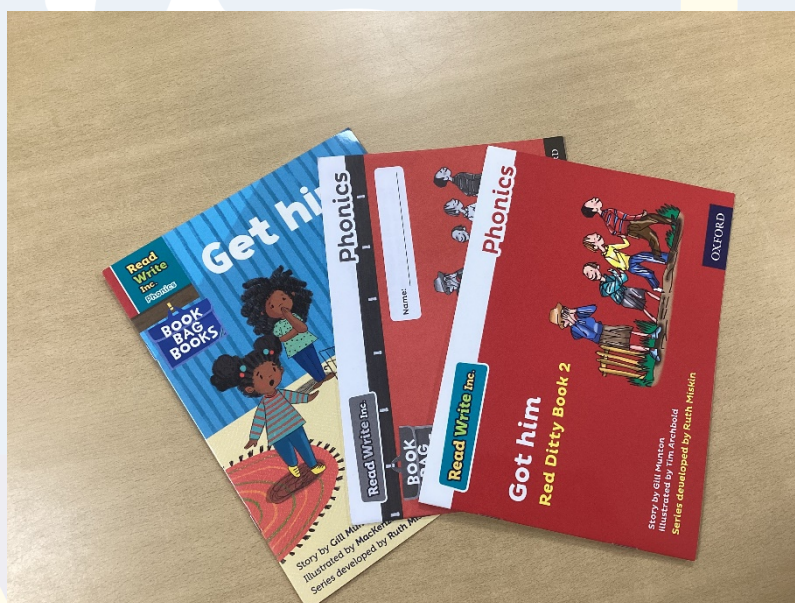
We have noticed recently a number of pupils' attendance has dropped below our target of 96%. Please ensure your child attends school daily if they are well enough to do so. Pupils should also be in school, ready to learn by 8:45am. If you require any support regarding your child's attendance or punctuality please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. For any safeguarding support, speak to Mrs Morgan or Miss Coates.

Class Dojo

As part of NELT's Class Dojo Acceptable Use Policy, we are not permitted to use the messaging facility on Class Dojo. We ask parents/carers do not use this facility and that if they wish to speak with staff, they contact them via the school office by telephone, email or in person. Staff are also available to speak to parents/carers at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for understanding.

RWInc Books

We have a number of our RWInc books which have not been returned from home reading. Over the break, if you come across any RWInc books, please return them on Tuesday 18th Arptil, with your child. This will support us in ensuring all pupils have quality texts to read at home, at their current stage of reading.



Miss Coates
Headteacher



PE Days for Summer 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. Hair must be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. Thank you.

School Lunches

School dinners are £11.25 per week, paid online by Monday please. Accounts must not be in arrears

Meals must be ordered on the school gateway – orders will not be taken in school any longer

Class Information

Rising 3's: Please do not let your child bring toys into school

Nursery: PE & Forest School every Monday – please wear PE kit/Joggers

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 –There will be a reading/ phonics update and task posted on school360 for your child. This will be updated weekly. Please can you prioritise this task over any other optional homework tasks. There will only be new, optional, homework in books every fortnight. Please can you make a note in your child's reading log each time they watch the phonics video/ complete the task.

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 – Please could all Year 6 children bring their homework wallet to school every day. Please continue to sign reading diaries whenever you hear your child read at home. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May

Spring Term Dates

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

School Closed - Monday May 1st – May day

School Closed - Monday May 8th – Kings Coronation

Spring half term – School closes **Thursday 25th May** and re-opens

Monday 5th June 2023

Message from Admin

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

School Office hours are:
8.00am – 4.00pm

Clubs for week commencing 17/04/2023

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

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