



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have been busy again this week. The work that the children have produced has continued to be of a very high standard. I am so proud of the effort they are putting into their work. It is lovely to hear children are starting to visit outdoor places with their families, and having a friend to play in their gardens- this will certainly help their well-being.

The weather hasn't been so kind to us this week, but let's hope that is nicer for you over the Bank holiday weekend, so that you can spend time outside with your family and friends.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND UPDATE TO SCHOOLS:

- This pandemic is not over.
- The England rate is really down at this point in time and it appears to have plateaued now.
- There is now concern that this is about to start rising again.
- There is major concern regarding international travel, which has the potential to raise the rate again.
- It is vital that we keep the bubbles working and we must not let our protective working practices drop.
- National guidelines have not changed and so schools must continue with their current risk assessments.
Schools need to stay within the guidance.
- New National guidance is due to be released for the schools later this term but until then we need to stay precisely within our current restrictions.

With this in mind, please continue to maintain social distancing and do not wait in the playgrounds. Please wear masks on the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

Whole class photos will take place on Wednesday 5th May

Reminder that we are not in school on Monday 3rd May- bank holiday

On 6 April 2020, Captain Tom Moore set out round his garden to thank our NHS heroes. One hundred laps later, he'd raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS Covid-19 appeal. His simple message of hope – “Tomorrow will be a good day” – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during the pandemic. Now it's your turn to build on that legacy. Friday 30 April would have been his 101st birthday and to honour him and his amazing achievements, The Captain Tom Foundation would love everyone, of all ages and abilities, to take part in the Captain Tom 100 - <https://Captaintom100.com>



Key messages for parents re COVID

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children

NHS Test and Trace have announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees.

If you have any queries about the tests, please Call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines) between 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Elizabeth W - being so creative with her independent sentences. Ella T - always being a fantastic role model to others.
Cygnets	Ollie C - having a go at writing. Phoebe C H - writing a wonderful story.
Caterpillars	Lily S - great enthusiasm with her writing. Dylan B - being such a good friend.
Dragonflies	Tillie H - great listening and hard work with spellings. Ezekial - super skills in PE.
Owls	Leo C - super work with fractions. Ellianna S W - excellent focus and effort in all lessons.
Hedgehogs	Eleanor A - fantastic piece of writing in English. Daman M - determination with fractions.
Sharks	Ellana H - great focus in her English work. Harry B - showing great determination in his work.
Dolphins	Bethany H - excellent work in English this week. Riley J - trying hard with his handwriting.
Jaguars	Kenzo P - creating a fantastic wishing story. Lexi R - great enthusiasm and focus in art.
Tigers	Libby H - excellent work in Maths when finding out about decimals. Franklin R - writing and publishing an amazing story based on the King of fishes.

Bromsgrove Hockey Club Bromsgrove Hockey Club has been part of the Bromsgrove community since 1890 but with the COVID-19 pandemic they feel an even greater responsibility for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of their youngsters. Hence, they have put in place a rolling programme of 6-week sessions of hockey for all players of all abilities at U6, U8 and U10. In summary they are proposing;

- 6 weeks sessions for £15
- Sessions limited to 30 players hence a speedy response is advised
 - All experience and ability of players welcome
 - U6/8 Sunday 10.15-11.15 • U10 Sunday 11.30-12.30
- Fully COVID compliant, as specified by England Hockey
- Hockey sticks to borrow are available, we just ask the players have their own gum shields and shin pads

<https://www.bromsgrovehockey.org.uk/>



GO WILD!
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AUGUST 2021
10th | 12th | 17th | 19th | 24th | 26th
Bromsgrove, Worcestershire



Full day (9am-4pm) : £30
Half day (9am-12:30/12:30-4pm) : £15
Additional hour : £5

Go Wild! is the perfect opportunity for children to be adventurous outdoors and develop self esteem, confidence, problem solving & social skills. With BRUSHCRAFT, MUD KITCHENS, FIRE LIGHTING, SHELTER BUILDING, NATURAL CRAFTS & much more, it's a guaranteed good time for your 5-12 year old!



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