



Newsletter

3 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope all Meadowdale families had a restful half term. It has been wonderful to have pupils back in school, ready for a new half term!

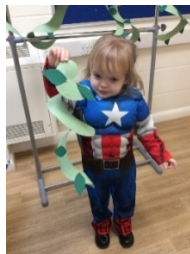
This week, we celebrated World Book Day at Meadowdale Academy. Pupils and staff alike donned their nightwear for our 'Bedtime Story' themed day. Pupils enjoyed sharing their favourite bedtime stories and listening to stories from adults in school such as 'The Gruffalo', 'Pete the Cat', 'Oh the Place You'll Go', 'Perfectly Norman' and 'The Pirates Next Door'.

Inquisitive Owlets!

Our focus book this half term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' We will read the book many times encouraging the children to join in by asking questions related to the story and characters in the book.

The owlets will have the opportunity to take part in many activities covering all areas of learning.

Our first activity this week was to make a beanstalk to hang up in our room.



Pre-School Rummaging Robins!

The Robins have started the term with a blast off! The theme is space and they have been busy learning the names of different planets and making their own.

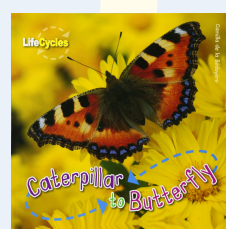
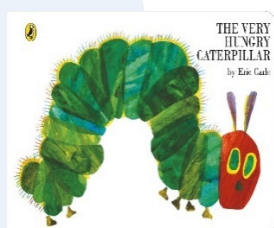
Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins were so happy to see each other on their return following a great half term break. We have had so much Tapestry Talk time to enable the children to share their posts with their friends.

We have already started learning about the composition of 9 – making 9 with different resources on our tens frames and also writing the number nine in our plan to play.



The Puffins are enjoying our new learning theme – Watch them grow. In Literacy we are looking at fiction and non-fiction books all about the life cycle of a butterfly and have already learnt some amazing wondrous words – life cycle, pupa and even metamorphosis!



Curious Kingfishers!

Our first week back has whizzed by! The Kingfishers have had a very successful week and have been making excellent progress in the presentation of their work – something we set as a class target. We are very proud of them.

We had a great time in our new PE unit practising ball skills and we loved our game of penguins and seals to demonstrate our new skills!

World Book Day was full of stories shared across school and we had ever such a comfy day in our pyjamas.



Shining Skylarks!

A great first week back and a great World Book Day! Thank you to all parents for your support with PJ's and books. We thoroughly enjoyed showing off our favourite bedtime stories and snuggling up to enjoy extra reading time with friends. We love reading!

This week in English we began our new unit 'non- traditional fairy tales' based on the story Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch. Having been inspired by this author, we have been using coordinating conjunctions and expanded nouns to describe our own fairy tale characters.

In maths this week we started to zoom in on division and have been making equal groups then writing division equations showing off our knowledge. We have started to make the link between multiplication and division.

In PE ball skills we began ball skills and invasion games. Our science learning journey has continued with grouping animals and learning more about the lifecycle of humans, frogs and butterflies.

Super Swifts!

This week Year 3 Swifts have been working together with different partners, individually and at times as one team to discover more about volcanoes. We have been building on our knowledge of the world around us and making connections between different subjects and using key vocabulary like tectonic plates, magma, molten and lava. In Maths we have been converting measurements from cm into mm and vice versa; then measuring items and even measuring our friends!

We have had the chance to sing together in class and play team games in the hall. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to some of our teachers share their favourite stories on World Book Day and had the exciting opportunity to listen to the author Simon Bartram share some tips about writing books for children and tips on how to draw our own illustrations of characters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting Year 3 this week and getting to know the pupils a little bit more every day; I look forward to having the opportunity to get to know them even more over the coming weeks, Miss Ruddock.

Heroic Harriers!

What a fantastic first week back our Harriers have had! We wow'd Steph from the School Games with our gymnastic routines on Tuesday. We explored the water cycle on Monday in our science learning. We made our own mini water worlds and will hopefully see our seeds start growing soon! We all looked brilliant for World Book Day and fully embraced our theme of Bedtime Stories. We love hearing and sharing stories and we had a fantastic day.

Marvellous Merlins!

In science, the Merlins used forcemeters to measure the weight of objects as part of our forces topic. They needed to estimate how heavy objects were before using a forcemeter to accurately measure the objects in newtons.



Outstanding Owls!

Year 6 have had an amazing start to the new term. They have particularly enjoyed learning new skills in their PE lessons and I look forward to seeing if we have any budding golfers in our midst. There has been lots of positive feedback about their first booster sessions and I thank you for your support with this. A special mention goes to Ruby this week. Before half term, we were writing descriptions of a jungle scene. Ruby has spent time over the holidays making her own scene. I'm sure you'll agree that it is very impressive.



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: Joshua
Reception: Vienna
Year 1: Isabella
Year 2: Lucas M
Year 3: Lucas
Year 4: Macey-Jay
Year 5: Grace Oliver
Year 6: Ruby



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

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.

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
96%	96%	100%	95.6%	96.8%	93.5%	94.8%

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.



PE Days for Spring 2 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.

Next week's lunch Menu

The menu for week beginning 6th March is Week 2.

School dinners are £11.25 per week, paid online by Monday please.
Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the menu please click on the link below

<http://www.meadowdaleacademy.co.uk/school-information-1/school-meals>

Class Information

Nursery: Please order your child's lunch on the gateway
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
Booster sessions every Tuesday and Thursday until 4.00pm, beginning Tuesday 28th February. They will run until the Easter break. The final sessions will take place on the 30th March.**

Class DOJO

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to your child's class DOJO account for lots of information about what your child is doing in class. Please contact the office if you need help with accessing this.

Clubs for week commencing 06/03/2023

Tuesday – Choir years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.15
Thursday – Multi-skills Years 1 & 2 3.15 -4.15 – **Fully Booked**

Asda Vote

Please click on the link below or go to Asda Green Token web site and choose Blyth as your local store to vote for our school, to raise funds to support the children through making the school activities a fun place to learn. We need new equipment for these activities to support these events.

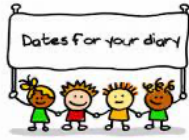
<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4955>

Spring Term Dates

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

Message from Admin

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



Red Nose Day 2023

We will be fundraising for Red Nose Day through a non-uniform day on Friday 17th March 2023. To avoid any financial stress, we ask for a donation of £1 and hope children can come and support the cause by wearing something red!

Easter Themed Events

Easter Egg Decorating Competition – we would like to encourage families to work together this year to create their own designs. Please bring any entries into school on 27th March. They will be judged by a panel of judges, including Governors and our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Bartlett. Winners will be announced on Class Dojo. Parents/carers may need to come and collect any prizes containing alcohol on 29th March.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from 13th March for our end of term Easter assembly. Pupils and families are able to buy raffle tickets before school and at playtimes: £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on 31st March.

To ensure we have exciting **prizes**, we would like to have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th March in return for a donation of an Easter treat (e.g. Easter egg/sweets). We ask for all donations to be brought into school on 24th March. If families would like to offer any further donations of raffle prizes, they are more than welcome. Thank you.

The continued support parents, carers and families provide our school is invaluable. We appreciate this greatly. From everyone at Meadowdale, have a great weekend. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday.

Miss Coates
Head of School