



Newsletter

17 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

How are we at the end of Spring 1 already? This half term has gone by so quickly ... like they say: time flies when you're having fun!

This week pupils have enjoyed lots of learning, lots of fun and had lots to celebrate! In today's Celebration Assembly, 'Shining Stars', 'Always Awards' and 'Headteacher's Awards' were shared. We also totalled our Class Dojo points and transferred them into house points. So far, the house in the lead is Alnwick. Although he was not in the leading house, Jake in Y3 made a huge contribution to Warkworth by earning 280 Dojo points himself! Take a look at the leader board:

- 1st Place – Alnwick (5821 points)
- 2nd Place – Bamburgh (4723 points)
- 3rd Place – Dunstanburgh (4574 points)
- 4th Place – Warkworth (2849 points)

Who will be in the lead at the end of the Spring term?

I hope all pupils, their families and our staff have a restful week next week, enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Meadowdale Academy on Monday 27th February.

Inquisitive Owlets!

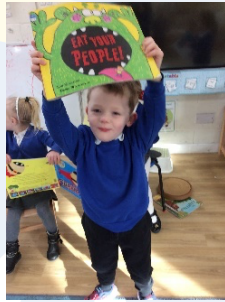
Love is in the air this week. The Owlets are talking about people they love. We are also talking about kindness and thinking of ways we can help each other. We have some kindness tokens the children can earn and we really celebrate these achievements together in school. We also enjoyed reading 'Guess how much I love you' and the story of St Valentine. The owlets made some beautiful cards to take home to their family.



Pre-School Rummaging Robins!

Keep up to date with more school news via our website and social media channels.

This week the Robins have been working together to complete tasks and showing great resilience. They have also been sharing some of their favourite stories with each other. The children have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and made some paper pancakes with their favourite toppings.



Perfect Puffins!

The Puffins have had an absolutely amazing half term, and have finished it off this week with some fantastic learning.

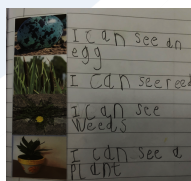
In Maths we have enjoyed revisiting our learning about measuring. The Puffins have investigated with 30cm rulers, meter rules and even snakes! We also used cubes to measure dinosaurs, discussing which one was the tallest and which was the shortest.



The Puffins have continued to embed, enhance and apply their learning about dinosaurs, creating dinosaurs using playdough and adding texture with a variety of tools.



We enjoyed our last dinosaur themed text in Literacy, Tyrannosaurus Drip, which led to some absolutely outstanding independent writing.



The Puffins are looking forward to a well-earned week at home with their families over half term, but we know they will all be taking their learning home too!

Curious Kingfishers!

What a great half term filled with busy, busy bees in Kingfisher class!

In this last week, we have been writing traditional stories in English and using adjectives to describe our characters. We were saddened to hear that the other animals in 'The Ugly Duckling' were mean to the duckling because he was different. Our caring Kingfishers had a very positive discussion about respecting and celebrating all of our differences and unique qualities.

We have developed a deeper understanding of part whole models and how they can help us solve a whole variety of maths problems – we completed a mind challenge involving a very complicated diagram – our Kingfishers are expert mathematicians in the making! In geography, we have completed our lessons about the United Kingdom and its capitals and we zoomed in on London using satellite images and maps. We can't wait to find out more about our capital city.



Shining Skylarks!

The Skylarks have enjoyed another great week of learning! We have begun our new science topic learning all about animals and their off spring. We found that matching some animals to their offspring was really quite tricky! We are looking forward to visiting the farm in the Spring to see newly born lambs.

In maths this week we have been applying our multiplication knowledge and using it to solve word problems, Some Skylarks even wrote their own word problem – impressive!

In history this week we made our very own Bayeux Tapestry and learnt all about the key events in the life of William the Conqueror.



Super Swifts!

This week Year 3 have continued their descriptive writing and have been working on using persuasive techniques. In RE, they wrote a prayer, thinking about what they would pray for themselves, their families and their communities. In Science, they have continued their work on the body, experimenting to find out which muscles they use when performing different physical activities.

Heroic Harriers!

As we come to the end of half term, we are still working hard in the Harriers. We have become experts at finding the perimeter of shapes. We have looked at rectangles, rectilinear shapes, regular and irregular polygons and can even identify missing sides! In science, we have been looking at evaporation and how clothes dry after they have been washed. We wet tea towels and left in them various locations around school to dry. We found out that in warmer locations, the water evaporates quicker.

Marvellous Merlins!

The Merlins have been learning about Emperor Penguins in the Antarctic in their English lessons. We learned about how the baby penguin is kept in the mother's or father's brood pouch so it does not touch the ice, so we tried it ourselves... here are the Merlins trying to pass the ball around with their feet without touching the ice. What fantastic teamwork!



Outstanding Owls!

The Owls have had a fantastic half term and should feel really proud of themselves for the progress they have made in their reading, writing and maths. This week they have perfected their formation in gymnastics and completed their programming in computing. Well done to you all.



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: Bobbie-Georgia

Reception: Holly

Year 1: Bodhi

Year 2: Ella

Year 3: Orla

Year 4: Lewis

Year 5: George

Year 6: Skye-Rose



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.

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
96.3%	96%	97.6%	97.2%	99.5%	96.5%	94.5%

Walk for Autism

Some of our year 3 girls are raising funds for Autism. The group is called the 'cuddle crew' and so far, they have raised over £200. They will be doing 10,000 steps a day for 7 days the week of March 26th until April 2nd which lands on ending their steps on world autism day.

The link for their page is- <https://www.walkforautism.co.uk/st/1617/w>

Thank you in anticipation for supporting them, they are so excited to be doing it and will love the encouragement from everyone.



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.



Class Information

Nursery: Please could all children bring a named water bottle and a small bag to stay on their peg.

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 – Please can all homework books be returned to school on a Thursday so that new tasks can be put in.

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 – After the half term holidays, 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,

Next week's lunch Menu

The menu for week beginning 27th February is Week 1.

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 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.

Message from Admin

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

Clubs for week commencing 27/02/2023

Tuesday – Choir years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.15

Thursday – Multi-skills Years 1 & 2 3.15 – 4.15 – **Fully Booked**

Spring Term Dates

School closes – Friday 17th February and re-opens Monday 27th February

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

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2 March 2023** and we hope you'll support us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We have decided to go with the theme of 'Bed Time Stories' and would love your child come to school wearing their pyjamas to enjoy a day full of our favourite bedtime stories. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day.

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