



Meadowdale
Academy

NEWSLETTER

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A message from our headteacher...

What a year we have had at Meadowdale Academy! This term alone has been filled with learning, development and fun. Children have made this school a wonderful place to be for other pupils and staff alike.

Although I only came to the school in January, it is clear that Meadowdale has always been 'more than a school'. Our team is a family and all have children's best interests at heart. I'd like to thank staff for their ongoing hard work and their drive to ensure every child experiences excellence every day. They have gone above and beyond to ensure pupils enjoy their time in school, making sure they are safe and continue to foster a love of learning.

Pupils have shown me how kind, caring and respectful they can be to not only adults, but to one another. Children appreciate each other and have even worked alongside adults to ensure everyone feels welcome and valued. They have a brilliant understanding of what it means to respect and tolerate each other's values, beliefs and differences and show their ability to do this through their behaviour and attitudes in school.

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Pupils rock the stage

Our children took to the stage at The Sage Gateshead for a night of magic from the musicals.



Ready, set, go!

Our sporting stars shone on the field as they competed in their sports day.



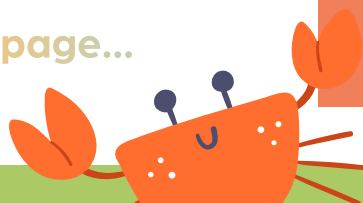
Sporting success

Our pupils have achieved some great sporting success this term, from sports day in school to competitions outside the classroom!



What Would David Do?

After launching our new eco campaign this term, recently we named our first winners



Message from Headteacher continued...

Our curriculum has been developed this year to ensure pupils are knowledgeable about the world around them; develop key skills to be successful in their next stage of education and in later life; and continue to be inquisitive and develop critical thinking skills to challenge and better themselves. We can see the positive impact our academic and wider curriculum has had across the school, from Nursery to Year 6 – and we won't be stopping there! The team at Meadowdale are always considering and planning the next steps to ensure pupils are achieving their full potential.

Of course, as we reach the end of another academic year, we have to say goodbye to our oldest students: our Year 6 class. Everyone at Meadowdale Academy is incredibly proud of you all for your all you have achieved during your time at the school. We know, as you move on to the next stage in your learning journey, you will keep Meadowdale in your hearts as somewhere you have enjoyed coming to and hope you do come back and visit! I look forward to hearing wonderful things about you in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, pupils and families for being so welcoming to me during my first few months at Meadowdale Academy. It has been a pleasure to work with you all and I look forward to the next academic year. I hope you all have a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

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Lindsay Coates, Headteacher

Did you know?

On the last Wednesday of every August, over 20,000 people gather in Buñol, Spain, to celebrate La Tomatina where hundreds of tomatoes are thrown at each other in the street just for the fun of it. The tradition began in 1945 and approximately 40 metric tonnes of tomatoes are used – that's a lot of tomatoes!



Going for gold!

Year 2 pupil Lucas M competed in the European Kickboxing Championships this year in Barnsley.



Lucas performed brilliantly and scooped one gold and two bronze awards across four different categories.

We wish him all the best for his next adventure in August - the World Kickboxing Championships.

Goodbyes and good lucks

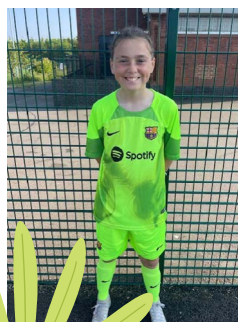
A huge thank you to Mrs Trotter who is retiring after 17 years at Meadowdale Academy. She is a valued member of the team and staff, pupils and families alike will miss her dearly! Thank you for everything Joanne.

We also say goodbye to some members of the Meadowdale Team who are moving on to new ventures. Mrs Chesterfield, Mrs Black, Mrs Murray and Miss Brannigan are all leaving Meadowdale Academy at the end of the academic year.

We wish you all the best of luck in the future.

GOOOOOAL!

We've seen some great football success this term with Lulu G in Year 6 taking part in the SAFC Academy trials and achieving a place in the squad Emerging Talent Centre. Great job Lulu! In school, Team Meadowdale won the Bedlington Football Tournament held at fellow North East Learning Trust school, Bedlington Academy. The team didn't let the rain dampen their spirits as they battled their way to victory. A big thank you to Mr Carney for coaching them - great job Team Meadowdale!



Sporting champions

Meadowdale Academy and parents/carers won the West Bedlington Town Council Jubilee Cup this term after competing in a range of sporting events. Upon their return to school, they enjoyed a walk of fame and standing ovation from their peers. Everyone at Meadowdale Academy is very proud of them!



Pupils hit the Sage stage

WOW, what a night! The term came to a close with a bang as our pupils came together with children from across the North East Learning Trust last night for the fantastic NELT annual summer concert at the Sage Gateshead where they blew the audience away!

The atmosphere was electric as our pupils performed hit songs, Go Joseph and Any Dream Will Do, from much-loved musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Our superstars' talent and enthusiasm shone throughout the evening, resulting in a roaring applause and standing ovation as they took to the stage together for their finals bows.

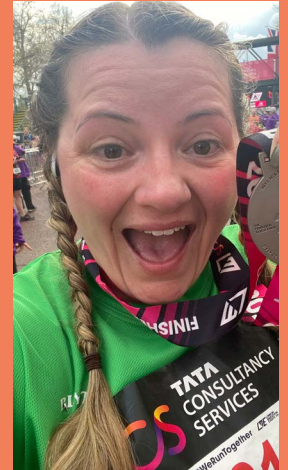
A huge congratulations to everyone who performed and a massive thank you to all those who organised and supported the incredible evening.



Mrs Bennett takes on the London Marathon

Mrs Bennett, our Year 1 teacher here at Meadowdale Academy, ran the London Marathon this term in a time of 6 hours 51 minutes.

Well done, Mrs Bennett!



Sports day 2023

All of our sports days started with a bang and ended with a mighty cheer! Everyone was brilliant, had buckets of fun and even got to enjoy an ice cream at the finish line!

The rain certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits as our children gave it 100% in a range of classic sports day events.

Thank you to everyone who attended any of the events to cheer on our Meadowdale superstars!



What Would David Do?



This term saw our children get involved in the NELT What Would David Do? eco campaign where children across the Trust were asked to submit evidence of their hard work to help save the planet.

After much deliberation from NELT Head Office staff, the winners from our school this term were Emily, Lulu and Anya who wowed the judges.

Anya has been working hard to become more sustainable, using less paper, making sure to get an extra wear out of her clothes, eating everything on her plate to reduce waste and has even taken part in a book swap with her neighbour.

Emily-Jayne recently went on holiday and quickly noticed the park did not recycle! So, she and her family made sure to take all their recycling home to dispose of it properly.

Lulu has been making changes from litter picking to using metal straws and biodegradable products.

The trio are now proudly wearing their eco friendly wooden WWDD pins. The campaign will continue in the new school year so if you would like to get involved, find more information here:

www.nelt.co.uk/wwdd



DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

05 SEP – Back to school!

27 OCT – Break up for half term

06 NOV – Back to school

22 DEC – Break up for Christmas

Heidi's joke

Why did the cow cross the road?

To go to the mooovies!



A busy term for Year 5

Our Year 5 children have been learning all about verbs in French this term. To help them remember different verb endings, the class created flowers where each petal contained a different verb ending.

Outside of the classroom, Year 5 completed their Level 2 Bikeability course - great job! Biking isn't the only activity that they've been up to. The class also took part in a cricket session with Newcastle United Foundation where they really enjoyed a game of 'killer wasp'.



Total Warrior!



On 2nd July, Team Meadowdale took to the mud for the 12k Total Warrior Challenge in aid of North East Learning Trust charity, Young Lives vs Cancer.

The team nailed all 26 obstacles and raised over £400 as a school, and collectively with the other NELT teams, a whopping £4,700! We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated!

Summer 'to-do's'

How many summer activities can you tick off over the holidays? You can complete these alone or with a friend!

- Bake a sweet treat
- Collect shells on the beach
- Do something kind for someone else
- Ready a book
- Host a movie night
- Feed ducks (peas are the healthiest food for ducks - not bread!)
- Paint rocks
- Take a walk or ride a bike through nature

Summer careers

Let's take a look at some careers that really come into focus during the summer months.

Pilot:

A newly qualified captain can earn between £54 and £75,000. For experienced captains, this can rise up to £140,000. Before you can fly a plane, you must gain an Airline Transport Pilot Licence by completing a modular or integrated course.

Coastguard:

The busiest time of year for Coastguards is during summer. A Coastguard sends out weather and tidal reports, responds to emergency distress calls, offers navigational advice along certain stretches of sea, monitors radio and satellite communications and gives information about coastal and sea safety.

Rollercoaster designer:

Did you know that having a degree in electrical, structural or mechanical engineering could lead you to a career in designing rollercoasters? The salary for this unique careers is around £30,000 per year.



Goodbye Year 6

As our Year 6 pupils prepare for 'big school', we asked them what their favourite memories of Meadowdale were. Here's what some of them had to say...

Ava: "One of my favourite memories was playing Kahoot, playing songs and dancing to them all outside. I am now open to a lot more books and will read more in high school because of Meadowdale. A memory I will keep forever is when we sang Mamma Mia in assembly too."

Cerys: "A favourite memory from Meadowdale is when we played hide and seek in the Forrest School. It's so sad to leave primary school but I will always remember being rewarded for working hard on our SATs."

Isabelle: "My favourite memory was in Year 5 on the last day when we did fun things and also my friends. My favourite memory that I will keep is my friends because they are really kind and they always make me happy."

Noah: "The best thing about Meadowdale was making friends during my first year in Year 5. It was a really fun year."

Skye-Rose: "The best thing I have learnt is how to play the drums and keyboard in music. I loved the trip to Harrow Hall too!"

Lulu: "My favourite trip was in Year 5 when we went to Duke's House Wood because there were so many activities and we told night stories."

UK summer traditions

As the sun shines down on the UK, there are lots of traditions and events going on across the country. For example, have you heard of Wimbledon, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival or the Gloucester Cheese Rolling Festival?

Wimbledon is the oldest and arguably the most famous tennis tournament to exist. The tournament made history in 1967 to be the first broadcast to be televised in colour! Did you know that Wimbledon is the only remaining 'grand slam' to be played on actual grass?

Edinburgh Fringe Festival sees a huge influx of tourists during the summer to Scotland's capital for their world-class arts festival, stretching over the summer months. Over 50,000 performances take place, from circus acts to comedians, there's something for everyone!

Cheese Rolling Festival:

This unique event sees people gather in their thousands to watch as competitors chase gigantic rolls of Gloucester cheese down some very bumpy hills!

Looking to the future...

This term our children enjoyed an inspiring careers day where they were joined by a vet, community police officers, a professional footballer/entrepreneur and a train driver. They told



the children what their job involved before giving pupils some work-related tasks.

Some favourite activities included listening to a dog's heartbeat, a reaction test and completing football drills. Our children asked some brilliant



questions about the careers and came away considering what they would like to do when they grow up - a vet and a police officer were very popular choices!

MEADOWDALE by Isabelle

Check out Isabelle's lovely poem about school life at Meadowdale Academy. We were very impressed by her poem and brilliant drawing of our logo!

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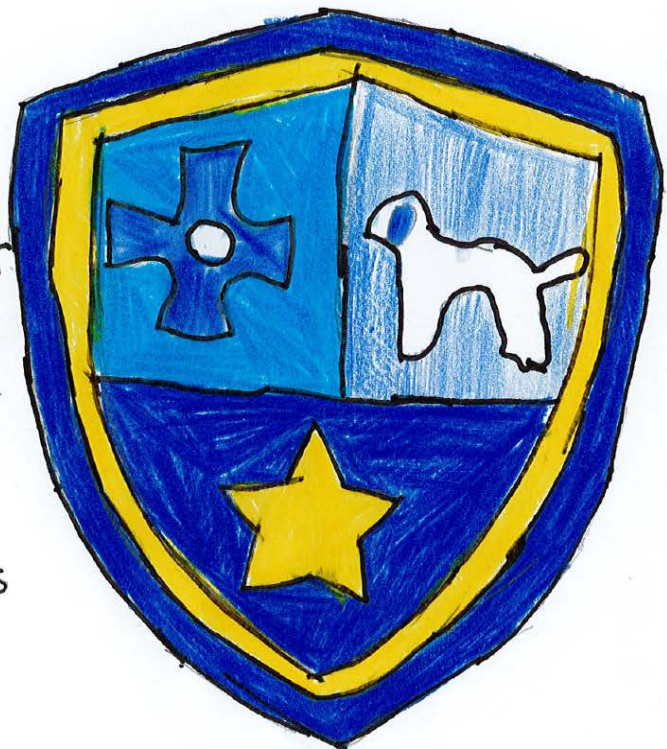
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