



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

This week we have had a School Improvement Advisor visit the school to monitor the standard of education provided at Meadows. He completed observations in classrooms, monitored children's books, interviewed members of staff about the curriculum, and spent time with senior leaders to check safeguarding, school improvement planning and to monitor pupil progress. He was extremely positive about the school; he was very complimentary about children's behaviour, the calm and purposeful atmosphere in classrooms, the children's focus on learning, the high-quality work seen in children's books, the school environment, and the clear strategic plan that the school has developed to ensure it provides the best educational outcomes for our pupils. It was great to have such positive feedback after the last 18 challenging months that we have all experienced; I want to say a huge thank you to the staff at Meadows for their continued hard work in ensuring that our children have such a great educational experience at Meadows. He said that it had been a pleasure to visit such a fabulous school.

Mrs Rowley and Mrs Dodman would like to say thank you also to the parents who joined our SEN forum group this week. Thank you for the positive comments received regarding our SEN provision. We look forward to working with this group to make sure our provision continues to be of a high quality.



Pumpkin carving competition to support 'MIND'

The Boat Shack café at Upton Warren is trying to raise funds for 'MIND', a charity that supports mental health and wellbeing. They are hosting a special event for Hallowe'en and need lots of carved pumpkins to line a hiking trail around the lake (see link on the picture). They would like all of the children to carve a pumpkin and bring it into school on Thursday 21st October. The pumpkins will then be judged and there will be prizes for Early Years, Key stage 1 and Key stage 2. The Boat Shack will collect all the pumpkins to use around the lake for this event (sorry, no pumpkins will be returned - but you can view them all at the Boat Shack if you go along to the event).

Thank you for the Harvest donations. Catshill Food bank were very appreciative and have said that the contributions will support many families in need.



A promotional graphic for 'The Worcestershire Inclusive Choir'. It features a collage of photos showing people playing instruments and singing. The text includes 'The Worcestershire Inclusive Choir', 'Face to face sessions in Worcester on Saturdays, 11am-12noon.', 'Join online today!', and the website 'www.soundabout.org.uk/inclusive-choir-west-midlands'. Logos for 'Worcestershire mac', 'soundabout', and 'Severn Arts' are also present.

Worcestershire Inclusive Choir

Sign up today - no auditions, and FREE to join!

The choir, to celebrate that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice, is open to young people of all abilities aged 25 years and under, and their families.

In person sessions every four weeks at Warndon Community Centre, Shap Drive, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9NX. West Midlands online sessions every fortnight.

All sessions (in person and online) are on Saturdays from 11am – 12noon.

Anyone wishing to sign up to Worcestershire Inclusive Choir can do so via the Severn Arts website

<https://www.severnarts.org.uk/worcestershire-inclusive-choir>

Worcestershire Inclusive Choir has been set up by Severn Arts (lead for Worcestershire Music Education Hub) in partnership with Soundabout and MAC Makes Music celebrating that everyone has their own way of sharing their voice.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	William and Bronson - being absolute superstars in Phonics.
Goslings	Penny - trying hard with her letter formation. Robin for making great choices to extend her learning.
Caterpillars	Oliver B - gaining confidence to ask questions to help him with his work. Lily-Jane E - gaining confidence to work independently.
Dragonflies	Phoebe - super enthusiasm in all lessons. Benno - excellent work in Maths.
Owls	Tillie - showing super enthusiasm, especially in English & using some brilliant language in her sentences. Noah - showing great determination in all lessons, especially when trying to solve some tricky problems in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Aiden L & Eden C - massive effort they've put into their handwriting this week.
Sharks	Kiran M - sharing his ideas more in lessons. Torben S - great inference and prediction skills in English.
Dolphins	William B - working incredibly hard on his times tables. Lauren M - always taking pride in the presentation of her work.
Jaguars	Millie - being determined and focused in Maths. Bella - working with super focus on her Anglo Saxon illuminated letter.
Tigers	Jack P - brilliant work in maths & trying hard with handwriting. Ailsa - writing a wonderful handwriting story.

NETFLIX

Parental Controls on Netflix:

Some parents have contacted us about how to put controls into devices to ensure pupils do not have access to watch inappropriate Netflix programmes, such as *Squid Games*. The following details guidance to set up Netflix parent controls:

1. Go to [Netflix.com/account](https://www.netflix.com/account).
2. Scroll to 'Profile & Parental Controls' and click on the profile you want to manage.
3. Click 'Change' next to the Viewing Restrictions setting.
4. Enter your Netflix password.
5. Set the maturity rating for the programmes and films you want to allow in that profile



Mini Bus

The school mini bus is for sale, please contact Mrs Slack in the school office for details.

Our children contributed some leaves with messages of hope to Worcester Cathedral's memorial project. Here are photos the finalised displays.

THE LEAVES OF THE TREES

A reflective memorial

The Leaves of the Trees exhibition took place in Worcester Cathedral throughout August with the leaves displayed in the Lady Chapel. The display consisted of 5,000 steel sycamore leaves each with the word HOPE.

As part of the exhibition local schools and visitors were encouraged to engage with the reflective aim through replica paper leaves.



Engaging with the Memorial

In July 2021 over 60 schools and more than 7,000 students in Worcestershire and Dudley were sent the paper leaves. Students then added their hopes, thanks and memorials to their leaves. A further 3,000 were then made available for visitors to the Cathedral throughout August.

About 20,000 people visited the Cathedral during August and viewed both the leaves exhibition and the reflective display.



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