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# Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

*Spring Term Edition*

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children*

## Message from the Head

*As a staff, we are visiting the Education Show in Birmingham tomorrow. Each member of staff will be visiting at least one seminar of their choice, as well as accessing a wealth of new ideas from education stallholders. We hope it will be a productive and inspiring day.*

## Meadowside Class News.

### Reception – What's The Story?

This week there was a packet of turnip seeds in our once upon a time box. We are all hoping to grow some enormous turnips. After last week when we got fit like the Gingerbread man we have gone on to think about healthy eating. Everyone brought in some vegetables for us to try draw and use to make delicious vegetable soup. In maths we have been looking at shapes and filling in tally charts.

### Years 1 & 2 – Monster mayhem

In Year 1 we were very excited to start creating our monster costumes. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far and for our other offers of help. In English this week we have loved hearing the story of Alfred and Susie in 'The night of the paper bag monsters.' We have written letters to convince them to be friends again and compared their final costumes. In Maths we have enjoyed giving each other directions and have learnt how to find our left and right using our hands. Ask your child to show you how!

In Year 2 this week was the week we have been waiting for! The week we start over costume making. On Monday we all studied our designs carefully and began to gather the embellishments for our designs. Next comes the fixing together.... If you are able to come and help us with this aspect of our DT, we would welcome you on Monday or Wednesday afternoons next week.

### Year 3 & 4 – What's the Attraction

In Year 3 it's been great fun designing, creating and making magnetic games. We had to use the knowledge gained from our science challenges, linked to magnets, to ensure our game would work effectively. We can't wait to play our games with reception children!

Our computer games are also coming along nicely on Purple mash and we will be launching them to the fairground soon! Our new book on English "Lean and the place between" has captured our imagination and we have added our own circus acts to the book too!

In Year 4 Cherry Abdul Kazam has caused a stir as he has wowed us with his magic. Children enjoyed sharing a range of magnetic games they made with peers from Y4 Oak, Y5 and Y6.

We have enjoyed writing fairground poetry and writing play scripts. In mathematics, we have been converting units of measure, mm to cm, litres to ml, km to m, kg to g and vice versa. We have launches multiplier ninjas in Year 4 Cherry. Keep practising those timetable facts up to 12 x 12 and the corresponding division facts. We celebrate recall in our ninja sessions. Cherry children are excited to share our topic projects, how is yours developing?

Abracadabra! Year 4 Oak class have been introduced to the splendid magician Abdul Kazam. They are thoroughly enjoying our new class text adding a bit of mystery and sparkle to our writing. We have explored some new vocabulary, persuasive phrases and creative poetry all in the hope it will add some wonder to our story writing.

In DT we have had great fun designing and creating magnetic games with a fairground and circus theme. Continuing on the game theme we have also been creating an arcade game in computing, with children creating mazes in which you have to collect items, but avoid the 'baddies' who will make you lose a life. Why not ask your child to show you theirs on purple mash?

### Years 5 & 6 – Rumble in the Jungle

Year 5 have enjoyed following the adventures of Maia, heroine of Journey to the River sea, and we are completing our studies of this novel this week. It has provided us with many rich opportunities for developing our writing skills as well as the sheer pleasure of listening to a story read aloud. In maths we are drawing our studies of fractions, decimals and percentages to an end by finding percentages of amounts of money. This is always useful at sale times!

Our topic lessons have taken us back to the rainforest where we have been learning survival skills from the adventurer Bear Grylls. We continue to enjoy our cricket coaching on Wednesdays. Thanks to Mrs Morley for organising this.

### Don't forget to check for updates

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### Governor News

In the past couple of weeks Governors have met within their Committees and reports from Link Governors who have met with subject leads and teams have been shared. As always there has been much to discuss, policies to review and national developments to consider. All Governors will be meeting as a group to continue aspects of discussion next week.

Work supporting the review of the Travel Plan continues and in line with this work can Governors remind all parents/carers to park responsibly to ensure the safety of all children and families and ask that parking outside of the school gates is ceased.

Governors welcome any questions or feedback and can be contacted by emailing: [Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk)

### Friends of Meadowside

Thanks to all those that came and supported our Pudding Club, lots of fun was had by all!!

Our next event will be the "Easter – Hunt the Roast Dinner!" to be held on Sunday 2nd April from 2-5pm. Tickets for this event will be on sale in the courtyard from Monday 20th until Friday 24th March at a cost of £2 per child, which includes the Map, drink and Easter treat.

It's almost the time of year again for our Chocolate Raffle. We have already had lots of generous donations but would be grateful for some more, Miss Noble and Mrs Wilks love nothing more than working amongst an abundance of chocolate!!!! Raffle tickets for this will go on sale during the hunt and then also in the school courtyard from Monday 3rd until Friday 6th April before and after school.

### Other news

**Maths Homework Books** – These are still on sale from the office for £1. Remember to return all books at the end of term to stand a chance of winning a treat. This term's deadline for return of Maths books is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Last term's winners received an extra play on the Green Galleon and a delicious snack.

**Quicksticks Hockey**– The team did us proud! They did not get in to the final but the longer they played the better they got. Well done all!

**Dance**- Well done to our amazing dancers who performed beautifully once again at the Town Hall in Cheltenham. The feedback was full of praise from the audience and we already have more platforms to perform at in the future as a result of what has been seen so far. Watch this space. We are so proud of the team. If you have not had the link to check out the professional photos taken please pop in and see us.

**Parent pay text messaging service**- Please ensure you have registered your mobile phone number on parent pay to receive emergency text messages.

**Lego**- A plea from Mrs Whitlock for any old or unloved lego and bits. This does not need to be complete sets. If you have any lying around that you no longer require please could you bring it into school. Thank you.

### INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Polling Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Dates for your diary

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 tennis visit to Oxtalls 1-3pm.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening sign up lists in the hall
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Yr 1 and 2 Monster Mayhem assembly 9:30am start.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Circus skills day Y3 and Y4.
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 4 pm – 7 pm and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 3 30 – 5 30 Parents Consultation Evenings
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April End of Term 2 pm Finish
  
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Polling Day
- Inset day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Date of next newsletter: Friday 31st March 2017**