



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

World Down Syndrome Day is Monday 21st March. To raise awareness of Down syndrome., we are joining the LotsOfSocks campaign. All the children need to do is choose some socks that are going to get noticed on 21/3/22 - they might be mismatched socks or their craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes their fancy!

On Thursday we have an author Andy Seed coming in to talk to the children about his experiences of writing books and the importance of reading for pleasure. You can see his website <https://www.andyseed.com/> which shows you some of the books that he has written. His sessions with the children will be interactive, and will include what authors do and how books are made.

A polite reminder: can parents please inform the office if their child is absent due to illness rather than emailing the class teacher. Either phone 01527872508 to leave a message or email our attendance officer on LCarthey@meadows.worcs.sch.uk or email the office office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk

Can parents please discourage their children from playing on the reception playground when they drop their children off at school; the activities are set up for the children to use during the day.

Year 4 residential to Blackwell: thank you to Mr Tunnicliffe, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Dodman, Mrs Jiggins, Mr Wilbrooke and Mr Watts for giving up their own time to take the children on the year 4 residential. Thank you also to Mrs Beck for organising the trip. I'm so pleased we have been able to run the residential visit for the children this year.

COVID: We have had numerous children and staff off this week after testing positive for COVID and with sickness. Thank you so much for your support in keeping your child at home if they are unwell; this helps to stop the spread and helps me to keep the school open for all children.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Edward & Bjorn - working so hard with their writing.
Goslings	Finleigh - learning super facts about sea creatures. Jack - super writing in his Creature Report.
Caterpillars	Isabelle V - great focus in science lessons. Thomas L - working hard in maths and spelling.
Dragonflies	Hollie - super work in Maths and English. Zachary - great phonics and reading.
Owls	Mya - super enthusiasm, ideas and language in her writing. Oscar - always being so determined and focussed to succeed in every lesson.
Hedgehogs	Gina - for her focus and the great care she took with all her artwork this week. Harry - enthusiasm in English lessons.
Sharks	Oscar M - always presenting his work beautifully. Billie H - showing great determination & always trying her hardest.
Dolphins	Ellie S & Lauren M - writing a very entertaining set of instructions.
Jaguars	Skye - always giving her best in class. Charlie - super focus in lessons.
Tigers	Finlay H - working really hard in all lessons and always trying his best. Riley Jake J - thinking of some amazing ideas when creating his very own dragon.



Signed books from author Andy Seed

Children's author **Andy Seed** will be working with the children of Meadows First School on Thursday 24th March. Here's your opportunity to buy a signed book:



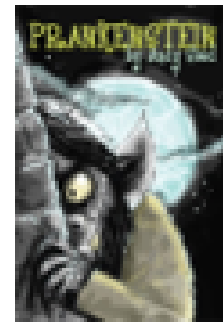
Find out all about tigers in this funny feast of wildlife facts. Includes interviews with a wolf, lion, polar bear and snow leopard plus more!
Hardback / One of Goodreads' top 100 books of 2021
£9 (ages 6+)



NEW! Find out all about sharks in this funny feast of wildlife facts. Includes interviews with an orca, blue whale, giant squid, narwhal plus more!
Hardback / Brilliant colour pictures by Nick East
£9 (ages 6+)



This laugh-out-loud book is bursting with lies, facts, jokes and true stories all about silly people, silly animals, silly inventions, silly words and much more.
Winner of the 2015 Blue Peter Book Award!
£7 (ages 7+)



A funny mystery slang. When Soapy Thompson's granny is shot through the roof on a turbo-charged stairlift he knows that something is not right. Someone is playing incredible pranks - but who? Soapy and his friends set out to solve the mystery. £5 (ages 7+)

Why encourage your child to read?

Children who read for enjoyment make better progress in English and Maths. They have higher levels of knowledge and understanding and more imagination.

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10-year olds who read for enjoyment are on average 1.3 years ahead of non-reading peers.
(Source: The Reading Agency, National Literacy Trust, The Open University)

Why encourage your child to read?

- Reading reduces stress
- It improves mental health
- It helps children build good relationships

Information about payment

- Children should bring payment in **cash on the day** (Thursday 24th March)
- Money must be in a **labelled envelope** with the following information:
 - child's name
 - class
 - name of book/books purchased
 - amount enclosed
- Please send the **exact amount**, thank you.

Please note change of date:
Author is now coming into school on **Thursday 24th March**

You can read more about Andy's books at www.andyseed.com



You may have seen sunflowers on windows around the school. These are to show our support for children around the world who are caught up in conflict.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child





Friends of Meadows

To enter the Friends of Meadows Easter raffle, please follow the link below:

<https://raffall.com//293908/enter-raffle-to-win-easter-raffle-hosted-by-friends-of-meadows>



Easter Raffle

Prizes include:

Easter Egg Bundles ◊ Wellbeing gift set ◊ Planted arrangement
◊ Webb's Voucher ◊ Bromsgrove Sporting signed shirt

Raffle Tickets go on sale online from 21st March 2022
drawn 4th April 2022

Non-Uniform Day

8th April 2022

All donations welcome
Fundraising activities to purchase
new equipment for School

