



# Meadows First School

## Weekly Newsletter



WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD  
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood  
and lived in this school.



14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have had another busy week in Meadows. The weather has been beautiful, and the children have enjoyed playing out in the winter sunshine. I hope you are all keeping well; thank you for keeping us informed of positive cases and for continuing to support us in keeping the school community safe.



At Meadows, we believe that well-being and nurture is important for all the children in our school, especially during the pandemic. We have recently introduced a new PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) scheme called 'Jigsaw'. This incorporates a mindful approach, bringing together PSHE, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning. It links to our well-being wheel and of course, to Meadows Mouse, who is already well known and recognised by our children. Children have the opportunity to talk about their feelings and emotions in class and as part of small groups.

Part of wellbeing and nurture is of course, safety, which includes online safety. In order to keep your child safe when using devices you can access this app: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/own-it-app> - a great app that gives you advice when you need it, in real-time as you type! It prompts children when they type anything that is inappropriate.

On a further note on safety, can I politely ask that you wear masks on the school grounds. Thank you!



Nursery enjoyed their first excursion out of school this week by visiting the local library. They talked about simple maps and road safety in the classroom before venturing out. They really enjoyed their visit and exploration of books and hope to make this a regular occurrence.

We would also like to let you know that Miss Pritchard has left Meadows to start her maternity leave this week; we look forward to hearing the happy news about an additional family member soon. I would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Ashton who will be taking over from Miss Pritchard and teaching in year three on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We will be doing the Big School Birdwatch in year 4 gardening club during the week beginning 24th Jan to check out the different birds visiting our school grounds.

All families can also join in with the Big Garden Birdwatch - a great bit of citizen science- from 28th-30th Jan at home or in an outdoor space. To find out more visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>





## Family Learning Courses

JANUARY - APRIL 2022

Courses are **FREE** if you meet  
our criteria

If your child displays any of the symptoms below, they must NOT attend school and a PCR test is strongly recommended:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change, in sense of smell or taste

Additional symptoms might be a runny nose, headache, nausea, diarrhoea, lethargy, a rash on the torso.

### Courses just for parents to support their child with school

English & Maths in Key Stage 1 for Parents

Maths in Early Years for Parents

Maths in Key Stage 2 and 3 for Parents

Phonics in the Early Years for Parents

English in Key Stage 2 & 3 for Parents

Art in Key Stage 1 and 2 for Parents

### Courses just for parents to support their child at home

Family Wellness Course for Parents and Carers

Art for your child – Ideas for Parents

Art for Parents and Carers

### Courses for parents to enjoy with their child

Cook with your Family for Parents and Children

Cooking Creatively

### Supporting you with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

SEND - Managing Mindfulness

SEND – Understanding Dyslexia

Communicating with Deaf or Hearing-Impaired people

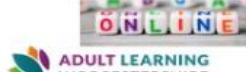


This course is **FREE** if you feel it will improve your health and wellbeing

Courses are **FREE** if you are unemployed and on benefits or you earn less than £17,000 per year.

Courses are also **FREE** if your child receives a Free School Meal or is known to the school SENCO

Please book onto each course by searching for the course title at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call 01905 728537



Most of our courses are online. We offer support in joining us via: phone, tablet, iPad or laptop.



### Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Devon - really kind, friendly and helpful to children and grown-ups. Joshi - responding so well to classroom routines.
Goslings	Sophie - being an excellent friend & always caring. Charlie - great Science interest when talking about why water freezes and melts.
Caterpillars	Khalifa W - using his phonics to read longer words. Georgia F - trying hard in maths adding and subtracting.
Dragonflies	Ava & Jack - super, determined work in English.
Owls	Ruby - showing amazing determination and imagination in her story retell. Georgie - always being Enthusiastic and sharing so many ideas in class discussions.
Hedgehogs	Rosie K - for her phonics, writing and enthusiasm in all subjects. Aidan W - amazing storytelling.
Sharks	Shahraan Q - showing amazing enthusiasm with his reading quizzes. Tegan S - being organised and focused in class.
Dolphins	Harvey A - fantastic reading and story telling. Reuben O - composing brilliant sentences in English
Jaguars	Aila & Naz - a fantastic thank you letter.
Tigers	Arthur D - determination when swimming. Izzy W - fantastic sewing in DT.