



Newsletter

30th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Careers week has been a great success! Each day, pupils have learned more and more about what a career is, how they can choose a potential career path now; and what pupils can learn at Meadowdale to put them one step closer to achieving their goals! Pupils learned about the importance of reading, writing and maths in all fields of work and how the knowledge and skills they learn now help them in later life. Pupils also learned about the character values we foster at Meadowdale, such as resilience, integrity, co-operation, independence and empathy, and how they will help them in the future.

On Wednesday, we held a careers fair! Pupils enjoyed meeting people from some of the fields of work they told us they were interested in:

- Mr Benjamin took children through an impressive football training session
- Community police taught children about their role in Bedlington and how they could follow in their footsteps
- Ms Cannell taught us about careers in veterinary practices
- Mr Bennett talked to children about careers in transport, specifically as a train driver

It was a fast-paced and busy afternoon, but it was certainly enjoyed by all. Thank you so much to our visitors for coming in and facilitating such wonderful activities and inspiring Meadowdale pupils.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in Bike Ability sessions. Everyone is incredibly proud of all the progress you have made this week - well done!

Earlier in the week, Meadowdale's Y5 and 6 football team braved the rain in the Bedlington Football Tournament against other local primary school and bagged first place! The week ended with 10 Y6 pupils attending the Quad Kids final after coming first in the Bedlington competition last week. Well done to all pupils who represented our school in the competition - they achieved 8th place! We are very proud of you all. Our Y4 team will be attending their final on Monday... best of luck Team Meadowdale! Is there anything Meadowdale pupils *can't* do? We certainly are on a winning streak!



Please take a look further into this week's newsletter for information regarding parent/carer surveys, transition days and the upcoming academic year.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Coates

Transition Day 2023 - Frequently Asked Questions

I can't attend the 'meet the teacher' session ... What can I do?

We understand not all parents/carer will be able to attend the 'meet the teacher sessions'. The information will be sent out via Class Dojo on Tuesday 4th July. There will be further opportunities in the new academic year.

I have more than one child who is a pupil at Meadowdale Academy. How do I attend all sessions?

Staff will support parents/carers needing to visit more than one classroom throughout the session. All information for each class will be shared on Class Dojo.

If you have any further questions, please speak to Miss Coates, Mrs Morgan or the school office.

Final Day of Term

School will finish at the usual time on the final day of term (Friday 21st July):

Owlets and Nursery (morning sessions) - 11:45am
Nursery (afternoon sessions) and Reception - 3pm
Year 1 to Year 6 - 3:15pm

A survey will be sent to parents next week who usually use Wrap Around on a Friday evening. If there is little intake on the last day, the provision will be cancelled on the 21 July 2023. Please complete the survey if you require childcare on this day.

We will be having an end of term celebration on this day, which we would like to call [Meadowdale Blue Day](#)! Pupils are welcome to come into school in their own clothing, sporting something blue in honour of our school! We will have special Meadowdale blue themed deserts at lunchtime - keep an eye on the School Gateway app to order!

We hope this can become a Meadowdale tradition!

2023-2024

A letter has been shared to our 2023-2024 parents/carers regarding next year's fees for additional childcare. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

From Tuesday 5th September 2023, the times of our school day will slightly change. As per DfE legislation, schools must be open for 6.5 hours per day (32.5 hours per week) to all pupils of compulsory school age. We are aware parents/carers appreciate the soft start introduced last year and we will continue to offer this, across a shorter drop off time, which is more effective for the running of our school. Our gates and doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am for registration. All pupils are expected to be in school for the start of the school day at 8:45am. The school day will finish at 3:15pm.

We encourage parents/carers to allow older children to come into school through the KS1 and KS2 entrance (where staff will be present to greet children) to allow time to drop off any younger children.

Any children arriving after the gates have closed will access school via the main office and recorded as late if they arrive after the register has closed.

All families and pupils can access the site through either the main gate or the gate on the footpath beside the park. There is no requirement for Y6 pupils to enter through the gate at the main office.

Let's CELEBRATE

Celebration - Lulu (Year 6) took part in the SAFC Academy trials and achieved a place in the squad Emerging Talent Centre – well done Lulu!



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: Ella-Rose
Reception: Georgia
Year 1: Blake-Ava & Alfie
Year 2: Edie
Year 3: Eile & Kai
Year 4: Anna
Year 5: Mila
Year 6: Flynn

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

Important Messages

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
98.7%	96.7%	98.5%	92.8%	98.1%	97.7%	95.2%

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.

If your child is going to be absent please inform the school office directly rather than pass messages onto teachers and classroom staff.

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 – Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5 – Wednesday & Friday
Year 6 - Monday and Swimming on 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: Monday – please wear PE kit/Joggers. If you have any unwanted toys in good condition we would be grateful if you wish to donate them.

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 – Every child, every night! Please remember to sign your child's reading log each night when they read to an adult. Every two weeks a homework task will be put into purple homework books. Challenge your child to complete 10minutes on TTRockstars once a week.

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.

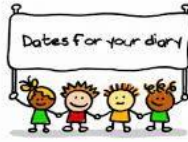
If you have any queries or issues please contact the school directly, we do not have access to parent whatsapp groups therefore we are unable to answer questions directly.

School Office hours are:
8.00am – 4.00pm

Social Media Links

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/meadowdaleacademy/>
<https://link.nelt.co.uk/anoEF>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MeadowdaleAcad>
<https://link.nelt.co.uk/Ce6QY>



Summer Term Dates

School closes on Friday 21st July and re-opens on Tuesday 5th September

Important Term Dates

Tuesday 18th July Athlete Event (information to follow)

Wednesday 19th July 2023 - Beach Day (information to follow)

Thursday 20th July 2023 @ 9.30am – Year 6 Leavers assembly followed by refreshments in the dining room

Clubs for week commencing 05/06/2023

Monday	Netball – Years 4,5,6 3.15 – 4.15 Football training (only for the children currently on school team) 3.15-4.15 Golf – Years 3,4,5,6 12.00 – 12.30pm Art – Years 1,2,3 12.30 – 1.00pm
Tuesday	Choir/Performing Arts years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.00pm What would David do? Years 2,3 & 4 3.15 – 12.00 Lego Club – Years 1,2 12.30 – 1.00pm
Thursday	Multi-skills Years 1 & 2 3.15 -4.15pm – Fully Booked Lego Club – Year 1,2 – 12.30 – 1.00pm Field Fun – Reception – 3.15 – 4.15

Messages from the Community

Please note these events are nothing to do with school and parents/carers are responsible for checking the safeguarding protocol during the events.

If anyone wishes to access Leading Link's opportunities you will need to first register on the Leading Link website then activities become available from 3rd July.

[Northumberland Holiday Provision – Leading Link](#)

Bedlington Terriers Juniors are looking for new players for their under 10's team (current year 4). Mondays and Thursdays 6-7pm @ Gallaher Park. Please contact David on 07399490839