



# MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Dates for your Diary

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Year 4 assembly, 9.05 am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parents evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Parents evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Year 1 assembly, 9.05 am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Break up
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Return
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	PGL meeting Year 4, 5.00 pm

### Attendance

Well done to Caterpillars who had 99.33% last week.

### PGL

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00 pm.

### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

This Week has been STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths). This year we added an extra subject, 'Art', so we have renamed it STEAM week. The focus has been on 'structures.' Each year group has looked at a different type of structure in detail:

Early years - garden structures

Year one - houses and homes

Year 2- skyscrapers

Year 3- windmills

Year 4- bridges

The children have had the opportunity to be involved in all types of STEAM activities around their theme, and this morning we came together to show off each year group's work in our whole school assembly. It was fabulous to see some of the children's creations; we will upload the photos onto the school website so that you can see some of the activities that the children have been involved in. What a fun week with lots of active learning and problem solving! Thank you to Mr Squires and Mr Tricklebank for organising the week.

This year, as a school, we are trying to inspire our children to do their bit for the planet by drawing their attention to the harmful effects of single-use plastics on our environment. So for STEAM week we set a homework that required the children to use their imagination to make something out of single use plastic bottles; the children have made some amazing creations! Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting our projects. The best creation in each class was voted for today, and the children received a prize in assembly.

### Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	-	Freya B – amazing writing in phonics. Isaac H – showing great enthusiasm during our STEM week activities.
Cygnets	-	Rowan B – amazing phonics using very tricky digraphs. Jack G – trying hard with his reading.
Caterpillars	-	Daman M & Lauren M – being so careful & independent when making their house during STEM week.
Dragonflies	-	Leo C – good DT in STEM week. Logan H – good phonics work.
Owls	-	Indie S – super focused work making scientific conclusions. Noah S – determination with investigating structures.
Hedgehogs	-	Oliver O B – designing & building some amazing skyscrapers. Bethany H – inventing her own fantastic scientific investigations.
Sharks	-	Tommy A – fantastic report of our fun Think Tank experiments. Stanley D – showing great perseverance with his windmill model.
Dolphins	-	Oscar D – sharing his great scientific thinking in STEM week. Natty J – building a Great windmill model with lovely details.
Jaguars	-	Tom S – great focus & enthusiasm in lessons. Connor S – super design & bridge building in STEM week.
Tigers	-	James P & Elliot K – being focused, determined, enthusiastic & organised in every lesson.