



# Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

It's been a busy week at Meadowdale!

Year 6 pupils have taken their end of Key Stage 2 SATs this week. They have worked so hard and have made us all so proud. Pupils should be incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year and especially this week. No SATs week would be complete without an end of week celebration; pupils have enjoyed ice lollies, rounders and time in Forest School with Mrs Gair.

This week's assembly was focused on British Values and the Rule of Law. Children learned about laws we have in England and how this impacts them in their own community. Children then learned about how the 'rule of law' is applied at school, through school rules and consequences.

A few weeks ago, we launched NELT's initiative 'What Would David Do?' and so far, we have had some brilliant applications which are currently being reviewed by the NELT team. Since the launch, successful applications have been shared which include detailed accounts of children's sustainable impact. We would love to see some pictures of pupil's strategies in action! Today, pupils have been given their very own 'What Would David Do?' Eco Diary. We would love pupils to journal the actions they have taken and the impact this has had/will have - remember to include images if possible!

I would like to remind parents/carers of our escalation procedure regarding discussions or concerns. Class teachers/key workers are the first point of contact; most discussions can be resolved at a classroom level through support from their class teacher/support staff working in the classroom. This is then escalated to Phase Leaders (Mrs Holmes, Mrs Dawson or Mrs Gair); Mrs Morgan (SENDCO and Deputy Headteacher) and then Miss Coates (Headteacher).

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> some of the Meadowdale team are representing our school in NELT's Total Warrior challenge! We are looking to fundraise for Young Lives vs Cancer and would very much appreciate any support families can offer. If you are able to donate, please follow the link here:

[www.justgiving.com/page/nelt-ninjas](http://www.justgiving.com/page/nelt-ninjas)

Wish us luck - we will need it!

*L. Coates*

Miss Coates  
Headteacher

# 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: Imogen

Reception: Amelia

Year 1: Jacob

Year 2: Lilia

Year 3: Georgia

Year 4: Setaysh

Year 5: Luisa

Year 6: All of Year 6 are shining stars

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

## Important Messages

### School Lunches:

Please remember to order your child's lunch on the school gateway at home, we will send a text home to remind parents. **We will not be able to take lunch orders in school.**

### Adult on Gate:

We can no longer commit to having an adult on the gate at the end of the day due to staffing. Once children have been handed over to parents/carers, responsibility for pupils' care is with the adult who has collected them.

### 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
98.3%	96.3%	94.2%	95.8%	94%	95.6%	100%

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.

## 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 uniform your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful if you could bring it into school so we can re-use it as spare uniform.**

School Office hours are:  
8.00am – 4.00pm



## Spring Term Dates

Spring half term – School closes Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Clubs for week commencing 15/05/2023

Tuesday – Choir/Performing Arts years 3,4,5 & 6 3.15 – 4.00pm

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

