



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



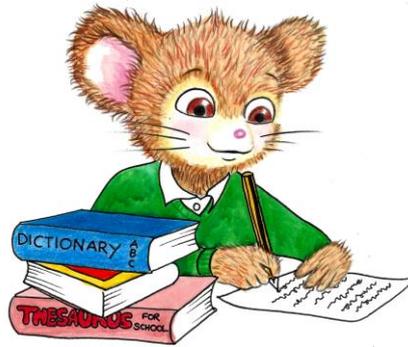
A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have been told by PHE that Birmingham is an Enhanced Support Area and Birmingham City Council has said: "The government has issued new advice on travel and socialising, including minimising travel into and out of the area and not taking unnecessary journeys." Over the last 2 weeks, Bromsgrove has seen a high increase in cases. Unfortunately, we have had to close several bubbles this week at Meadows, which we are so upset about; however their teachers will be doing daily meet ups to keep in touch. Parkside and other local schools have also had numerous positive cases. If anyone in your household has symptoms and is taking a test, **please keep your child at home** until you have the results. Also, if your child has symptoms (which now include a headache or sore throat, as well as the symptoms already associated with COVID), please keep them at home until you are sure that it is not COVID. If you have a child who has to self-isolate at home, they cannot come to school to collect siblings etc. We need to keep the vulnerable people in our community safe. We have currently been advised by LORT to keep all procedures in place until the end of term (which I know is difficult to comprehend, when we are seeing full capacity at sporting events), but hopefully by September we can return to some sort of normality. My priority is to keep the school open to as many pupils as possible over the last two weeks of term, and to minimise the risk of people not being able to go on holiday when school finishes due to being in contact with a positive case and having to self-isolate. Keep safe everyone, and **THANK YOU** for your support. The lovely, thoughtful and positive comments I have received this week have helped during a very difficult and stressful time.

We have had a superb STEAM (science, technology, engineering, Art and maths) week, which culminated this week with a recycling outfits day. The outfits were fabulous. I'm just very sad that all children were not in school to show them off, but I have loved the photos sent in by email. Thank you! Here are some of the great examples.







Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Phoebe P - setting such a good example to her peers. Freya L - always trying her best with everything she does.
Cygnets	Zach A - consistently trying his best & being a wonderfully responsible class member. Ella-Rose - having a super attitude to learning
Caterpillars	Noah - problem solving and construction skills. Lilly-May G - great enthusiasm during STEM week.
Dragonflies	Anna T & Joshua - super DT skills in STEAM week.
Owls	Stanley - designing and making a creative pirate outfit. Shahraan - excellent sewing skills.
Hedgehogs	Leo F - enthusiasm and focus with sewing. William - his determination and resilience in Maths.
Sharks	Charlie H for working carefully and scientifically on his STEM experiments. Harry P- creating an engaging fact page about Mary Quant.
Dolphins	Ava W - being kind and supportive to others. Noah L - consistent hard work and being a great example to others.
Jaguars	Ava C - super ideas in DT for her tie dye. Oscar D - trying hard in DT to develop his skills.
Tigers	Cobie - being kind to his class mates during sewing and helping out wherever he can. James G - being a sewing champion and creating a wonderful money wallet.

Reports:

Your Child's teacher will have emailed out your Child's school report to you this week. We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this by completing the return slip or by emailing your comments back. If you would like a further consultation or meeting about the report, this can be done either by telephone or by emailing the teacher

Key messages for parents re COVID

Financial support for people required to self-isolate A reminder for parents that the £500 Test and Trace Support Payment is still available for people on low incomes who have to self-isolate due to coronavirus (COVID-19). You may be eligible if you are employed or self-employed, cannot work from home, and will lose income as a result. You can only apply if you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, notified to self-isolate by the NHS COVID-19 app, or are the parent or guardian of a child who has been told to self-isolate. If you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, you're legally required to do so. If you've been notified by the NHS COVID-19 app to self-isolate and you apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment, you will be legally required to self-isolate. Access details on who can apply and how to apply

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>



Our famous litter pickers who were on Hereford and Worcester radio last week being interviewed about their mission to keep our environment clean and tidy. Well done to our year 4s



Come on England. Registration will be open until 9.30 on Monday morning!



ACTIVITIES AND INSPIRATION



Football shirt origami

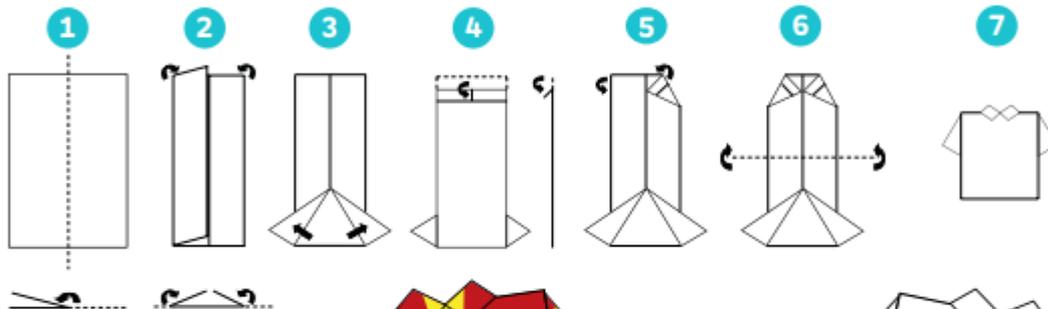
Age 5-11

With the finals of the Euros taking place on the 11th of July, celebrate all the teams that took part with your breakfast club by getting them to create their own football shirt out of paper.

Your pupils will need:

- o A4 paper
- o Pens, pencils, or other craft materials

Follow these instructions to create a football shirt out of a piece of A4 paper.



Below are the flags of the 24 football teams that qualified for this year's Euros. Get students to pick a country and decorate their football shirt based on its flag – encourage them to think about the colours and shapes it uses.



Austria



Belgium



Croatia



Czech Republic



Denmark



England



Finland



France



Germany



Hungary



Italy



N. Macedonia



Netherlands



Poland



Portugal



Russia



Scotland



Slovakia



Spain



Sweden



Switzerland



Turkey



Ukraine



Wales