



Making a difference for our future

Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 10th May 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

Next week is an important one for our Year 6 children, as they will be sitting their SATs every morning. Year 6 children nationally are tested on Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics and the test environment is very formal. I'm sure all of us will be able to remember similar experiences in our own life and the emotional impact that this can have as well as the fact that examinations are physically and mentally tiring. We will be paying close attention to their wellbeing and boosting their self-esteem daily. They are amazing people and surprise and reward us every day with their progress.

We wish you all luck and everyone at Meadowside will be rooting for you! Do your very best and be proud of your achievements.

Meadowside Class News

Reception

If you come into our classroom you will see that it is decorated by beautiful butterfly pictures from our work about mini beasts last week. The life cycle of a caterpillar was familiar to us from the very hungry caterpillar story but we revisited it and learnt more about it. This week we have been looking at pond animals and so focused on the life cycle of a frog. We are hoping to do some pond dipping this week as well, I wonder what we will find. To continue with our amazing art work we will also look at Monet's pictures of ponds and water lilies and have a go at recreating a similar picture ourselves.

Next week we will be moving on to learn about jungle animals in readiness for our trip to the zoo. The term is rushing by and there are so many animals to learn about.

Years 1 & 2

Year 1 have been busy designing healthy menus for Mr Grinling the lighthouse keeper as we noticed his diet wasn't particularly good! We created some very adventurous foods using lots of great adjectives as well as testing out our sandwich making skills as well! By the time you read this, hopefully the rain held off so we could picnic in the Orchard with our creations! Ask your child if they liked their sandwich or not!

Year 2 were very excited about our picnic on Friday afternoon (as I write this, we are hoping it is going to stay dry for us!) Sandwich making is always an exciting opportunity for us, which we find rather tricky! We all tried new foods, either salad items we have never tried before or even brown bread! We were making a big effort to be healthy in order to be good role models for Mr Grinling, the main character of our book we are looking at in English! Ask your child how much they enjoyed their sandwich!

Year 3 & 4

We have had a lovely time in Year 3. In maths we have been learning all about fractions and decimals and in English we have been writing diaries! In topic we have been finding out lots of exciting things about Romans!

Year 4 have continued being Time Detectives and have been busy trying to find out more about the Romans in Britain. We have been putting our new knowledge to good use by writing articles for a Roman magazine. So far we have produced a Romulus and Remus comic strip, An interview with Boudicca and A Day in the Life of a Roman Soldier. We look forward to sharing these magazines at a later date!

In French we are continuing to read the story of Le Petit Chaperon Rouge. We have been using our detective skills to see how much of the story we can translate - It's AMAZING how much we can actually understand! Good job Year 4, or should I say ...Beau travail!

Year 5 & 6

Year 5- In English, we have been introduced to the Viking myth of the Kraken! The children have enjoyed writing the back story about how Professor Brownstone was able to acquire a Kraken tentacle for the family vault. We were very impressed by the way Year 5 children were able to use their story stones and re-tell the Viking myth of when Thor recovered his stolen hammer, Mjollnir, from Thrym the ice giant to a Year 2 audience.

In mathematics, we have been exploring the properties of polygons in order to determine: the length and degree of missing sides and angles. We have then used this to calculate perimeter and area. Please continue to encourage your child to make use of the TTR Rockstars site as this is helping our children to build their recall of multiplication and division facts.

Year 6- Revision and preparation for SATs continues this week. Well done to everyone for working hard and staying cheerful throughout. Next week is SATs week and we recommend that children get plenty of rest, eat well and spend some time relaxing when at home. Our tests happen every morning between Monday and Thursday inclusive. To help with both team spirit and nutrition, we will be running our famous Breakfast Club in the hall each morning from 8am until school starts.

Smoking and Vaping

Meadowside School has a strict no smoking policy. Please can we remind everyone that smoking and vaping is not allowed on the school grounds.

Friends Of Meadowside

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Spring Hunt. The weather was kind to us again this year and everyone enjoyed hunting around green farm for the Roast Dinner goodies. A massive thank you to Michelle and Lee for organising this event again. It is a firm favourite on the Friends of Meadowside calendar.

The Bags of Help voting at Tesco's closed at the end of April, we are eagerly awaiting to hear the result and will let you know as soon as we do!

During the month of May we will not be running a big event due to SATS so instead are running an inter-class competition to collect 5ps. Each class has been given an empty 2Ltr Bottle to fill. The class who collects the most 5ps between now and the 6th June will win a movie afternoon with treats.

At our last meeting we held an EGM to review and approve the changes to the Friends of Meadowside Constitution (this governs the way we are run). These changes were fully approved and the new Constitution is now in place. The reason for doing this is to allow us to apply to become a charity. We will be proceeding with this application over the coming months and hope for it to be official by the start of the new school year in September. Thank you to everyone who input into these changes. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th June, 7:30pm at The Little Thatch in Quedgeley, everyone is welcome.

Other News

On Thursday 9th May a team of Y4 and Y5 rugby players entered a tournament at Ribston.

Despite the miserable weather, everyone played well and enjoyed the day. We won 4 of our matches! Well done to all of the team who showed great teamwork, respect and determination!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Thursday 23rd May – School closed to pupils (Polling Day)

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Please Note:

The local authority has a new website address for emergency school closures (for example, heavy snow).

The new address is:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th- Thursday 16th May- Year 6 SATs week

Monday 20th- 24th May- STEAM week

Monday 20th May – Y6 Residential meeting for parents

Tuesday 21st May – Reception Class trip to Bristol Zoo

Wednesday 22nd – Sex and Relationships Ed. information session for Y5/6 parents

Thursday 23rd May – School closed to pupils (Polling Day)

Friday 24th May 3:15pm - School closes for half term

Saturday 25th May – Meadowside Choir at Tall Ships Festival

Monday 3rd June- Children return to School

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th June Y6 Oak and Cherry Residential

Date of next newsletter: Friday 24th May 2019