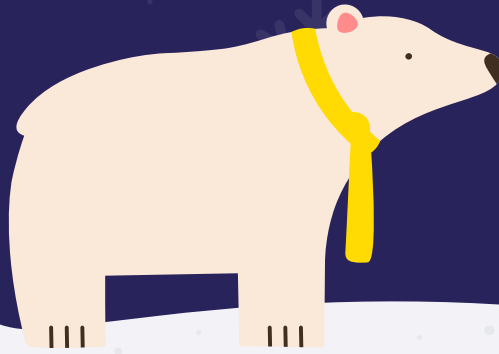




Meadowdale
Academy

WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

As we rapidly approach the end of 2022 and reflect upon all successes of the autumn term, I would like to say a big thank you to every one of our amazing pupils who it is a pleasure to know and teach. They are all shining stars who bring so much happiness and joy into our school.

This term our children have developed as readers with the introduction of the Read Write Inc scheme - we love it and have seen much progress made in a short space of time. The children have also developed as writers, mathematicians, scientists, musicians and so much more! Our children enjoy talking about their learning. I know that they will continue in all of their academic, creative and sporting successes in the new year.

As a school, we always have a special spotlight

on using kind words and actions and on respecting and celebrating each other's differences. Our Wellbeing Champions and Breaktime Buddies have worked hard to help make sure that our children show care, consideration and kindness to one another.

I'd like to thank every member of staff for providing the children with inspiring learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities and thank all our supportive parents and carers who always help with their kindness and generosity. It is always much appreciated.

May I wish you all a peaceful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Amanda Allison

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Headteacher



Meadowdale remembers

On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, Meadowdale Academy paused to commemorate those who have given so much for their country.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 were fantastic ambassadors at a service in Bedlington where they shared poems at the service. There followed a whole school assembly to ensure that we never forget all those brave men and women who have served and who continue to serve for their country.



Christmas recipe

Why not try making some delicious Christmas ginger bread during the Christmas holidays? Remember, always make sure to get help from a grown up!

What you will need:

- 100g salted butter
- 3 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 225g plain flour 50g icing sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 100g dark muscovado sugar
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda



Method:

STEP 1 - Heat the butter, syrup and sugar together in a small pan until melted, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool slightly.

STEP 2 - Mix together the bicarb, ginger, cinnamon and flour. Pour in the syrup mixture and stir. Use your hands to form a dough.

STEP 3 - Put the dough on a sheet of baking parchment, shape into a rectangle, and lay another sheet of parchment on top of it. Roll the dough and transfer to a baking sheet to keep it flat. Chill in the fridge for 1 hr.

STEP 4 - Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Cut out shapes from the dough using a cookie cutter.

STEP 5 - Place the shapes, spread apart, on the lined baking sheet, and bake for 10-12 mins. Depending on how thick your dough is, you may need to increase the cooking time a little!

STEP 6 - Meanwhile, mix the icing sugar with 1-2 tbsp water. Decorate the cooled biscuits with the icing using a piping bag with a thin nozzle.



Dates for your diary

20 DEC Break up for Christmas

05 JAN Back to school

17 FEB Break up for half term

27 FEB Back to school

31 MAR Break up for Easter

To keep up to date with all news and events please visit:

www.meadowdaleacademy.co.uk

Charity from our children

This term we have had lots of opportunities to support charities, both local and national.

Children and their families kindly supported not one but two charities in one week back in November when we collected for Bradley's Smile and Children in Need.

This month we ran the harvest appeal and supported Macmillan and Save the Children. Thank you for your ongoing generosity, it makes a real difference to such good causes.



DID YOU KNOW?



The tallest Christmas tree ever displayed was in Seattle, Washington. It measured 221 ft. tall.

It only took Charles Dickens six weeks to write A Christmas Carol.

Christmas lights were so expensive that they used to be rented rather than sold. An electrically lit tree was a status symbol in the early 1900s.

'Jingle Bells' was the first song played in space.

When KFC launched their 'Kentucky for Christmas' marketing campaign in 1974 in Japan, it was an instant hit and now KFC is a popular choice for Christmas dinners there!

Kindness counts

In the lead up to Christmas, pupils collected 'kindness tokens' for their class. The class with the most tokens will win a prize at the end of term.

Kind words and actions are so very important and we encourage our children throughout the year to act kindly and show empathy, care and consideration with every member of the school community.

Recently, one of our youngest Reception children told Mrs Allison that he had said, good

morning to our new member of staff, Mr Grant, and it not only made Mr Grant's day, but it also made our kind pupil smile as he had been so thoughtful.

Our children are very kind and caring so it's been a very close competition!



'My Beautiful Voice'

This term, we challenged our pupils to get writing to help develop their genuine love of writing and performing.

Our poetry competition was a hit and our pupils produced some lovely work. Watch this space as we will be sharing some of the entries with parents by displaying them around school.



The votes are in...

We asked all of our children what their favourite Christmas film was, the votes have been counted and the winner was the much-loved, Elf!

We cannot wait to watch it together for our Christmas movie night at the very end of term. Luisa in Year 6 said her favourite part of the film was when Buddy mixes syrup in with spaghetti. We don't think we'll be adding that to our school menu!



We're social



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Did you know that our school regularly posts exciting updates on Facebook and Twitter?

Our social media pages are a great way to connect to our online Meadowdale Academy community. You can find photos, videos and important updates on our pages and see what your little ones are up to in the classroom. If you don't follow our pages already, please give us a like or a follow to stay in the loop!



Reception explore school

Our Reception Puffins explored our wonderful school grounds at the beginning of the new school year.

The group retraced their route into school, the journey to Forest School and also located all the Early Years classrooms. Our Puffins even made a brilliant map marking symbols for the important features they spotted and remembered!



Wellbeing champions



Our Wellbeing Champions met this term for the first time to discuss their new roles.

The group explored the importance of their roles in school and came up with a master plan.

Our ambassadors are very passionate and shared some brilliant ideas on ways to make children feel happy in school. We can't wait to see what they do next.



A wish for 2023

One new tradition that we began when we became a primary school in 2020 is for every child to write a wish for the next year on a star (with their current school picture on the other side) and then place it on the tree. Here are a few of the wishes our children have made for 2023...

Amelia Jane, wished for lots of love in 2023.

Isabella, wished for the dinner man (our new Catering Manager) to be more Christmassy! He wore a Christmas hat the very next day once the wish was shared with parents!

Lucas wished to spend more time with his family.

Many of our children have written such thoughtful, kind and caring wishes that we really do hope all of their wishes come true in 2023 and that they and everyone has a very happy and healthy Christmas.





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Making the move to teaching is easier than you think...

Did you know you can train to be a teacher in our school? Training to teach in our school with North East SCITT takes less time and is more affordable than many people realise. Our nine-month courses begin every September meaning you could be starting out on a new career before you know it. Many people worry they don't have what

it takes to make the move into teaching, but with training and support from our team of experienced, outstanding teachers who are right beside you from day one, we always prove them wrong. If you have a good degree and the desire to learn new skills and make a difference, then we'd love to talk to you.

Thinking about training to teach?

Come and spend the morning at The Academy at Shotton Hall in Peterlee or Browney Academy in Durham to get a taste of what teacher training is like with North East SCITT.

19 th	January	2023
8 th	February	2023
10 th	March	2023
18 th	April	2023
19 th	May	2023
8 th	June	2023
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Virtual taster days also available. Please check our website for more details.



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