



# Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week has been National Sports Week and, boy, have we celebrated at Meadowdale! Across school, there have been an abundance of activities taking place for all pupils.

Reception to Year 4 took part in Bike Ability Sessions this week, on the school grounds, practising their balance, developing resilience, and promoting physical development for all pupils involved. Mark Reynolds, our course leader this week, reported he was very impressed with pupils' attitudes and determination, stating pupils at Meadowdale were very competent. He was particularly impressed with Y4's abilities and highlighted Foster as 'one of the best cyclists' he had ever seen in a school! Bike ability will continue into the next week for Year 5 and 6.

All classes, from Nursery upwards, took part in Sports Day this week. We started the week with Early Years; pupils showed co-operation and resilience - even in the rain! We hope to plan another mini-sports day over the coming weeks where pupils may have a little more fun in fairer weather. Further information will be shared from the Early Years Team. Next up, was Key Stage 2 who were just as impressive as their parents, in the parents' race! Finally, Key Stage 1 enjoyed their Sports Day on Thursday. It was great to see all pupils participate in their event and enjoyable to watch them have so much fun! I would like to thank all families who came to spectate and join in, it is very much appreciated.

This week saw the end of the Phonics Screening Check for our Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils. We are so impressed with pupils' progress and their independence in using their skills learned in Read Write Inc. Pupils used their routine of 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word' to decode words with confidence! We had a Local Authority monitoring visit last week and the visitor was particularly impressed with pupils' routines and confidence. Well done Key Stage 1! Parents/carers will receive information on their child's outcome from the screening in the coming weeks.

Thank you to those families who have completed our parent/carer survey this week. We appreciate your feedback and are working hard to ensure we all suggestions made are considered. We have had many wonderful comments about what we are doing in school; these have boosted morale across school - thank you! On the topic of feedback, a recent local authority visitor working with a pupil, left feedback with her line manager, encouraging her to come and visit Meadowdale after commenting on what a 'lovely school' it is and how staff were working hard to provide the best for pupils.

It certainly has been a busy week at Meadowdale Academy. As we approach the end of term, and the academic year, we have lots of things going on in school. Next week is Careers Week. We are looking forward to our Careers Fair on Wednesday. Thank you to those parents who have supported us by volunteering to come into school or by signposting us to companies. We will be sharing the week's events on our Class Dojo and social media pages. Please like and share!

Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Coates

# 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: Joseph-Henry

Reception: Eva

Year 1: Esmay

Year 2: Lucas M

Year 3: Orla

Year 4: Foster

Year 5: Nolah

Year 6: Arley-Joe

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

Congratulations to Lusia in year 6 who has been accepted at Sunderland's girls junior academy talent team. Well done Lusia.

## Important Messages

### 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
98.7%	95.3%	98.5%	96.1%	99%	96.8%	98.2%

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.

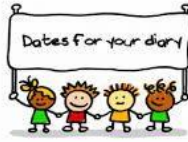
**If you have any queries or issues please contact the school directly, we do not have access to parent whatsapp groups therefore we are unable to answer questions directly.**

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 21<sup>st</sup> July and re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

## Important Term Dates

Bikeability – 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> June Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Athlete Event (information to follow)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Beach Day (information to follow)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 – <b>Fully Booked</b> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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