



Making a difference for our future

Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Spring Term Edition

Friday 31st March 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

Children and staff had a really interesting and inspiring day on Thursday with Dr Tom Robson. We learnt about different 'powers' which the children need to win back from the adults in their lives (Teachers and parents, primarily)! His powers of persuasion allowed the children to understand their responsibility for problem solving, building resilience and learning through mistakes, empowering them to take more control and to become better learners, as a result! He was very complimentary about your children and our school (he works all over the world as well as being a school Inspector) and hopes to come back and work with us again, including a workshop for parents next time. Meanwhile, we will be developing the ideas during the summer term, which can be applied to any lesson and will help the children to grow their memory trees and diamond learning power! Look out for more on this project in the Summer Term.

Meadowside Class News.

Reception – What's The Story?

Last week we were dealing with a wolf, a lean wolf, a mean wolf. All of us enjoyed the story of the Little Red Riding Hood. We made jam tarts for Granny, helped her with her shopping, made baskets and played the memory game 'Granny went to market'.

This week we found beans in our 'Once upon a time' story chest. We have planted our own beans but no magic beanstalks yet.

Years 1 & 2 – Monster mayhem

In Year 1 this week we absolutely loved sharing all that we have done in our Monster mayhem topic, especially our dance finale! Thank you to everyone who has helped us with costumes and everyone who came to watch our assembly.

What a fabulous week we have had! We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our topic news with the vast numbers of people that came to our assembly. The Year 2s that announced our key questions and who read their writing, used fantastically loud voices, so a big well done for you! Our costumes were brilliant and we ended up keeping most of the embellishments on! A huge thank you to all the parents that came to help us with our sewing- it was a tricky challenge.

Year 3 & 4 – What's the Attraction

It has been a colourful couple of weeks with our Reading Rainbow in Year 3, with the children aiming to reach the pot of gold each Friday! They are so proud of their achievements and we would like to thank parents for their support with this venture! The hard work is certainly making a difference! Thank you! We are now working on play scripts to go along our shadow puppet plays, which we will be performing with Year 4 next week and now understand how shadows are created and can be changed, after our science investigations! Tennis at Oxstalls on Monday was a huge success and thank you to the parents who accompanied us to the centre! Today, the children experienced a circus skills workshop this morning with the brilliant Thomas Trilby - diablos, juggling and spinning plates were just part of our morning's activities! The children's faces were a picture! We look forward to seeing parents next week at parents evening and celebrating your child's learning with you!

In Year 4 Cherry we have enjoyed writing a diary extract and stories based on 'Leon and the place between.' Now we are investigating how shadows are formed and lengthened to help us produce our own play scripts and perform a version of 'Goldilocks and the little bears'. We love drama in Cherry class and we will be performing our own group versions of the story using shadow characters next week. Cherry ninjas have appeared in our classroom. It is clear who is putting in that extra skills practise to learn multiplication and division facts up to X12 and recall them quickly. Can you make sensei before going in to year 5?

We have had two things to really celebrate since our last Friday Fortnightly, the attainment in swimming this term, wow and a vast array of exciting and interesting topic projects that we shared on Thursday. Thank you parents and other adults who got involved and helped support their child's learning.

Year 4 Oak Wow! What a lot of fantastic topic homework we have had the pleasure of sharing! We have seen some amazing games, fabulous stories and brilliant fairground models. We'll done to all of you! We have also really enjoyed a great circus skills session with Thomas Trilby. We have some 'starts pf the future' in our class!

Years 5 & 6 – Rumble in the Jungle

In English, Year 5 have been writing reports about the Korowai that build their homes in giant treehouses in the canopy of the rainforest. Maths has focused on time. We have been converting analogue to digital time, across 12 and 24 hour clocks. In Topic work we were challenged to build and float a raft (with a cargo of blue tak) down the 'Amazon'! There were varying degrees of success but we really enjoyed the raft building itself. There are many fabulous uses for the internet but in computing, we have been learning about some of the dangers we can face when using the internet. We are looking forward to a positive end of our term.

In Year 6 revision for the upcoming SATs is well underway and the children are continuing to put ion 100%. We are delighted with their progress but more importantly, their attitudes. In English, we have continued our class novel, Kensuke's Kingdom. We wrote a discussion on whether our hero, Michael, was being kept prisoner on the island and also produced some tense writing about Michael being attacked by a menacing sea creature. Topic work has included producing some incredible orangutan reports, as well as an instruction guide for building a treehouse in the middle of the rainforest. Phew!

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Governor News

Please 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. We are experiencing difficulties in Merlin Drive, Griffon Close and Carter's Orchard. The Eco-Committee have been working to identify car parking options in the local area, which should help reduce the dangerous situation we are putting the children in, at present. We will have news and ideas to share at the start of Term 5.

Many thanks to you all for your great efforts in support of this year's Big Pedal. Today, we will be entering our tally for the week online.

Governors welcome any questions or feedback and can be contacted by emailing: Chair@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Friends of Meadowside

Busy couple of weeks before the Easter break with the first Meadowside Easter 'roast dinner' hunt where you need to find ingredients for a Sunday roast rather than eggs!

That's this **Sunday, 2nd April, 2-5pm**. Each child will get a map, Easter treat and drink. Refreshments on sale too. Great prizes for three winners. 2x Cattle County passes, 2x Rush skateboard park passes and a Family activity pack.

Colouring, tattoos and guess number of eggs in the jar competition also in the hall.

If you haven't bought a ticket yet and would like to come please message via our Facebook page. Look forward to seeing you there!

This is followed hot on the heels by the now infamous Chocolate raffle! Raffle tickets on sale in the carpark next week £1 per strip.

Drawn on 7th April and winning eggs distributed via classrooms. We have also been spending money and are very excited to be able to say we will be funding a new Compost bin for Mr Grimmer's Eco project, an indoor curling set which the children enjoyed when the school were loaned one as its totally inclusive and a story chair for outside. After the Easter break we'll issue a newsletter with all the information about these and the plan for the amphitheatre area. Really exciting to be able to move forward with these! We'll also have more info on the next events after Easter.

Happy Easter everyone and thanks for your continued support!! FoM

Other news

Dylan Bhatti from year 5 finished 48th out of 10 in National Cross Country Championships. Awesome effort. We are all very proud.

Cricket coaching in Years 5 and 6 has finished. It has been brilliant. A big thank you to Callum, our coach.

Caterlink Menu next week is week one. New menus will be handed out next week and start from Monday 24th April. **Please note that the price will also increase to £2.28.**

Shakespeare Festival. A talented group of our Year 6 children took their performance of Act 1 of 'Romeo and Juliet' to a festival performance at Gloucester Academy. Their delivery, clarity and skill was impressive and it was a real privilege to watch them in action. Huge thanks to Mrs Whitlock for her direction and dedication and to Ms Allway for the workshop which helped them prepare.

Reminder. Children should not be wearing make up to school. We have noticed, in particular, tinted lip balms which are bright red. Other than on Red Nose Day, these are not appropriate for school!

We raised over £250 for Comic Relief – thanks to all for your generosity and good humour!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Thursday 4th May 2017

Polling Day

Monday 24th July 2017

Tuesday 25th July 2017

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 4th April 4 pm – 7 pm and Wednesday 5th April 3 30 – 5 30 Parents Evenings
 - Friday 7th April – Author visit for Y5 and 6.
 - Friday 7th April – Chocolate raffle
 - **Friday 7th April End of Term 2 pm Finish**
 - Monday 8th-Friday 12th May, Key Stage 2 SATs Week (and Y6 Breakfast Club)
 - Wednesday 10th May – Reception Bristol zoo visit
 - Wednesday 24th May – Poetry Theme Day across the school (more details to follow.)

 - Inset day Monday 4th September 2017
- The full calendar of INSET days for 2017/2018 will be sent home early next week.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 28th April 2017