



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We welcome you all back to school for a new half term. As we approach Christmas, we have some exciting things planned for the children over the coming weeks. We shall inform you of these in the forthcoming newsletters. You may have noticed that we have a new shed on our playground at the front of the school. This is going to be developed as a Reading Shed for children to access at breaktimes. We want to make it a comfy environment for children to sit and read if they would like to. We hope that with the support of 'FRIENDS' any money raised in future events will help us to stock the shed with books.



Pyjamas for Pudsey: Friday 19th November is Children In Need Day- children can come to school in their pyjamas in exchange for a donation to the 'children In need' charity.

GATES: We have a new gate on the year 1/2 playground, which we hope will ease the congestion of the one-way system around school. Can parents of year 1 and year 2 children please use the NEW gate (by the pirate boat) to exit the playground in the mornings and afternoons after dropping off or collecting children from school. The entrance gate onto the playground will remain the same. Reception and Nursery parents will be the only ones that will now carry on and leave via the Nursery playground and gate. Thank you



PREM aware Award – we have been awarded the 'premature aware award' by the smallest things charity in recognition of the steps we have taken to support the educational and social developmental needs of children born prematurely. On average there are 2-3 children in a typical classroom who are born before 37 weeks. All staff have received training and have increased understanding about how to support these children on their education journey. If you would like to find out more, please contact the SEN team.



PASTORAL SUPPORT in school: These are some of the comments we received after a recent visit from the lead at county who looked at our pastoral care in school.

- I feel extremely privileged to have visited Meadows First School for the morning. It is evident that at the core of the school ethos is the power of relationships, this can be seen through the 'open door' policy, the daily meet and greets for all children, allocation of emotionally available adults and targeted interventions.
- The children's voice is clearly captured.
- The learning environment was calm, nurturing, thought provoking and all children presented relaxed and happy.
- Meadows First school is inclusive and clearly has a culture of warmth, high aspiration and positive social engagement. It is evident through all the interventions, provisions and assembly themes that the emotional well-being of children and staff is given top priority.
- Thank you for creating such a safe enabling environment, what a difference you are making'

As head teacher, I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff for their hard work for providing such a calm and nurturing environment for our children.

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Be Bright,
Be Seen

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Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Sadie - superb spelling and attitude to learning. Jaxon - always trying his best & being a super member of Cygnets.
Goslings	Myles - enthusiasm and great knowledge in the firefighter visit. Bella-Rose - super name writing.
Caterpillars	Jax H C - great enthusiasm to learn. Ethan A - settling down happily to his work.
Dragonflies	Olivia - being so kind and helpful in class. Jasmin - great focus in all areas.
Owls	Harriet & Ted - being very enthusiastic in all lessons and showing great reasoning in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Lily S - amazing writing in English lessons. Harry S - always challenging himself in Maths.
Sharks	Evie C - being really determined with her reading. Kaius G - working really hard with his addition and subtraction.
Dolphins	Oscar J - excellent work on column addition. Alex P - fabulous non fiction writing about the skeleton.
Jaguars	Charlie N - super focus in Maths. Charlie M - representing Meadows at the Children's Parliament.
Tigers	Sam A - writing a wonderful recount of the Wolf and the Lamb. Phoebe - always working hard in lessons and being focused.

If your child displays any of the symptoms below they should not attend school and a PCR test is recommended.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are: a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, and a loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Additional symptoms: runny nose, headache, nausea, sickness and diarrhoea, lethargy or a rash on torso

Meadows First School took part in the World's First Virtual Children's Parliament for COP26 Backed by Wakelet, Microsoft 365 and The Express



Just three days before the start of the COP26 United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow, 650 British children, matched to Adult MPs in the British Parliament, were part of the world's first virtual children's parliament for 7 - 11 year olds. Meadows First School was been selected as one of the schools to be involved in the live event represented by Charlie from year 4. Children at Meadows helped prepare Charlie for the Children's Parliament by thinking about a range of issues around Climate Change and what they thought should be done to help make the world a better place to live in.

The late Sir David Amess, who was so tragically killed last week, was due to be MP Champion for the event. The Children's Parliament mirrors closely Sir David's enthusiasm for both children and parliamentary process and will continue as a tribute to him. Sir David Amess said "I started out in politics at school at the age of 11 in Mock elections at St. Bonaventure's in Forest Gate, which took place in 1964 and 1966. In my opinion, the earlier young people get involved in politics the better."

David Davis MP (former shadow Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union) answered questions live on the debate and Prime Minister Boris Johnson gave an introduction.

The 90-minute Microsoft Teams virtual 'parliamentary' session was held at 5pm on Friday 29th October 2021 in a British House of Commons-style virtual 'chamber', with half of the children aged from 7 to 11 years of age representing Her Majesty's Opposition and half Her Majesty's Government.

The key topics of debate were Climate Change, but they also touched on other issues such as our Covid-19 response. Pivotal questions pertaining to the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference being put to a vote. **A big 'thank you' goes to Charlie for representing us!**