



Meadows First School 15th March 2024



A message from Mr Satchwell

I have visited our Year 4 children today at Blackwell Adventure as they have been on a residential trip this week. To say they were having a great time would be a big understatement! They have thoroughly enjoyed this annual event, taking part in a range of activities such as climbing, crate stacking, high ropes, archery and many more. The importance of children having the opportunity for outdoor and adventurous activities such as these can't be underestimated. Children get the chance to really get out of their comfort zones and that's where we know real learning happens. My sincerest thanks go to the staff team for giving up their time to ensure that the trip is such a success. I have no doubt that the children will have made memories for life.

Today, you will also be receiving a letter via email all about some funding that is available to schools called The Pupil Premium. For those of you that are unaware, Pupil premium is a government initiative

that qualifies your child to receive free school meals **throughout** their time at Meadows (not just for Reception, Year 1 & 2), but also enables the school to access further funding to support your child and other children in school.

At a time when school budgets are facing unprecedented pressure, I believe that we could be missing out on a possible £60,000 of unclaimed funding per year based on national averages. I would urge everyone reading this newsletter this week to please read my letter to see if your child could be eligible for the funding and claim. Pupil Premium funding makes a real difference to the offer we can make as a school.

Regards

Mr Satchwell

Latest News 15th March 2024

Gardening

As the weather starts to improve, we are starting to plan a number of growing projects around school as we have some excellent facilities such as our allotments, greenhouses and various raised beds. If you are able to donate any of the following items that you may have at home or could be picked up cheaply at a supermarket, we would be very grateful.

Garden twine, Plant row markers, Seed pots decomposable, Canes 6' (if possible), Small plant pots, Seeds, plants and seed potatoes



Hockey Tournament

Mr Watts took a very enthusiastic group of Year 4 children on Wednesday to a hockey tournament with other local schools. Again, it was a great opportunity for the children to experience competitive sport and enjoy playing against other schools. Hockey is not an easy sport to master but the children did really well. Both teams had some very good games and although there weren't prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd, one of our teams did win an award for best overall display of sportsmanship and teamwork. Great work children.





On Thursday 21 March,
we welcome everyone to wear their
favourite socks
to mark
World Down Syndrome Day!

We will be celebrating everything
that makes all of us
different,
and yet the same.



#LotsOfSocks
Join us on 21 March 2024

Lots Of Socks campaign explainer A4 - 2



World Down Syndrome Day

There will be an assembly especially dedicated to this important day on Monday and then this year we are marking World Down Syndrome Day by encouraging the children to wear their favourite socks next Thursday.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSO) , 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDSO being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Red Nose Day

We are really pleased to be supporting Red Nose Day today which is an excellent charity. Thanks for your donations and we will let you know how much we raise as a school next week



Young Creators Online Exhibition

Creative Art Showcase is excited to announce the launch of this year's Young Creators Online Exhibition entitled 'Capturing Creativity', a fantastic opportunity for all budding artists under the age of 18 to showcase their talent.

To participate in this captivating exhibition, young artists can create at home, as part of a school club/project, or during free pop-up workshops hosted by Creative Art Showcase, where a selection of free paints and other materials will be available. With no entry fees or costs associated with participating, it makes it fully inclusive for all young artists.

In order to celebrate young people's creativity, free workshops have been arranged on:

4th April - 11am - 3.30pm - St Andrews Community Hall, Lyttleton Avenue, Charford B60 3LL

6th April - 11am - 3.30pm - Artrix, Slideslow Drive, Bromsgrove B60 1GN

There is also online competition entry with the chance of having work exhibited in Worcester Cathedral as well as the chance to win small prizes. For more information, please go to

www.creativeartshowcase.org,

Meadows Mouse Awards



Cygnets

Munya M - working really hard with his reading.

Harriet N - excellent lunar buggy model.

Goslings

Albie & Didac - making great moon buggies as part of our space topic.

Caterpillars

Molly T - reading out loud with great expression and enthusiasm.

Riley T - being so helpful around the classroom.

Dragonflies

Betty - excellent understanding in Maths and super Phonics.

Charlie - great determination with writing in all lessons.

Owls

Beau - super enthusiasm, confidence and for sharing lots of amazing ideas in all of his learning.

Asha - super focus and always working her hardest to be the best that she can be.

Hedgehogs

Amelia A - determination with her handwriting.

Jacob G - jaw dropping recount of his Warwick Castle trip.

Sharks

Henry M - super work with ordering fractions.

Dexter L - excellent progress with his reading.

Dolphins

Harry B - working consistently hard in every lesson.

Shahnoor Q - great story writing.

Jaguars

Zac - amazing team work at the hockey tournament.

Annabelle - fantastic attention to detail in painting.

Tigers

Darci - creating a wonderful Easter Triptych in RE.

Alice C - writing a brilliant explanation text on digestion.

Diary Dates



Thursday 21st March	World Down Syndrome Day - children are invited to wear odd socks
Friday 22nd March	Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 8th April	Return from Easter holiday
Monday 15th April	Reception trip to Atwell Farm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday - school closed
Friday 10th May	Class photographs
Tuesday 14th May	Year 4 Bell Boating Journey Day (details to follow)
Wednesday 15th May	Year 3 Botanical Gardens (details to follow)

Reminder

Water bottles brought into school for daily use in the classroom should only contain water. Thank you.

'We are enthusiastic'.

