



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Are you looking for activities to do over the holiday? The Wildlife Trusts are running 30 days wild with lots of ideas to get you and your family out in nature.

Their website is packed full of ideas for activities to do all the way through June.

We challenge you to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June! That's 30 simple, fun and exciting *Random Acts of Wildness*.

When you sign up, you'll get a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!).

To get involved, just sign up by clicking the link on the picture



End of summer term activities are being planned with Covid restriction still in mind. I am very aware that June 21st is when hopefully things reopen fully, but guidance for schools remains unchanged (except the wearing of face coverings in classrooms). This guidance may change over the coming weeks; however, I am very aware that any changes we make after that date could impact on a family's summer holiday plans (ie if we have to close a bubble towards the end of term, families would need to self-isolate which may mean cancelling holidays etc). Hence, instead of changing procedures for the final 3 weeks, we will continue to keep our restrictions in place until the end of term (eg Bubbles, staggered starts etc).

So, we will continue with events that we can complete safely and without risk to our families. For example:

Sports day will go ahead for our pupils so that they have the chance to compete and have fun, but unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Transition mornings will go ahead for the pupils to meet their new teachers but it will be conducted in a safe way to avoid the crossing of bubbles (the middle schools have all agreed that they will not have a transition day this term; year 4 children will have a dedicated year 5 transition day in September at their new school). We will continue to monitor the guidance, and will inform you if changes can be made. I really appreciate it your continued support; it has made a huge difference to me over the last extremely stressful 15 months!!!! Thank you.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) Week

This year's **STEM** week theme is going to be all about **FASHION** and to end the week we are going to have our very own upcycled fashion show. To enter the competition children will need to come to school on Friday 9th July with their own upcycled outfit. To upcycle clothes children can use recyclable materials or even old clothes to make their new fashionable outfits.

Each class will vote on their favourite costume and that child will win a prize.

Virtual Travel to Tokyo Challenge

Meadows First School will be taking part in Team GB and Paralympics GB's Virtual Travel to Tokyo Challenge and we're encouraging the entire school community to join in too!

We have turned the school into a Travel to Tokyo team and they will be making a 47,349 kilometre virtual journey around the world to reach Tokyo in time for the 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games. All you need to do is get active as a family and record your activity on our easy-to use Log Activity page.

To add to the excitement, each class will be competing against each other to see who is able to log the most activity - which class team can travel the furthest? You can keep track of our team's progress and check out the weekly prize on our School Dashboard. Select their team to see their journey across the world! You can get started by trying some fun Travel to Tokyo activity ideas.

All the physical activity your family does will count towards our team journey (eg if mums or dads go running- their miles will count). You don't need lots of equipment or space - playing in the park or having a dance off to your favourite song - if it gets your heart pumping, it all counts! Swimming lessons, football, gymnastics and rugby training all count too. We will also be logging activities that we do at school. As it will coincide with Walk to School week then we can count walking to school as an activity too!

While the aim is to encourage children to try new things, get active and have fun; we will be using it as a way of raising money for the school. This will be a sponsored event and we sent out the sponsor form for your child this week by email. Please support us in raising vital funds for our school.

There will also be great prizes to win, like fitness trackers and games hampers for the whole family.

Please send us photos and videos of you and your family getting active, so we can share how we're doing!

#TTTTYourWay All our classes are registered on the www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo website, so please visit there, click on "Families" and enter our school postcode B61 0AH to find our school. Then select your child's class and get going to log your first activity!

If anyone knows any local businesses who might be able to share a prize/gift voucher for our summer raffle please can they email friendsofmeadowsbromsgrove@gmail.com

Also, can we ask if anyone has a coin counting machine they could borrow w/c 7th June.

Key messages for parents re COVID

Although life is slowly returning to normal, guidance for schools remains the same (except the use of face masks for secondary pupils).

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.

Pupils who develop COVID-19 symptoms starting on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May will need to inform school if they subsequently test positive office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk. Pupils who develop COVID-19 symptoms after Sunday 30th and test positive will not need to inform school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national contact tracing service.

Growing for Wellbeing Week' is taking place on the 7th – 13th June. This has been set up by 'Life at No.27' <https://lifeatno27.com/national-growing-for-wellbeing-week/>. The week is a celebration of the magic that growing your own produce can do for your wellbeing, both physically and mentally. The theme is 'It's not what you grow, it's how YOU grow'.

A lunchtime supervisor role has just come available for Nursery (11.30-12.30 each day). Contact the school office if you are interested office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk



Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Franky D – making good choices and doing lovely writing. Everly P – for always being a super role model.
Cygnets	Poppy – writing beautiful sentences independently. Harry – fantastic counting in 2s.
Caterpillars	Bella – great enthusiasm with her reading. Jack – being determined to Remember his phonics.
Dragonflies	Jessica – great effort in all lessons. Corey – Hard work and good understanding in Maths.
Owls	Blake M – being enthusiastic & eager to read. Tegan – always being focused and challenging herself.
Hedgehogs	Dominic – being enthusiastic in PE. Eliza – being determined and focused in Maths.
Sharks	Noah S – always presenting his work to a high standard. Gabriel W – showing great determination with his writing
Dolphins	Ella P -great writing in Science. Bethany H – beautiful painting of a dandelion.
Jaguars	James – working hard on his beautiful handwriting. Frejya – being a kind friend and helping others.
Tigers	Harry W – being focused and determined in all lessons and always trying his best. Bobbie – writing a wonderful report on Dick Turpin with beautiful illustrations

Today has been 'Break the Rules Day' which was organised by Friends of Meadows. I would like to thank them very much for their support.



I hope that everyone has a sunny and happy half term break!