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Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 16th June 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

We are all looking forward to Meadowside Arts Week, which begins on Monday. The theme is 'People around the World' and classes will be pairing up to share learning throughout the week. We are aiming to 'spruce up' some of the shared areas around school with some permanent pieces of art work, as well as creating a new Hall display featuring something from each child in the school. Before the end of term, we will invite you in to have a look round, once everything is in place.

One of our previous successes, the Maths 'Solve It Day' which all children took part in, is being featured by the Local Authority's Maths Team in a presentation next week. It's a pleasure to be able to showcase some of our best practice with other schools, and will also put Meadowside on the map!

Meadowside Class News.

Reception – Amazing Animals

We are on our travels in Reception. Our flying carpet has already taken us to Turkey, Thailand and Mexico. Where will we get to next? In the classroom, we are making a travel agency. If you have any old foreign coins we could have or travel brochures we would be very grateful. We might even send you a postcard.

Years 1 & 2 – Bucket and Spades

We had a great first day back in Year 1, where we explored a box of artefacts from holidays in the past, we even found out that people used to wear swimming costumes made of wool. This week we had a visitor who told us all about holidays in the 1950s and 1960s. We had lots of interesting questions to ask. We hope you enjoyed receiving your hand-written letters last week.

We have enjoyed travelling back in time these last two weeks in Year 2! We were very surprised to learn that people 100 years ago did not go on holiday and that holidays in the 50s were only the most basic of affairs! We welcomed Mrs Mellersh (Miss Mellersh's mum!) to talk about her childhood holidays and we look forward to seeing your childhood holiday photos on Monday 26th June!

Year 3 & 4 – Veni, Vedei, Vici

In Year 3, a special delivery from the Tailor of Gloucester shop has ignited our English for this term. We received an array of Beatrix Potter books, information leaflets, DVDs and soft toys and the children have planned their English for this term, based on these resources. So far, we have written a letter back to the shop thanking them for their kindness, sketched Tailor of Gloucester book covers and this week, we are compiling a report/ author study on Beatrix Potter. We were also extremely fortunate to receive a visit from Chris Chatterton (a previous Mayor of Gloucester) who brought along a very unique embroidered waistcoat made for him on the anniversary of the Tailor of Gloucester story! This all links in with the next part of our Roman topic - the history of Gloucester and the hidden secrets our city holds!

We have made a great start to our final term together in Year 4 Cherry! In our topic, we have changed our focus from Glevum to modern day Gloucester. We have enjoyed celebrating the hard work and creativity shown by many children in their topic projects.

In English, we have started to explore the author Beatrix Potter and her locally based story 'The Taylor of Gloucester.' When you are out and about, please highlight any of the information displayed relating to Gloucester's history. There is a wealth of information on plaques and signs, particularly in parts of our city that are being re-developed.

In Maths we concluded our work with rounding numbers and using the inverse operation to check a calculation. Chris Chatterton, a previous Mayor of Gloucester, visited us and gave a fascinating insight into the role of Mayor and an overview of the rich history of our fine history. We have also been working with coordinates to construct polygons.

In Year 4 Oak class the children have embraced 'pars duo' (part two) of our Veni, vedi, vici topic. This term we zoom in on Glevum our home town of Gloucester and look at its importance in Roman civilization. We are proud to live in what was only one of four 'Colonia.' Look out what's underfoot as you walk around town; there are hints and clues everywhere that suggest Glevum was an important town. Ask your child what was once situated at Kingsholm rugby. Where did the Romans head to next?

In English we heard that a famous tale written by Beatrix Potter was set in Gloucester. We have found out about the author this week and look forward to hearing the story very soon.

Years 5 & 6 – Rumble in the Jungle/ The Battle for Middle England

Year 5 enjoyed a full day of Brain-teasing, spectacular science at the Cheltenham Science festival last week. From discovering the work of top spy agency, GCHQ, to building an aircraft under carriage with SAFRAN, to finding out how it feels to live with dementia, the discover zone enthralled us all. We enjoyed sampling the ice cream made by Olivia with the help of Dr Andrea Sella, a chemist at U.C.L whose Science show 'when is a gas not a gas?' blew the lids off a few bottles (literally!) and also blew our minds.

Up next for Science in Year 5: The GSP Science festival and also our visit to Severn Vale's forensic science morning. We really hope that we are inspiring our children to become the Scientists and Engineers of the future.

Year 6- What can we say? The residential was a resounding success and despite the somewhat soggy weather, we had a memorable and extremely fun time. From paddle boarding to climbing, to canoeing to low ropes, everyone achieved and everyone did so with a beaming smile upon their face.

We continue to work towards the end of the year with writing the top of our priority list. Rehearsal for Romeo and Juliet are underway and we hope to put on the show of a lifetime! Thank you to all our parents for supporting us in a manic end of the year.

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Governor News

Governors are delighted to share the news that due to the commitment of our school during Walk to School Week we were successful in winning the competition running alongside the week to win a scooter pod, therefore we will be establishing further scooter parking which is a fantastic addition to the improvements we are already working on. Alongside the development of our new Travel Plan, we have also been working towards completion of an accreditation scheme recognising our efforts towards improving road safety and travel ethos and we are delighted to share we have now achieved the Bronze Award. Further developments and continued commitment from our school community will undoubtedly help us strive towards achieving Silver and we appreciate all of your support utilising such schemes as the Park & Stride.

Committees will be meeting over the next couple of weeks and Governors meet for the last time this academic year during July, if you have any feedback or questions, please email: Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Friends of Meadowside

Thanks to everyone who entered the design a flag competition, a record 46 entries received and you gave us an incredibly hard, but thoroughly enjoyable evening judging them. We're always amazed by the thought that goes into each piece of work, Meadowside really are a talented bunch!

The winner has been chosen and we'll reveal all at the end of the Pirate Parade Sponsored walk on Friday 30th June. Letters in book bags soon.

We also selected the indoor curling set we're purchasing for the school so hopefully it'll be with us soon.

On 14th July, we'll have the end of year discos where we'll have another wake and shake dance off so get practicing in your classes!!

We'll close the year with the AGM on Thursday 20th July where we will review the year and elect the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the year 2017/2018. If anyone is interested in these roles please come along to stand on the night or let us know in advance if you are unable to attend.

Other news

Weston Super Mare trip- Please ensure any outstanding balances for the Weston-Super-Mare trip are paid. The trip is on the 4th July.

Cricket- Our cricket team narrowly lost to Kingsway last week (fantastic team effort!) and other members of our squad took part in a tournament against Elmbridge, Longlevens and Calton. We narrowly lost 2 games but put in a great performance to beat Calton.

Sports Day- This is to be held on the morning of Wednesday 28th June from 9.30am - 11.30am, so come along and support your child. Please ensure that your child has a t-shirt in their house colour for Sports Day; Hurricanes are blue, Spitfires are green, Comets are red and Meteors are yellow. Relays and sprints will take place first, followed by the buddy/sports activities.

Sainsburys vouchers- Just a reminder that any leftover Sainsburys vouchers need to be brought in as soon as possible. If you are able to help with the counting of these vouchers, we would really appreciate it!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Monday 24th July 2017

Tuesday 25th July 2017

Monday 4th September 2017

Dates for your diary

- 19th-23rd June Meadowside Arts Week.
- 28th June – Meadowside Sports Morning (entry from 9:15am)
- 4th July – Yr 5 Forensic Science morning at Severn Vale.
- 7th July – Whole School Photograph
- 21st July- 9:15am Yr 6 Leavers assembly. All parents of Year 6 children are welcome.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 30th June 2017