



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

You may think that lockdown has hit our teachers hard when looking at these recent photos 😊

It has certainly been a very strange week in Meadows. We had a Yeti visit year one; the children were a little surprised. Then we had Mr and Mrs Twit visit year 4; there was a lot of laughter around school on that day! These visits have inspired some fabulous writing. The teachers are working hard to keep the children motivated during these strange times.



Reading Support:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/> is a great site Created by The National Literacy Trust to support parents in improving their child's learning. It provides parents and children with activities and support to improve their language, literacy and communication skills from home.

The National Literacy Trust's Virtual School Library is a free platform for primary schools, offering pupils access to free books and activities from the most popular children's authors: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>



Our Pastoral Team at school is always available to provide help and support to all our families. If you feel that you or your child would benefit from this support, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rowley or Mrs Dodman via senteam@meadows.worcs.sch.uk



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Gold Award** by the Arts Council England for our Arts curriculum; this includes our art, music, drama and dance. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Webb and Mrs Dwyer; their hard work has enabled us to gain this award.

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.



As part of our Eco drive, we are joining the Gillette Recycling Envelope Scheme, where families are encouraged to recycle any brand of razors or razor blades via post. Follow the link (click the picture) and order your free envelopes now.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Harry W M - trying very hard with his writing. Harry T - being such a fantastic role model in class.
Cygnets	Ella Ba & Hudson C - fantastic independent Three Little Pigs story writing.
Caterpillars	Rowan - great enthusiasm and brilliant ideas for his writing. Annabelle - being focused in all lessons, and showing great determination to succeed.
Dragonflies	Georgie - super phonics and reading progress. Joseph - excellent progress in all areas.
Owls	Esme - great determination when solving fraction problems. Billie - super retelling of our story.
Hedgehogs	Jessica T - amazing enthusiasm with her writing this week. Jake M - challenging himself when learning fractions.
Sharks	Alan D - excellent focus and attention in his lessons. Aila H - being enthusiastic in her learning.
Dolphins	Harry F - excellent progress in reading. Jack PB - trying harder with his work.
Jaguars	Morgan K - great conclusion in Science about his experiment on the mass of gas. Jayden U - super behaviour and focus in lessons.
Tigers	Lyla B - focused and determined in maths when learning about money. Nate S - working hard in all lessons and always trying his best.