



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We are pleased to announce that we have once again sent work into an art exhibition called 'Young Voices New Visions' which is hosted by Worcester Cathedral. This is a fabulous showcase of art work selected from schools across the county and you can see representation from some of our children in this wonderful setting. Covid-19 guidelines have been followed, but you can visit this FREE exhibition from **20 June 2021 to 11 July 2021**.

Virtual Travel to Tokyo Challenge

Meadows First School are still taking part in Team GB and Paralympics GB's virtual Travel to Tokyo Challenge. Tigers, Caterpillars and Cygnets have already made it all the way to Tokyo. Dolphins, Hedgehogs and Goslings are really close. Keep going everyone! As a school we have travelled the equivalent of 455,705kms.

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.

We have completed sports days this week. We are **so sorry** that parents couldn't attend, but our priority was for the children to have their sports day and they had great fun. We fully understand the frustration felt by parents when they see large groups watching the Euros and parents being able to watch sporting events at weekends, but we have to follow current DFE guidance for schools which states: 'mass gathering with more than one group should be avoided...'

These create the risk of infection transmission with the subsequent self-isolation impacting on family holidays.... Any events planned must be in line with national guidance; groups of no more than 30 people and all encouraged to maintain social distancing.' We have many local schools who have closed bubbles over the last 2 weeks- one school has had 20 positive cases this week and has closed the whole of key stage 2. Thank you for your support in being careful and helping us to keep our school open. Well done to all the children for joining in so well with the sports day events this week; they were all superstars.

Have a lovely weekend everyone !

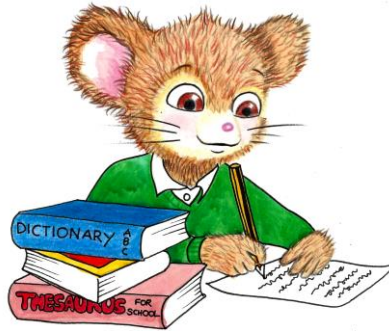




Key messages for parents re COVID

Friday saw the return of our Nursery children after the ten-day self-isolation period; it was so lovely to have them back. Thank you to the Nursery staff who have tried to keep in touch with their children via zoom and Tapestry. Thank you also to all the parents who are continuing to keep children at home if they are displaying any symptoms, including colds and headaches – we need to be vigilant especially with the sudden rise in cases (particularly in the Bromsgrove area).

Although life is slowly returning to normal, guidance for schools remains the same and in addition all staff wear masks in communal areas. Guidance states that PPE should not be worn in classrooms.



Meadows Mouse Awards

- Goslings** Isobella - always sitting so beautifully and smartly. Jessica - being so helpful to her friends.
- Cygnets** Hollie - excellent reading in our Phonics sessions. Emily - putting so much effort into her writing.
- Caterpillars** Chase - trying hard with his reading. Lana - being very enthusiastic during Sports Day.
- Dragonflies** Isaac & Tulashee - super progress in year 1 in all areas.
- Owls** Megan J - trying very hard to improve her handwriting, Harvey - super knowledge of the 7 continents.
- Hedgehogs** Archie - being enthusiastic and determined in English & Maths.
Tia - focused and enthusiastic on Sports Day.
- Sharks** Amilie-Louise C - settling into her new class so confidently. Josh D - always showing great focus and determination in lessons.
- Dolphins** Lizzie J - great enthusiasm for reading. Samuel A - sharing his ideas in class discussions.
- Jaguars** Sonny - for amazing effort on Sports Day. Connor - determination in his distance run.
- Tigers** Kelsey M - always trying her best and never giving up. Brandon P - writing a hilarious recount of 'After the Fall'.

Have you heard about AlpacaCafe? Lots of our children have visited it. It is a cafe with a twist- there is a herd of alpacas for you to hang out with.
<https://alpacaCafe.co.uk/>

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Make AlpacaCafe your next walking destination. Enjoy a brew with a view and even meet an Alpaca too!
 AlpacaCafe is a cafe with a twist. Not only do we sell tasty coffee and treats - we also have a growing herd of alpacas for you to hang out with.

We are located in Dodford, on the edge of Perryfields. Just off Perryfields Road/Fockbury Mill Lane.
 Due to our rural location, we kindly request no vehicle transport, instead, why not use a visit to AlpacaCafe to get in your 10 000 steps and as a great way to explore the local countryside.

Tiggywinkles, Bumble Hole Lane, Dodford, Bromsgrove B61 9PA

The Cafe is open for takeaway coffee and snacks!
Friday 12:00 - 18:00 | Saturday 10:00 - 18:00 | Sunday 10:00 - 16:00
 Check our Facebook page for updates and opening times during school holidays: AlpacaCafe

Alpacas & Co. - ALPACA EXPERIENCES

Get some hands on experience and book an alpaca walk with us by calling: **07927 379029** or contact us via Facebook: **Alpacas & Co.**

All experiences must be pre-booked and a time slot confirmed in advance.

Check out our Facebook page for further details: Alpacas & Co.

Price List:

- Alpaca lead - £12.50 (min. age 12+ and must be accompanied by an adult) *
- Spectator - £10.00 (min. age 8+) **
- Family ticket - £40.00 (2x Alpaca Lead + 2x spectators (age 8-12))

* minimum of 2x alpacas must be booked per group as animals will not walk without an alpaca friend
 ** no more than 1x spectator ticket per Alpaca



Family Activity Sheet – Social media

This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about social media and how to help your child be safer when chatting and sharing online.

Conversation starters

Here are some questions you can ask to start a conversation:

If they use social media:

- Ask about their favourite app or site. What do they like about it?
- What are the positive and negatives of social media? What advice would they give to one of their friends if they were experiencing something negative on social media?

If they don't use social media:

- Ask what social media sites they have heard of.
- Ask about what it means to be a good friend online. How would they deal with disagreements or what they would do if one of their friends was mean to them.?

Online safety action

Pick one of these actions to do as a family:

- Visit our [Thinkuknow website](#) and search for tips on how to be safe when playing games for different ages, by typing 'live stream' into the search box.
- If your child wants to sign up to a social media account, make sure you check it out together, including the age requirements. O2 and NSPCC's [Net Aware](#) can help with this.
- If you and your child are on social media already, take some time to check your friendships, privacy settings and the things you have posted. Are you happy that only the people you want to see your stuff – can see it, and have you asked permission from others if you have shared pictures of them?

Fun family task

Social media charades.

Act out things you can do on social media and the names of some of the most popular apps. The person who guesses the most – wins!

More information for parents and carers

For more information about this and other ways to help your child stay safe online, you can visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

You can also read our article : [Is your child ready for social media?](#)

