



Newsletter

28th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

We've had another great week at Meadowdale!

This week, our Digital Leaders led assembly on Monday. They shared their knowledge of online safety and gave tips on how others could stay safe online. Pupils, all around school, have been able to showcase their growing understanding of how to stay safe on their electronical devices and the choices they would make if they encountered a problem.

As we did last week, we have taken a deep dive into our maths curriculum to establish what pupils enjoy about maths and what they have been learning. Pupils impressed adults with their knowledge of number, measurement, statistics and geometry. Pupils were able to make links between their learning and understand what they needed to know o be able to do the day's learning! Ayden in Reception impressed Mrs Barlett with his explanation of consolidate: 'practise, practise and practise until you know'. Harry in year 6 explained his love of maths and said if you are in year 4 it is really important you know your times tables because you need them for everything in maths. Pupils of Meadowdale.....Take Note!!

We finished the week with our Celebration Assembly where our Shining Stars were celebrated and three pupils were given a Headteacher's Award for their efforts:

- Anna in Year 4 wrote a beautiful poem about Meadowdale Academy (see below)
- Emily in Year 4 created beautiful posters for each class across school
- Nolah in Year 5 achieved some awards from her ice-skating

Finally, a huge congratulations to Mrs Bennett who completed the London Marathon last weekend in under her target time of 6 hours. Pupils and staff across school have celebrated this amazing achievement with her!

From everyone at Meadowdale Academy, have a fabulous weekend, making the most of the Bank Holiday! We will see you all on Tuesday.

L. Coates

Miss Coates
Headteacher

Meadowdale Academy

By Anna P – Year 4

Meadowdale is inspiring,
Kind and caring.
If you are worried or upset,
the teachers are there.
We experience excellence every day,
we are always sharing,

Meadowdale is huge,
Forest schools and fields.
Plenty of room to play.
Exciting lessons,
Kind teachers and lots of awards
At this wonderful school,
everyone gets a say.

I love Meadowdale,
It really does inspire me.
Meadowdale looks after me,
and makes sure I'm safe.

I love this school,
From the bottom of the grass to the tip of the tree.

Let's

CELEBRATE

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: Alex
Reception: Kroy
Year 1: Leo
Year 2: Cory
Year 3: Tommy
Year 4: Poppy
Year 5: Brooke
Year 6: Ava

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

Important Messages

School Lunches:

Please remember to 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 Expectations

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.

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 Year 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)

Year 5 and Year 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

We have spoken with our uniform provider, Emblematic, and have arranged for the remainder of stock (with the old logo) to be sold. Once the stock is sold, the new logo will be on all newly produced uniform. For the upcoming academic year (September 2023-July 2024), all current uniform expectations will remain in place. In the next academic year, we will be making changes to the school uniform, in consultation with pupils across school. We intend to have one uniform across the school, reducing cost for parents/carers and ensuring uniform can be recycled to reduce waste and the need for different items to be purchased for different year groups. Information will be shared nearer the time.

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
98.3%	98.3%	97.1%	98.6%	97.6%	90.7%	97.3%

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. If you come across any RWInc books, please return them to school with your child. This will support us in ensuring all pupils have quality texts to read at home, at their current stage of reading.



**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.

Message from Admin

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

If you have any uniform your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful if you could bring it into school so we can re-use it as spare uniform.

School Office hours are:
8.00am – 4.00pm



Friday 5th May – Coronation Celebration - Wear Red, White & Blue. Afternoon Tea style lunch. If you haven't already done so please book your child's place by clicking the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/n64ddx7qvj>

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May Year 6 SATs

Spring Term Dates

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

Clubs for week commencing 24/04/2023

Tuesday – Choir/Performing Arts years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.00pm

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