



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

What a busy week we have had in Meadows! Year 4 are busy rehearsing for their Leavers' Assembly. Reception and year one had a visit from the police today; don't worry- no one was in trouble 😊. The children asked the police officers lots of questions, they heard about how to keep themselves safe and saw the police car with sirens!

This week years 3 and 4 had Flat Stanley First Aid Training, which provided the children with information about how to deal with various first aid situations (an important life skill).

End of year reports will be sent out by email on Tuesday. Children will be informed of their new class teachers on Friday.

The cost of school uniform can be a burden to parents, yet many children grow out of their uniform long before it reaches the end of its life. This year, we are offering a second-hand uniform sale at school to support parents with the cost, while at the same time raising money for the school and keeping perfectly usable items out of landfill and reducing our waste. If you have uniform that you feel is in good condition and can be donated, please bring it into school by Thursday 7th July so that it can be separated into ages prior to the sale. The sale will take place 13th July after school.

2nd Hand Uniform



Swap, don't shop!

Badged PE tops / Badged Jumpers / Book Bags

Friends of Meadows will run the stall after school
on Thursday the 13th of July, outside the main
office.

Donations Welcome!

*Please bring in any good quality, clean, badged
items into school by Thursday 7th of July



Year 4 Leavers' events:

Bellboating Regatta is on 7/7/22 at The Lakeside. Our first race is 11.10am- you are welcome to watch but will need to pay for parking prior to arrival. Children should wear sports clothes and a showerproof jacket on this day. They will need to wear sun cream, and will need to bring a snack and a packed lunch. The event finishes at 2pm, and children will be back in school for usual pick up time.

Our Leavers' Assembly is on 14th July at 1.30 in the large hall, followed by a picnic on the field (weather permitting) otherwise we will have it in the classrooms. Please bring a picnic etc for you and your child on that day if you wish to join us.

A Leavers' Disco is on Wednesday 13th July at 4.15- 5.30.

Leavers' Trip: Year 4 will be going to the Sealife Centre on 19th July (they can wear their own clothes). Children can bring £5 if they wish to buy anything from the shop.

Year 4 are having a sports morning on Wednesday 20th July- the children will need to wear sports clothes on that day.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Connie & Asha – writing amazing promises.
Goslings	Henry – amazing effort in reading. Sami – super problem solving in maths.
Caterpillars	Laurie H – showing good focus in all lessons. Dexter L – beautiful presentation in his books.
Dragonflies	Zachary L – great writing. Poppy – super progress in all areas.
Owls	Layla – super focus and determination to solve tricky Maths problems this week. Ruby – always showing enthusiasm in all her lessons and sharing great ideas.
Hedgehogs	Aiden L – enthusiasm with Maths. Lily S – hard work in Geography.
Sharks	Alfie N D – excellent shape work in Maths. Blake M – positive and happy attitude.
Dolphins	Joseph E – working hard and being an amazing helper around the classroom. Jessica T – working so hard on her handwriting.
Jaguars	Poppy & Skye – super ideas for their kite designs.
Tigers	Jamie M – always working hard in all lessons and making a brilliant kite prototype. Phoebe B – brilliant acting in the school play and for an amazing kite prototype.



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



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of our games which we believe to be a safe adult should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **MINECRAFT**



Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities (like homework or enjoying family time).

SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child-friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by noise – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unsettle young ones.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lot of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of annoying zombies or creepers damaging your build.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

Meet Our Expert

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