



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Welcome back after the half term break. We were all so lucky with the beautiful weather. I hope that you all managed to have some quality time with your family and friends.

We have recently had litter pickers and hi-viz jackets donated by Keep Bromsgrove Beautiful and Mr Rawlings (a parent at Meadows). As part of our Eco School actions this year we have signed up to the Great British Spring Clean from 28th May to 13th June, so each class will go on a litter pick around the school grounds during those two weeks to help to keep our community clean.



We have our own superhero in school. James in year 4 decided he wanted to clear the litter in his local area. He did one mile of litter picking - on the hour, every hour for 10 hours! His aim was to raise £50 towards a Meadows First School eco project, but he actually raised **£250!** A huge well done to James. It was great to hear him being interviewed by H and W radio to celebrate his achievement. He has donated this money to the school and the children have chosen to use the money to create a mini 'forest' area by the well-being garden.



Virtual Travel to Tokyo Challenge

Meadows First School are taking part in Team GB and Paralympics GB's Virtual Travel to Tokyo challenge and we are so pleased to see the entire school community joining in too.

We are all part of a Travel to Tokyo team and aim to complete the 47,349 kilometre virtual journey around the world to reach Tokyo in time for the 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games. All the physical activity your family does counts towards our team journey (eg if mums or dads go running- your miles will count).

Each class is competing against each other to see who is able to log the most activity. The results so far are:

- 1st Tigers
- 2nd Caterpillars
- 3rd Cygnets

Sponsor forms have been distributed to each child, so that we can raise money for new PE equipment and playtime equipment for the children. We are asking for the sponsor money be in by 28th June please at the latest.

Thank you

STEM- (science, technology, engineering and maths):

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.

The **Big Bee Challenge** is Radio 2's brand new competition for kids, in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. It has been developed as a fun and creative way to learn more about bees and other insects that help provide much of the food we eat, and are essential for a healthy environment. It is for children aged between the ages of 6 and 12; the challenge is to design a bright, buzzy garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects. The winner's design will be built by the RHS at an NHS Trust site which is used by children and young people with mental health needs. It's super simple to enter. Click the link, download the garden design entry form and paint, sketch or draw a gorgeous garden place to rest and lay their eggs. Before you send your entry into Radio 2, please photograph it and email it to your teacher so that we can see the designs in school.

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2qk4dDdJJdsVFmCLhZ7RwmW/how-to-enter

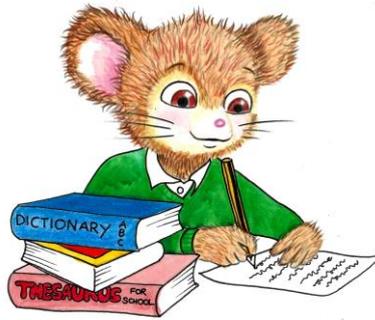
Key messages for parents re COVID

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.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Georgia – being a fantastic role model. Henry – contributing lovely ideas to Class discussions.
Cygnets	Jack – trying so very, very hard with his handwriting. Ella Bo – having a beautiful smile and sharing it with so many people.
Caterpillars	Thomas – staying focused and trying hard in every lesson.
Dragonflies	Isabelle – determination in maths to learn language of position & direction. Leo – excellent reading progress, so determined! Harriet – great focus in English when writing.
Owls	Evan J – excellent adding using a number line. Sam W – always giving maximum effort in every subject.
Hedgehogs	Marley – being focused in Maths. Reuben – being enthusiastic in English.
Sharks	Isabella W – always giving 100% focus in her work. Imogen G – always presenting her work beautifully.
Dolphins	Oliver OB – great attitude and hard work in Maths. Sam K – fantastic focus and answering more questions.
Jaguars	Rosie & Stanley – great thinking in Science.
Tigers	Marin A – working hard in lessons and trying his best. Seth P – being a sensible member of tigers who works hard and is always enthusiastic.



NSPCC Parenting Online

NSPCC have developed a support website for helping parents keep their children safe online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

From giving schoolchildren the tools to understand what abuse is, and how to speak out, to the Childline service, which gives young people a voice, the NSPCC have developed a lot of help and advice pages for parents. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>